

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Council meeting held on Wednesday 5th March 2021 at 6.30pm
held remotely using appropriate technology in accordance with The Local Authorities and Police
and Crimes Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel
Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 (“the 2020 Regulations”) which came into
force on 4th April 2020.

(Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Council)

Present: Cllr Edward Hale – Chairman
Cllrs Malcolm Adams, Paul Anstey, Nobby Goldsmith, Mike Jackson, Alan
Lewendon, John Moulard, Diane Paton, Pete White and Anna Wilson

In Attendance: Mr Paul Goddard, Town Clerk
Mrs Martine Coatham, RFO

1. To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Pat Earth.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest.

3. To receive any matters raised by members of the public

No matters raised.

4. To agree an additional contingency fund for the refurbishment work on the Pavilion at the Recreation Ground

The Clerk advised that the initial contractual sum for the work was circa £206k. Additional variations have been required for the removal of the ceilings (net additional cost of £3,588.50), the internal walls (net additional cost of £4,366.87) and the new windows (net additional cost of £3,835.00) together with the site security cost of £3,526.80. Factoring in the £5k contingency and some contractual omissions the current projected additional cost for the work above the contract sum is £8,817.17. The contractor has advised that there will be no further security costs. The Clerk suggested agreeing an overall additional contingency for the work over and above the contract sum (to include the additional work and security costs referred to) as this would avoid having to hold further meetings and ensure that there are no unnecessary delays to the work. The boiler is a separate issue and sits outside the contract. In the first instance Asbury Heating Maintenance Limited will need to inspect it to establish whether it needs replacing. Cllr Adams suggested if the boiler does need replacing the Town Council should establish what type of boiler would be most appropriate and he has spoken to a boiler and plumbing contractor in that regard. Consideration needs to be given to the type and number of shower heads. Cllrs discussed the merits of different boilers. Cllrs also discussed the overall additional contingency and how it might be funded and an overall contingency of £15,000 was considered to meet the current additional spend of £8,817.17 and allow a balancing contingency of £6,182.83. Cllr Wilson proposed and it was seconded by Cllr White and therefore **RESOLVED:** to agree a contingency of £15,000 above the contract sum. Nine in favour and one abstention.

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

Cllrs considered the Annual Town Assembly and agreed to ask a representative of Fordingbridge Greener Living to talk at the Assembly. The Assembly should also include details regarding the outcome of consultation, proposed future consultations and CIL spending and proposed spending. The details regarding CIL spending should be considered at the next Finance & Policy committee. A report on the Neighbourhood Plan (and the Dorset Plan) and updates on the Pavilion and Town Hall was also proposed. The Assembly will be held using Zoom.

6. To note the date of the next General Council meeting as Wednesday 7th April 2021 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 6:53 p.m.