

## **FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall (Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Committee)**

**Present:** Cllr Adams – Chair;  
Cllrs Anstey, Earth, Goldsmith, Hale, Lewendon, Mouland, Paton & Wilson.

**In attendance:** Mr P Goddard, Town Clerk  
Mrs M Coatham, RFO  
A representative from the Salisbury Journal

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

Apologies were received from Cllr Jackson, Perkins and White.

#### **2. To receive any Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Adams declared an interest in the payment of accounts.

#### **3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and report any matters arising**

Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Wilson and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021 be signed as a true record. All in favour.  
No matters arising.

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

None.

#### **5. To receive details of Monies Collected & Payment of Accounts**

Cllr Adams referred to the RFO's report to members. Cllr Mouland raised the issue of additional funding for the Pavilion and whether it would be met from CIL. The RFO reported that members had approved an additional cost of £15k for the Pavilion work and if it was to be met from CIL this would need to be agreed by the end of the year. The RFO will review the final account and put this on a future agenda.

Cllr Wilson proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Mouland and therefore **RESOLVED**: to approve the schedule of payments of account and that the amounts collected are correct. All in favour.

#### **6. To consider grant applications under Section 137/CIL**

None.

#### **7. To receive any Finance & Policy matters referred from sub-committees**

None.

#### **8. To receive an update on building matters**

- **Town Hall**

The Clerk advised that the Town Council's planning application had been considered at this month's planning committee and the Council had voted in favour of the proposals. It was reported that the planning officer considering the application was coming to inspect the building tomorrow.

- **Changing Room update**

The Clerk advised that the small queries regarding the final account had been agreed at a meeting with the Buildings' Manager and architects. The RFO advised that the final payment was between £9k and £10k and was within the additional provision for the work agreed by the Council. The Clerk advised that there were queries regarding the durability of the flooring, the choice of which was determined by budgetary constraints and also the work did not include the fitting of paper towel holders and soap dispensers.

#### **9. To approve the cost of external electrical socket replacement for the Christmas Lights**

The RFO advised the replacement sockets were required to make the power legally compliant and the work involved the fitting of three new external sockets. The Council has permission to undertake

the work from the relevant building owners. The cost for the contractor, Sparkx to undertake the work would be £550 per socket. Cllr Hale proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Lewendon and therefore RESOLVED: to approve the cost of external socket replacement for the Christmas Lights.

**10. To approve the cost of speed awareness signs for Normandy Way**

The Clerk advised that representatives of the Westacres Residents Association had previously asked the Council to (i) support the principal of placing speed awareness signs in Normandy Way (which it had agreed to) and (ii) to make a matched contribution of £100 towards the cost of those signs. Cllr Lewendon queried where the signs might be placed and suggested there were points along the road where it would be appropriate to put them on the walls of residents' houses. Cllrs discussed the number of signs needed, the possible cost of signs, which Cllr Lewendon had looked into, the type of signs and whether, if funding was offered, this might then need to be offered in relation to other roads in town. Cllr Adams suggested that a breakdown of the costs of the signs proposed should be sought. Cllr Adams proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Paton and therefore RESOLVED: to go back and request clarification of the cost and details of the proposed signs.

**11. To review the following policies and registers**

- None

**12. To note any items of correspondence**

No correspondence.

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

The following points were discussed:

- Preparation for the Christmas Lights
- The five year housing supply, guidance from planners and phosphates
- Concerns regarding road conditions on the bridge, Stuckton Road and Whitsbury Road approaching Tinkers Cross
- The cost of repairs to the RFO's computer and a possible replacement
- Additional information required from the external auditor

**14. To note the date of the next meeting as 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

The meeting ended at 7:59 pm.