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## FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014 at 8.00 pm in the Town Hall

#### Present:

Cllr Connolly – Chairman

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

#### In attendance:

NFDC Cllr Sevier

HCC Cllr Heron

PC Deniz

Mrs H Richards, Town Clerk

#### 1. Apologies

There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Buchannan & Paton.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

#### 3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014 and report on any matters arising

It was proposed by Cllr Lewendon and seconded by Cllr G Wilson and **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014 be signed as a true record subject to the following changes:

#### Agenda Item 10: To receive an update on the flooding issues in Fordingbridge

Cllr Perkins briefed members on the latest developments of the flooding problems in Fordingbridge. Ground water is now a problem. Flood ~~Lane~~ Street is still closed and the water is being diverted down Fryern Court Road. Cllr Perkins will continue to update members.

#### Agenda Item 11: To report on any Health & Safety issues

~~There were no issues to discuss.~~ Cllr Anstey advised that following the flood waters subsiding, the play areas at the Recreation Ground and Whitsbury Road should be cleared of debris and the play equipment washed down.

There were no matters arising

#### 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

PC Deniz advised that generally there had been no increase in ASB or other crime – however several incidents of vandalism had been reported at the recreation ground over the past 2 weeks. General discussion regarding preventing an escalation of incidents, both in terms of frequency or severity and PC Deniz advised that the Police are confident that this can be contained. A new shift pattern for the police would provide more cover during the summer months (later in the evening) and would allow more patrols in the area. The re-employment of the camera purchased by the Council was also discussed; a formal request has already been made to Sgt Towler for its use.

Short discussion regarding Shop Watch – PC Deniz advised that this is being progressed with the PCSO.

**6. To receive a report from the Town Mayor.**

The Mayor advised that this would be circulated separately.

**7. To receive a report from the County Councillor.**

Cllr Heron advised that the main priority at present is road repairs following the flooding. Residents and Councils are being asked to keep reporting problems.

**8. To receive a report from the District Councillors**

The Chairman gave thanks to Cllr Sevier for the funding of £600.00 received and confirmed that this would be used towards the setting up of a Website in connection with WW1 commemoration.

Cllr Sevier advised that a retrospective Planning Application had been received in connection with the NFDC Planning Enforcement case for the illegally placed mobile homes in Marl Lane.

Planters – Church Street – Cllr A Wilson queried whether NFDC are responsible for the planters which had been positioned on the edge of the highway (parking bays) at Church Street. It was AGREED that the Town Clerk would investigate provision and positioning of the planters.

*Cllr Sevier & PC Deniz left the meeting.*

**9. To receive the following Committee meeting minutes and any recommendations contained therein:**

Planning Committee – **Resolved:** that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014 be received.

Staff & Remuneration Committee – **Resolved:** that the minutes of the Staff & Remuneration Committee held on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014 be received.

Amenities Committee - **Resolved:** that the minutes of the Amenities Committee held on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014 be received.

General Purposes Committee **Resolved:** that the minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014 be received.

Finance & Policy Committee – **Resolved:** that the minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014 be received.

**10. To report on any Health & Safety issues**

Information Office Risk Assessment – Cllr Anstey advised members that the Risk Matrix indicated that while the Likelihood of Incidents was low, the office was a High Risk Area. It was AGREED that in partnership with NFDC a review of the Full Report was required, with Information Office staff being made aware of both the report and its review. This item is to be presented to Finance and Policy Committee.

Play Park Clean-Up – Cllr Anstey requested that **Agenda Item 11** from the General Council meeting held on **5<sup>th</sup> March 2014** (as detailed above in item 3) be actioned. It was AGREED that any outstanding works will be carried out (washing of equipment and removal of any debris) and it will be reported to the Amenities Committee when completed. Town Clerk to action.

**11. To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies**

**Cllr Anstey:** Attended the following meetings ( no information to report)

06/03/14	The New Fordingbridge Sports Pavilion
10/03/14	Fordingbridge Sports Club monthly meeting
18/03/14	Councils : A Changing Future Seminar
24/03/14	Developing a Business Plan Seminar

**Cllr Lewendon:** Public Transport Meeting 19/03/14 – time changes being considered for Concessionary travel (9.00am instead of 9.30am) and possible reduction in services due to lack of funding.

**Cllr Fulford:** Burgate Management Committee – nothing to report

**12. To note any items of correspondence**

**Mrs C A Jones** – Cllr Connolly had received a letter from the Groundsman's wife regarding the new concession building, its proposed siting and the lack of information given to them from either Fordingbridge Town Council or New Forest DC – a response is to be sent on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014.

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

**Concession Building -** The Chairman advised members that following the signing of Contracts on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014, building works for the new concession building in the Memorial Gardens would commence on **22<sup>nd</sup> April 2014.**

It was AGREED that the management of the Concession Building be discussed by the Finance and Policy Committee in early May.

**Staff & Remuneration Committee:** AGREED: that the date of the next meeting would be **2.30pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014.**

**14. To note the date of the Annual Council meeting as Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014.**

The meeting closed at 9:05 pm.