

## **FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held at 7:30pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 in the Victoria Rooms**

**(Minutes draft until approved at the next meeting of the Committee)**

**Present:** Cllr Perkins – Chairman  
Cllrs Hale, Lewendon, Mouland & Paton

**In Attendance:** Mr P. Goddard, Town Clerk  
Mrs R Edwards, Assistant Town Clerk  
Cllr Adams, Earth, Goldsmith & Wilson (Public Gallery)  
A representative of the Ringwood and Fordingbridge Footpath Society (Public Gallery)

#### **1. To elect a chairman**

Cllr Hale proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Lewendon that Cllr Mouland be appointed chairman of the amenities committee. There were no other proposals. All in favour. Cllr Mouland took the chair.

#### **2. To elect a vice chairman**

Cllr Paton proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Hale that Cllr White be appointed vice chairman of the amenities committee. There were no other proposals. All in favour.

#### **3. To receive any apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Anstey and White.

#### **4. To receive any declarations of interest.**

No declarations were made.

#### **5. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and report any matters arising**

Cllr Paton proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Lewendon and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 be signed as a true record. All in favour.

#### **Matters Arising**

Minute No. 3 Cllr Perkins advised that rabbit control at the Brownsey Field was ongoing.

#### **6. To confirm the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 and report any matters arising**

Cllr Paton proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Lewendon and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 be signed as a true record. All in favour.

#### **7. To receive any matters raised by Members of the Public**

No matters raised.

#### **8. Matters relating to the Recreation Ground**

##### **• To receive an update on replacement play equipment**

Cllr Paton had identified a wooden play house that may be suitable for the Recreation Ground at a cost of £2,640.

**Action: Town Clerk to research the cost of installation**

The Town Clerk advised that based upon advice received from the ROSPA inspectors the proposed purchase of second-hand wooden play equipment had not proceeded. However an offer for the non-wooden equipment for £500 had been made and accepted. The Town Clerk was liaising with the company that had originally installed the equipment to arrange its reinstatement and this was likely to happen towards the end of June. Cllrs discussed where the second-hand play equipment should be sited and agreed that it would get the most use if it was located at the Recreation Ground.

Cllrs considered the RFO's proposal regarding a review of play equipment and a public consultation during June.

Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Paton that the RFO's proposal should be accepted. All in favour.

The Town Clerk advised that a plumber was meeting the groundsman on Friday to quote for maintenance work at the Pavilion, that a meeting had been arranged with NFDC to consider the use of s106 funds for the Pavilion on 24<sup>th</sup> May and that the paving was repaired at the pool.

Cllrs discussed moving the Princess Diana memorial sign and tidying up the memorial garden beds in advance of the unveiling of the First World War memorial on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

Cllrs discussed the potential for removing rubbish bins on the Recreation Ground where Town Council bins are near NFDC bins and the potential for having recycling bins in the Recreation Ground.

#### **9. To report any matters concerning Open Spaces**

The Assistant Town Clerk reported that the lengthsman had now planted wild flower seeds around the town.

Cllr Perkins commented on the state of the pavement at Station Road. The Assistant Clerk advised that our next lengthsman day was scheduled for mid-July.

#### **10. To note any items of correspondence**

The Assistant Clerk advised members of correspondence received from members of the public regarding the play area at the recreation ground which included an offer from a resident to assist in raising funds for play equipment. Cllrs discussed painting the existing equipment.

#### **11. To receive a report from the Clerk or any other relevant business**

The Town Clerk advised members of the quotes received regarding plumbing at the kiosk and confirmed that the work would proceed using the quote received that was within the budget agreed by members. The Town Council's building manager had recommended using the chosen contractor.

The Town Clerk advised members of the official opening of the Skate Park on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019 and the whippet camping event on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

#### **12. To note the date of the next meeting as 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

The meeting closed at 7:57 pm