

## FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held at 8:30pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in the Town Hall**

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

**Present:** Cllr Moulard – Chairman  
Cllrs Anstey, Hale, Lewendon, Paton, Perkins & White

**In Attendance:** Mr P Goddard, Town Clerk  
Mrs R Edwards, Asst Town Clerk  
Cllrs Adams and Goldsmith (Public Gallery)

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

Apologies were received from Cllr Bellows (NFDC).

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

No declarations were made.

**3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January 2020 and report any matters arising**

Cllr Paton proposed and it was seconded by Cllr White and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 be signed as a true record. All in favour.

Matters Arising

Agenda item 7 – The VE Day Party in the Park celebrations have been officially cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

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

No matters raised

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

• **Padding Pool**

The pool lining is not appropriate, the pool needs rendering and the slabs repairing. The Buildings Manager met with the contractor but cancelled the subsequent meeting due to Government restrictions during Covid-19. He will progress it when able.

• **Kiosk**

The toilet drain is blocking. The Buildings Manager recommends installing either a larger system or wall units.

• **Pavilion**

The architects are currently putting together a proposal, including a fee proposal, for the pavilion. This should be received by the end of the week. The architects would have liked to meet with NFDC for feedback on the pre-app but due to Covid-19, it will not be possible to hold that meeting. They have asked for comments instead.

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

a. Jobs for Lengthsman - 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

Cllr Hale reported that a tree had fallen at Bishops Pond in last month's storms and a fence repair is needed. The Clerk advised that the Groundsman would repair the fence.

### **7. To agree the installation of a water bottle refill station**

Two quotes were received for a wall-mounted bottle-filler on the side wall of the kiosk adjacent to the external tap.

The first option is to purchase a bottle-filler. This would cost £595 plus installation bringing the cost to a total of £920. This would give the Town Council an asset and could therefore be funded from CIL money. The annual service cost would be £165.

The second option is to hire a bottle-filler at a cost of £189pa with the first three months rental being free. The annual service cost would be £175. This option gives free repairs and a free replacement if it can't be mended.

Cllr White proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Perkins and therefore **RESOLVED**: to hire the bottle-filler (option 2). All in favour.

### **8. To consider replacement of Royal British Legion plaque in Memorial Gardens**

Cllr Goldsmith spoke as the Chairman of the Royal British Legion. The RBL plaque had been missing for some time but has now been located. The Royal British Legion would like to fix it to a piece of granite and return it to the Memorial Gardens to commemorate the landmark anniversary of 50 years since the formation of the Royal British Legion. Members agreed that the plaque could be returned to the Memorial Gardens.

Cllr Goldsmith thanked the committee and left the meeting.

### **9. To consider funding new lighting for the skate park**

Cllr Adams reported that the community has raised money towards new lights for the Skate Park. If the remainder of the funds are available and this work is to be done, then it should be completed before the evenings draw in.

The Clerk reported that the cost of removing the current lights and installing new would be £12344. £1000 had been donated from Alderholt Co-op and over £900 raised by the community through JustGiving. Cllr Hale thought this would be a good way to spend CIL money.

Cllr Hale proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Anstey and therefore **RESOLVED**: to spend CIL money on new lights for the Skate Park. All in favour.

Cllr Paton reported that the area to the side of the Skate Park is churned up, muddy and looks a mess. She asks that something be done and suggested artificial grass or tarmac.

**Action: Clerk to investigate.**

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

No items of correspondence.

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

Cllr Perkins asked what the position on games at the Recreation Ground is, during the Coronavirus pandemic. The Clerk reported that the Rugby Club and the Whippets Club had both stopped until 14<sup>th</sup> April. The Clerk thought there may be a football match still happening this weekend. Cllr Perkins suggested that the Groundsman repair the pitches during the time they're not in use.

### **12. To note the date of the next meeting as 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

The meeting closed at 8:49pm