

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7th August 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall

Present:

Cllr Connolly – Chairman

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

In attendance:

Miss D Vine, Asst Town Clerk

HCC & NFDC Cllr E Heron

NFDC Cllr Sevier

1. Apologies

There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Fulford, (A) Wilson & Bellows.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

Cllrs Paton & Perkins entered the meeting

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2013 and report on any matters arising

It was proposed by Cllr (G) Wilson and seconded by Cllr Anstey and **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July 2013 be signed as a true record.

Matters arising

X3 Bus Service – Cllr Heron advised that he would give an update under Agenda Item 7.

Green Lane – Cllr (G) Wilson had walked along Green Lane and reported that it was much improved.

Skate Festival – Cllr Connolly advised that this was no longer going ahead as Mr Armes had recently taken up new employment which meant that he would not have the time to organise the event.

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

No public present. Cllr Connolly advised that representatives in respect of Agenda item 15 would be attending the Closed Session to answer questions prior to it being discussed by Members.

5. To report on any matters under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act

The Police Liaison Meeting had taken place on the 11th July 2013. Cllr Perkins advised that illegal parking had become a problem in Provost Street near the bridges and at times were causing a problem for other road users and pedestrians.. Cllr Sevier advised that she would take the matter up with NFDC parking.

6. To receive a report from the Town Mayor

8th July – attended an Olympic Legacy event at Burgate School.

19th July – judged a poster competition at Fordingbridge Fire Station.

21st – Attended a leaving do for David Langford, URC

28th – Attended a Civic Reception at Ellingham Church

7. To receive a report from the County Councillor

Cllr Heron advised that following a number of responses received from Town and Parish Councils and residents requesting that the evening service be retained, the County Council had looked at how the service fitted in with the current service criteria and were unable to justify a County Council subsidy. However, in reviewing the figures Wilts & Dorset have reconsidered which journeys they could continue without a subsidy and have agreed to continue the X3 service every day until 11.30pm. With effect from 15th September 2013 the last buses will now be:

Mondays to Saturdays

2140 Salisbury – Bournemouth
2000 Bournemouth – Salisbury
2300 Bournemouth – Ringwood

Sundays and Public Holidays

1840 Salisbury - Bournemouth
1940 Salisbury – Ringwood
1805 Bournemouth - Salisbury
2000 Bournemouth – Ringwood

Cllr Lewendon questioned the criteria used to determine which areas were eligible for a subsidy. Cllr Heron agreed to provide a copy of the criteria.

Cllr Perkins asked Cllr Heron whether it would be possible for HCC to provide clearer Car Park signs for the town as he had been asked by a number of tourists where the car park was situated, and had also been parking on “faded” double yellow lines. Cllr Heron advised that re-painting of road markings was scheduled to take place after re-surfacing work had been carried out. It was suggested that a review of Car Park signs could be discussed at the next Transport Committee meeting. Cllr Connolly recalled that a review had been carried out some years ago. The Asst Clerk to check if there is any relevant documentation relating to this.

8. To receive a report from the District Councillors

Cllr Sevier advised that any enquires concerning the Marl Lane Planning Application should be directed to her. This is due to be heard by the Planning Committee on Wednesday 14th August 2013.

Cllr Paton asked when Sweatsford Water Meadows would be cut as it was a disgrace and the paths could not be seen. The Clerk had reported the matter to NFDC four times and felt that if nothing was going to be done then the Town Council would need to act to have it cut. Cllr Sevier to look into the matter.

Cllrs Sevier and Heron left the meeting

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

Planning Committee – Resolved: that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on the 10th July 2013 be received.

Amenities Committee – Resolved: that the minutes of the Amenities Committee held on the 17th July 2013 be received.

General Purposes – Resolved: that the minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on the 17th July 2013 be received.

Staff & Remuneration – Resolved: that the minutes of the Staff & Remuneration Committee held on the 30th July 2013 be received.

Finance & Policy Committee – Resolved: that the minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee held on the 31st July be received.

10. To report on any Health & Safety Issues

Cllr Anstey advised that following the Water Report received from ROSPA, a Deep Water warning sign had been ordered, received and erected on the pontoon at the Recreation Ground.

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

Cllr (G) Wilson – 20th July - attended Fordingbridge Festival with the Twinning Committee.

Cllr Hale – 4th July – attended Victoria Rooms Trustee Meeting and discussed parking, finance and funding.

16th July – attended FCVAG Management Meeting and discussed Finance, membership, Garden Waste tipping by residents, Whitsbury Road and Himalayan Balsam

Cllr Anstey -4th July meeting with Rotary and the Sports Club to discuss parking arrangements for the Fordingbridge Festival.

25th July – meeting with Town Clerk, Derek Jones (Groundsman) and Clive xxx, Groundsman at Ringwood Town Council to discuss pitch maintenance.

7th August – Visit to New Forest Machinery to talk to Rob Crouch about machinery required for pitch maintenance.

Cllr Perkins – nothing to report

Cllr Paton – nothing to report

Cllr Lewendon – Site meeting with Brian Shemmings, Clerk Sandleheath to discuss cycle route.

Cllr Price – nothing to report

Cllr Adams – nothing to report

12. To note any items of correspondence

A letter had been received from John Oram, Chairman of the Fordingbridge festival Committee thanking the Town Council for the use of the Recreation Ground on the 20th July 2013.

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

The Assistant Clerk reminded Members to visit the Playscheme where possible.

14. To note the date of the next general Council meeting as Wednesday 4th September 2013

Standing Orders were suspended at 08.05pm

The meeting then went into closed session.

The meeting closed at 08.45 pm