

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8th January 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall

Present:

Cllr Connolly – Chairman

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

In attendance:

NFDC Cllr Bellows

PC Deniz

Mr & Mrs Tague

Ms K Mason, Town Clerk

1. Apologies

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Lewendon, HCC Cllr Heron & NFDC Cllr Sevier.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To confirm the minutes of the General Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4th December 2013 and any matters arising.

It was proposed by Cllr Paton and seconded by Cllr (G) Wilson and **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th December 2013 be signed as a true record.

There were no matters arising.

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

Almshouse residents – Mrs H Tague, a trustee of the Almshouses in Church St, asked if the Town Council could help in providing sandbags for the residents as the near-by Ashford Water was a risk to the properties in times of flooding. Most of the residents are over 80 years of age and so would have real difficulties in either collecting or placing heavy sandbags.

Members agreed that the Town Council would provide sand-bags for the residents and put them in place. The Clerk to arrange.

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

PC Deniz reported that a suggestion had been made to place a gate with a restricted height barrier at the entrance to the Recreation Ground to prevent the unauthorised entry of large vehicles and caravans etc. especially following the illegal encampment of travellers on Brownsey's Field last year. Members were concerned it might restrict the entry of high vehicles for pre-booked events.

It was agreed to discuss at the next meeting of the Amenities Committee.

PC Deniz reported that ASB incidents in the town remain at an historic low which has allowed the police to spend more time on drug related incidents, stolen property etc.

PCSO Daisy Towers will be helping to set up a new shop watch cascade system.

Fake £20 notes have been recently used in the town but an arrest is imminent.

A new pattern of shift working is going to be trailed in an attempt to maximise resources.

6. To receive a report from the Town Mayor

7. To receive a report from the County Councillor

Cllr Heron was absent.

8. To receive a report from the District Councillors

Cllr Bellows reported that the adverse weather conditions and flooding before and after Christmas was keeping all grounds maintenance staff busy. Colin Read and his staff were thanked for their hard work over the Christmas period.

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

- Planning Committee – **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2013 be received.
- Staff & Remuneration Committee – **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th December 2013 be received.

There were no recommendations.

10. To report on any Health & Safety Issues

Nothing to report.

11. To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies and meetings attended

Nothing to report.

12. To note any items of correspondence

Letter of thanks – received from Edward Naish, former Burgate pupil who received the 2013 Community Service Award from the Town Council.

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

Nothing to report.

14. To note the date of the next General Council Meeting as Wednesday 5th February 2014

The meeting ended at 8.25 pm.