

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a General Council held on Wednesday 3rd August 2016 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall

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

Present: Cllr M Connolly – Chairman

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

In attendance: Mrs H Richards, Town Clerk

Cllr R Bellows, NFDC

1. To receive any apologies for absence

No apologies were received.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

No declarations made.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 2016 and report any matters arising

Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Fulford and therefore **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th July 2016, as amended above, be signed as a true record. All in favour.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Cllr Perkins entered the meeting.

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

No members of the public present.

5. To receive a report from the Town Mayor

The Mayor reported on the following duties undertaken during July:

- 1st Everyman Service (3)
- 6th Burgate 6th Form Open Evening
- 8th Opening of the Fete – Infant School
- 9th CPR Training
- 11th Burgate Sports Day
- 15th Twinning Committee & receiving guests from Vimoutiers
- 16th Twinning at the Fordingbridge Festival
- 17th Twinning Cream Tea

The Mayor thanked Cllr Earth for organising the Twinning Committee reception.

6. To receive a report from the County Councillor

Not present.

7. To receive a report from the District Councillors

Cllr Bellows advised that there was nothing specific to report at present, the main focus was the Local Plan.

Cllr Connolly commented that it was disappointing that Fordingbridge Town Council had not been consulted initially regarding the proposed development sites.

Cllr Bellows left the meeting.

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

- **Planning - 13th July 2016** - Received Cllr Fulford
- **General Purposes – 20th July 2016** – Received Cllr Earth
- **Amenities Committee – 20th July 2016** – Received Cllr Anstey
- **Finance & Policy 27th July 2016** - Received by Cllr Adams

There were no recommendations from the Committees.

Cllr Fulford queried the practice of receiving minutes as opposed to approving them at this meeting. This had been raised on previous occasions by Cllr Adams and the Clerk had investigated how other Councils managed this and they followed the same procedure. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next Finance & Policy Meeting.

9. To report on any Health & Safety issues

Cllr Anstey to carry out an inspection of the workshop regarding the securing of shelf units.

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

Cllr Earth – 15th July 2016 - Twinning Committee – Vimoutiers visit.

Cllr Hale - 21st July 2016 - Victoria Rooms Meeting.

FCVAG Bishops Pond – need conservation volunteers to help dig out.

Cllr Connolly advised that the conservation area at Whitsbury Road was overgrown and requested that the FCVAG write to NFDC.

11. To receive any items of correspondence

The Clerk reported on the following correspondence received:

Hampshire County Council – Serving Hampshire Consultation on future options for Local Government in Hampshire running until the 20th September 2016. Full details can be found at www.hants.gov.uk/servinghampshire

The Clerk and Cllr Connolly are to attend a workshop on the Future of Local Government in Hampshire on the 14th September 2016 in Ringwood.

Cllr Fulford commented that this could mean an additional tier of Local Government.

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

The report on any matters under Section 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act had been omitted as an agenda item and so the Clerk reported as follows:

Total incidents reported: 61, 18 of which were recordable as crimes.

Anti-Social Behaviour (12) There were six nuisance incidents; two vehicle related reports; two incidents involving neighbours and two unauthorised encampments.

Violence Against the Person (4) Three were domestic related.

Dwelling Burglary (0)

Burglary Other Than Dwelling (3) Two sheds and a garage were broken into.

Damage (3) Three vehicles were damaged.

Theft (2) A parcel was taken after being left outside an address by the delivery driver and an animal was reported stolen.

Theft from motor vehicles (0)

Suspicious Incidents (8) Seven suspicious incidents were reported involving persons and vehicles in the town and one incident of a suspected rogue trader. There has been a rise in suspicious incidents in the Roundhill car park and the vicinity of the toilets.

Cllr Connolly – Advised that he had contacted PC Morant regarding the distribution of Police Contact details as he felt that this should be carried out by the Police not the Town Council.

Cllr Wilson advised that Salisbury was running a Safe Place Scheme – the Clerk to make enquiries.

Cllr Perkins advised that Richard Shering's body was lying in state in St Mary's Church prior to his funeral tomorrow.

13. To note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 9th September 2016

The meeting closed at 8.05pm