

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Disability Awareness Committee Meeting held on 26th June 2013 at 2pm in the Information Office, Kings Yard, Fordingbridge.

Present:

Cllr Price – Chairman
Cllrs Connolly & (G) Wilson
Mr K Garrard, Fordingbridge Society
Mr B Bray

In attendance:

Ms K Mason, Town Clerk

In the absence of Cllr Fulford, Cllr Price took the chair.

1. Apologies

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Fulford & Cllr Sevier.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 24th April 2013 and discuss any matters arising

It was Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on the 24th April 2013 be signed as a true copy.

Matters arising

Pavements- the pavement on Salisbury St from the Chinese Take-away to the Alcove Newsagents is very uneven and difficult to negotiate by people with mobility problems. The Clerk to advise the Highways Officer.

Town Hall bell – this will be put in place when the scaffolding is removed.

Church St footpath – the Clerk reported that the Diocese have agreed the type of footpath but will not contribute financially. Several organisations are being approached for grant applications. The Clerk to provide an update at the next meeting.

4. To review the action points arising from the New Forest Access For all report

Mr Garrard – reported on the Post Office access which is very difficult for disabled people. He had discussed the problem with the postmaster, Mr James who explained that the land in front of the building was not owned by himself. The land in front of the old Post Office belongs to Royal Mail. It was AGREED that the Clerk should write to Royal Mail to consider whether a ramp could be placed on their land to give better access to the Post Office.

Cllr Price – had noted all the dropped kerbs and acknowledged that there were some which were very difficult to negotiate in a wheelchair. It was AGREED that the Clerk would speak with the Highways Officer and advise on the difficult dropped kerbs.

Cllr (G) Wilson advised that HCC would not reduce the speed limit throughout the town

Parking Spaces – there are no parking spaces for disabled persons in the short stay area of the car park at the back of the Crown. The Clerk to advise NFDC and request the situation be reviewed.

Kissing Gate entrances to Recreation Ground – the Clerk to ask the Groundsman to assess if this could be enlarged to accommodate scooters and buggies.

5. To receive any matters raised by members of the public

No members of the public were present.

6. To receive a report from the Clerk or any other relevant business

Nothing to report

7. To note the date of the next Disability Awareness Committee as Wednesday 4th September 2013 at 2pm in the Information Office.

The meeting closed at 3 pm.