

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a General Council held on Wednesday 2nd November 2016 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall

(Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Committee)

Present: Cllr Connolly – Chairman

Cllrs Adams, Price, Paton, Anstey, Fulford, Wilson, Hale, Earth, Perkins & Bailey

In attendance: Mrs H Richards, Town Clerk

Cllr Bellows, NFDC

1. To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Lewendon, Cllr Heron Hants CC & Cllrs Sevier, New Forest DC

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

No declarations made.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2016 and report any matters arising

Cllr Anstey proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Earth and therefore **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th October 2016 be signed as a true record. All in favour.

Matters Arising

Minute 7 – Cllr Connolly advised that following the recent Electoral Boundary Review he had received feedback that many residents were unhappy with the decision (particularly Lyndhurst)

Minute 8 – It was confirmed that recycling facilities in the town car park would remain.

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

No members of the public present.

5. To receive a report on any matters under Section 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act

A written report had been submitted by PCSO May which was read out by the Clerk. 74 incidents were reported, 31 of which were recordable as crimes.

	October 2016
Anti-social Behaviour	7
Violence against the Person Injury	5
Dwelling Burglary	1
Burglary other than Dwelling	3
Damage	4
Theft	7
Theft from Motor Vehicle	1
Suspicious Incidents	7

Cllr Perkins entered the meeting.

6. To receive a report from the Town Mayor

22nd October – Attended a Jazz Evening organised by the Twinning Committee.

23rd October – Attended a Mothers' Union Church Service

24th October – Attended a Carers Day at Avonway

7. To receive a report from the County Councillor

County Councillor not present.

8. To receive a report from the District Councillors

Cllr Bellows reported that New Forest DC had reacted to a complaint concerning water in Allenwater Drive and the matter had been resolved (quickly) by the water board.

Burgate School were working on new ideas for raising funds including investigating whether camping could be provided in the school fields. The Turks Football Club and the Rugby Club had met with the school to discuss use of the schools facilities.

Cllr Perkins enquired whether mechanical road sweepers were still being operated in the Town as the main car park and several road junctions were unsafe due to fallen leaves.

Cllr Bellows reported that the enforcement team had been carrying out visits and booking cars on Saturday morning – it was agreed that more “out of hours” enforcement was needed in Provost Street together with Salisbury Street & Allenwater Drive. It was also raised that better signs should be provided regarding Car Park location.

Cllr Anstey raised concern over the Sports Clubs use of Burgate and where would this leave the Town Council and the provision of new or improved facilities at the recreation ground. Cllr Bellows confirmed that only youth teams would be allowed at Burgate. Cllr Bellows to ask if representative from Town Council could attend meetings with Burgate School and Sports Clubs.

9. To receive the following Committee meeting Minutes and any recommendations to General Council contained therein:

- Planning Committee – 12th October 2016– received by Cllr Fulford
- Finance & Policy Committee – 26th October 2016 – Received by Cllr Connolly

10. To report on any Health & Safety issues

A draft updated Risk Assessment has been produced for Late Night Shopping.

11. To receive reports from representatives on Outside Bodies and meetings attended

Cllr Fulford

Burgate Community Committee – Cllr Fulford expressed concern over attendance (at meetings with Burgate) by more than one representative from the Town Council. The Clerk advised that the Finance Officer had asked to attend meetings with members of the Sports Clubs but had not been informed of any meetings. Under the Committee’s Terms of Reference, governors did not want a Council Rep to be present and the Committee had therefore been split into two, one purely for Governors. The 3 Councils (Town, District & County) should meet with the school once a year.

Cllr Fulford advised that the loss of the partnership grant & new proposals raised concern over school provision. There were separate funding streams for grants and this year’s chosen focus (of Burgate) was on the Football & Rugby Clubs, the hiring out of facilities and potential for camping.

The WW1 Trench Project Lottery Bid had failed and the project had therefore been cancelled. The proposed community day has been postponed.

Cllr Connolly advised that with regards to provision of sports facilities, the Football Club development plan was still awaited.

Cllr Earth

Twinning Association – advised that a road sign had been made as a present to Vimoutiers to mark the 35th Anniversary next year.

Cllr Perkins

Reported on a meeting with the Environment Agency regarding the island in the River Avon – as this was not in danger of causing increased flooding, no enforcement action would be taken.

Cllr Perkins further reported that the Environment Agency were pleased with the works to the wall at the Quadrant Almshouses however Sweatsford Water and Whitsbury Road were untidy and banks needed cutting.

Cllr Anstey

26th October – Sports Club meeting

19th October – Christmas meeting

Spectating at various sports matches at Recreation Ground.

12. To receive any items of correspondence

NFDC confirmed that free parking would be provided on Saturday 3rd December 2016 to help promote Small Business Saturday.

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

The Clerk reminded members of the Remembrance Services on Friday 11th November at the Cemetery and the commemoration, parade and church service on Sunday 13th November and requested that members advise if they are available for assisting with marshalling or intended to attend the church service on Sunday.

Cllr Perkins advised that the Fire Service water carrier had now been removed from service. He also reported that Lloyds Bank may close in the town and requested that the Town Council write to object to closure – the Chairman advised that this was not an issue for the Town Council to be involved in.

Cllr Wilson advised that she had attended a meeting regarding the Regal Cinema on November 7th.

The Chairman reported that a negative response had been received from Hampshire County Council following the joint approach made with Ringwood TC regarding safety on the A338 from Ringwood to Fordingbridge – the County Council had reviewed the accident statistics for this stretch of road and these did not warrant further safety measures being introduced.

14. To note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 7th December 2016

The meeting closed at 8.35pm