

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18th September 2019 in the Town Hall

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

Present: Cllr Mouland – Chairman
Cllrs Anstey, Hale, Lewendon, Perkins & White

In Attendance: Mrs R. Edwards, Assistant Town Clerk
Cllrs Adams, Earth, Goldsmith, Jackson & Wilson (Public Gallery)
Ruth Croker (Ringwood and Fordingbridge Footpath Society)

1. To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Paton and Cllr Bellows (NFDC)

2. To receive any declarations of interest.

No declarations were made.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2019 and report any matters arising

Cllr Anstey reported that the height barrier has a fixed height of 2.1 metres not 2.2 as in the minutes (item 7).

Cllr Perkins proposed and it was seconded by Cllr White and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2019 be signed as a true record, with the exception of the height of the barrier (item 7). All in favour.

Matters Arising

Minute 8 – the plaque has been cleaned by the manufacturer and looks much better. Ian Newman is expected to write to the Town Council formally about this matter.

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

No matters raised.

5. Matters relating to the Recreation Ground

• To review emergency access following barrier installation

Officials in organised groups who meet regularly at the Recreation Ground (Rugby, Turks and Whippets) have been given the code for the barrier on the condition that they do not pass the number onto others. They have been asked not to leave the gate open, but to use for access only and to shut the gate again immediately afterwards.

Emergency access was discussed. The Asst Clerk raised the matter of cars parking on both sides of the access road on busy rugby days. The Chairman assured her that this would not prevent access for emergency vehicles as they can drive through the adjacent gateway onto the field. Cllr White in his capacity as a fireman, agreed to take a fire engine through the new barrier onto the field in order to test the access and report back to Clerk.

Action: Cllr White to take fire engine to the Recreation Ground this evening to test access and report back to Clerk.

Cllr Jackson recommended that the code be changed regularly. Cllr White advised that it not be changed more than once a year due to the need to keep emergency databases up to date (ambulance and fire). It was thought that changing the code at the beginning of the summer each year would be a good time.

Action: Cllr White to pass on code to Fire and Ambulance services to be added to emergency databases

Cllr Perkins reported that the person who empties the dog waste bins also needs access but doesn't have the code.

Action: Clerk to follow up

6. To report any matters concerning Open Spaces

Nothing to report.

7. To note any items of correspondence

No items of correspondence received.

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

The Play Consultation results were given to members at the last Amenities meeting for consideration. Recommendations need to be brought to the next meeting in November.

Action: Cllrs Moulard and White to consider consultation results and make recommendations

9. To note the date of the next meeting as 20th November 2019

The meeting closed at 7:47pm