

## FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held at 7:30pm on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 in the Town Hall

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

**Present:** Cllr Mouland – Chairman  
Cllrs Anstey, Lewendon, Paton & White

**In Attendance:** Mr P Goddard, Town Clerk  
Mrs R Edwards, Asst Town Clerk  
Cllr Bellows (NFDC)  
Cllrs Adams, Goldsmith, Jackson & Wilson (Public Gallery)

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

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hale and Perkins.

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

No declarations were made.

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

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

##### Matters Arising

Minute 5 – Cllr Lewendon reported that the toilets were locked at 3.40pm on Saturday, despite winter opening hours being 8am - 5pm.

**Action: Town Clerk to ask Groundsman to lock toilets at 5pm**

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

Cllr Wilson asked about the possibility of a water bottle refill station in the Recreation Ground. The Clerk thought one could be installed before the summer.

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

- **Whippet Camp**

The Clerk reported that the Fordingbridge Whippet and Lurcher Dog Racing Club have booked their summer camping event again this year. The Clerk has been liaising with the Club regarding the management of the event; they are aware of the spacing required for caravans, that the barrier should only be opened for access and the barrier code should not be shared. The Club are aware of possible building work taking place at the Pavilion this summer.

- **Padding Pool**

The tiling around the padding pool was repaired last year. Work is required to lay the tiles properly and repair the lining. The building manager has been asked to have this completed before the summer.

- **Kiosk**

The drains from the kiosk were re-dug last year and have blocked just the once since. The hand washing wall units were badly installed and have never been serviced. The wall units are expensive to service and are at risk of falling out of the walls. Potentially the units could be removed and replaced with a basin and hand dryer instead. Cleaning of the toilets is difficult due to the lip at the door which makes

them difficult to sluice out. It may be possible to either drop the door lip or raise the floor.

- **Pavilion**

The Clerk reported that the pavilion schedule of works has been received from the architects. The building manager will cost the works by 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The Planning Pre-application is expected to have been submitted today. Should the pavilion work not be able to go ahead then NFDC have confirmed that the money could be spent on new play equipment instead, provided it offers an additional facility. The Clerk met with a play equipment provider and the representative showed him pictures of a recent tender of similar value to the available s 106 funds which looked impressive. NFDC has confirmed that section 106 money could not be spent on a car park refurbishment as this wouldn't offer an additional facility to the town. The Clerk reported though that there is a separate £5,000 of s106 funds available to spend on the car park in order to carry out remedial work.

Cllr Paton reported that the main path in the Recreation Ground is getting smaller and smaller due to the grass growing over the path

**Action: Town Clerk to ask Groundsman to clear the path**

The Clerk reported that the Environment Agency will not remove the willow tree from the river until the Spring, due to the salmon spawning in the river.

Cllr Anstey reported that David Shering has applied to cut back the trees on the other side of the river. The trees are at risk of falling into river and onto power cables. Again, this will need to be done after the salmon have finished spawning.

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

- **Lengthsman**

Cllr Paton asked that the area under the bridge by the old people's home on West Street be cleared. The bridge at Parsonage Park was also raised as a concern as a build-up of twigs are restricting river flow underneath.

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

The Clerk reported that the Events Group had been in contact regarding possible VE Day celebrations at the Recreation Ground on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Cllr White (Events Group Rep) suggested a Party in the Park with the following format: event times 4pm – 11pm, bring own refreshments and picnics, sale of food and alcohol by the Sports Club, 40's music in the afternoon followed by live music in the evening, fireworks and perhaps the air raid siren. Cllr Wilson reported that there will be an official national toast to the Queen at 3pm and all are encouraged to take part. Cllr White thought that the event could start earlier to incorporate this.

**Action: Consider VE day celebrations at the next General Council meeting.**

Cllr Wilson suggested that bunting be made by the local community and hung from the catenary wires. She thought the Fordingbridge Greener Living group may be interested in making it. It could be hung in time for the anniversary of VE Day and kept up throughout the summer.

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

Nothing to report.

## **9. To note the date of the next meeting as 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

The meeting closed at 7:52pm