

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a General Council held on Wednesday 2nd December 2015 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, Lewendon, Anstey, Hale, Earth, (A) Wilson, Fulford, Perkins & Paton

In attendance: Mrs H Richards, Town Clerk
Cllr A Sevier, New Forest DC
Cllr R Bellows, New Forest DC

1. To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr (G) Wilson and Cllr E Heron, Hampshire CC

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

No declarations made.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2015 and report any matters arising

Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Price and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th November 2015 be signed as a true record. All in favour.

Matters Arising

Minute No. 7 – Draft Library Strategy Consultation – Town Council to respond requesting that consideration be given to the status of Fordingbridge Library being raised to Tier 2 . The Clerk raised the option for the Information Office to relocate to the library, in partnership with Hampshire CC – members raised concern over space to achieve this.

Minute No. 13 – Rotary Quiz Night – The chairman reported that this had been very successful.

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

No matters raised.

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

The Clerk reported on the crime reports received for October and November.

	October	November
Anti-social Behaviour	5	1
Violence against the Person Injury	6	6
Dwelling Burglary	1	0
Burglary other than Dwelling	6	2
Damage	4	0
Theft	3	3
Theft from Motor Vehicle	2	1
Suspicious Incidents	9	1

6. To receive a report from the Town Mayor

The Mayor reported on a visit to Forres Sandle Manor School to give a talk to year 9 pupils. Nothing else to report during November.

7. To receive a report from the County Councillor

Cllr Heron not present and no written report received.

8. To receive a report from the District Councillors

Cllr Sevier reported that she had attended a District Council Development Plan meeting at which a potential site for development had been identified in Bowerwood Road. The Chairman stated that the Hampshire plan advised that no development should take place until infrastructure is provided.

Cllr Sevier advised that Sam Jones (Countryside Access Team, Hampshire CC) is still pursuing resolution of the problems with Footpath 78b at Puddleslosh Lane. Following concern raised by Cllr (A) Wilson regarding the surface of the path at Falconwood Close, it was agreed that the Town Clerk would forward photographs of the path to Cllr Bellows.

Cllr Bellows reported on a current consultation regarding new restriction proposals at Burgate Fields.

Cllr Sevier also advised on work on WW1 exhibition to be held at Lyndhurst.

Cllrs Sevier & Bellows left the meeting

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

- Planning Committee – 11th November 2015 Received by Cllr Fulford
- Amenities Committee 18th November 2015 Received Cllr Anstey
- General Purposes Committee 18th November 2015 received by Cllr Connolly
- Finance & Policy – 25th November 2015 – Received by Cllr Connolly – Items noted from the minutes
Committee Review report to Finance & Policy meeting 6th January 2016, Government reduced grant to NFDC.

10. To report on any Health & Safety issues

Cllr Anstey raised concern over the Memorial Gates and the risk of entrapment when open and in particular during high winds as there is currently no fixing mechanism to hold the gates when open. Town Clerk to investigate.

Cllr Lewendon raised concern over the ground surface surrounding the new trampolines in the children's play area at the Recreation Ground. Members discussed the provision of a more durable surface – Town Clerk to investigate.

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

Cllr Fulford – Burgate Community Partnership – Nothing to report, Attendance at the Remembrance Service.

Cllr Anstey – various contact/liaison with Whippets, Rugby and Football clubs.

12. To note any items of correspondence

The Clerk requested feedback to the following consultations previously received which are due to end shortly:

Hampshire County Council – Highways Maintenance- Comments to the Clerk by Wednesday 9th December for response

Hampshire County Council – Boundary Review – Concern raised that proposed area for the inclusion of Fordingbridge, will be very large and difficult to cover.

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

General Council 02.12.15

The Clerk reminded members of the Christmas event due to take place in the Town on Friday evening, 4th December and requested help both on that evening and to prepare the Hall.

The Chairman reported that (verbal) complaints had been received regarding noise and bad language emanating from the recreation ground (sports activities) during the remembrance day service in the memorial gardens on Sunday 8th November 2015. Members agreed that no bookings should be taken for the morning of remembrance Sunday (6th November in 2016).

Cllr Perkins advised that footfall and trade had fallen in the Town Centre since the closure of the banks.

14. To note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 6th January 2016

The meeting closed at 8.32pm