

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee held on
Wednesday 24th June 2015 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall
(Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Committee)

Present:

Cllr Connolly – Chairman

Cllrs Lewendon, Adams, Anstey, Hale, (A) Wilson, (G) Wilson, Earth, Fulford & Price

In Attendance:

Miss D Vine – Assistant Town Clerk

Mrs M Coatham – Finance Officer

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Perkins

2. To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllr Adams declared an interest in Agenda item no 5, Monies collected and Payment of Accounts as a supplier to the Council.

3. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 27th May 2015 and report on any matters arising.

Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Price and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the Minutes of the meeting of the 27th May 2015 be signed as a true record. All voted in favour

Matters Arising

Minute no.5 – The Finance Officer reported that the paddling pool was now open for use.

Minute No. 8 – The Finance Officer advised that Proludic had responded with all information required and had offered a further incentive discount of £1000 if the order was placed this month. Hags SMP had not supplied any yet information despite follow up requests. Cllr Connolly advised that he had looked at the play area in Salisbury provided by Proludic. It was **AGREED** that the final decision of appointment for the work would be made at the Finance & Policy Committee Meeting on the 29th July 2015.

Minute No 9 – Kiosk – agreement had been reached with regard to payment for the replacement toilet handles of 1/3rd each by FTC, Michael Weakley and Mike Castle. Enquiries had been made to source more robust handles but due to the existing fittings this had not been possible. Two handles had been repaired but three were outstanding. Two toilets were reported as locked today. Asst Clerk to check with Derek Jones/Nigel Davis that all toilets are open and confirm a date when the other handles would be fitted.

Cllr Paton entered the Meeting

4. To receive any matters raised by Members of the Public

No Members of the Public present.

5. To receive details of Monies Collected and Payment of Accounts

The Finance Officer summarised the financial activity for June during which period there had been no unexpected items. A donation from the Rugby Club had been received which offset some of the cost of pitch maintenance. Income from the hanging baskets was now being received and income from the Whippet Meeting was due in. The cost of labour for the replacement fence at Queens Road had been taken from the lengthsman scheme budget, the cost of materials met by the Council.

Following an inspection of the Groundsman's bungalow, quotations for the recommended work were being obtained for presentation at the General Purposes Committee on the 15th July 2015.

The Clerk had received one quote in respect of remedial work to the Town Hall Roof and was awaiting further quotes, again for presentation to the General Purposes Committee on the 15th July 2015

Cllr Adams commented that the bill from BT for the Information Office seemed high. The Finance Officer agreed to look at the contract.

6. To discuss Hampshire County Council's Spending Review Consultation

Members had been given the opportunity to review the document <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/spendingreviewsurvey>. The proposals do not directly affect Fordingbridge Town Council, however they do affect the services offered to residents. Concern was raised by Members in relation to proposed grant cuts across all areas. After further discussion it was AGREED that a formal response from Fordingbridge Town Council would not be made but as this is a public consultation individual responses to the survey were recommended and it was to be hoped that as many public as possible would respond.

7. To note any items of Correspondence

A letter of thanks had been received from 1st Fordingbridge Scout Group in respect of the £500 grant awarded.

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

The Asst Clerk reported that the two Traveller Caravans which had been parked in the car park at the Recreation Ground since Monday had now gone, having been served with S77 notices on Wednesday morning following a visit from the Gypsy Liaison Officer.

Cllr (G) Wilson had reported that the public toilets at Roundhill owned by NFDC were smelling unpleasant and were not that clean. Asst Clerk to report to NFDC.

Cllrs Anstey and Lewendon raised concern that the shutter lock at the kiosk was still broken and not fit for purpose and this raised a security issue. Asst Clerk and Finance Officer had understood that this had been resolved but Asst Clerk to chase.

Cllr Connolly advised that Hampshire CC were giving consideration to imposing a 20mph speed limit through the High Street.

9. To note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 29th July 2015

The meeting closed at 8.10pm