

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 2ND DECEMBER 2019

PRESENT: Councillor M. Blackburn (in the Chair)
P. Allen
S. Blackburn
D. Hinsley
J. Kimberley
F.A Nash
F.V. Nash
L. Sorrell

8387. APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance from Councillor Cole (family matter) was received and noted

8388. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST FROM MEMBERS AND OTHER DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

There were no declarations of interest made by members relating to items on the agenda.

8389. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no comments, questions or suggestions made by members of the public.

8390. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held 14th October 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

8391. CONSIDERATION OF FILLING FOUR CASUAL VACANCIES BY CO-OPTION: BENNETT'S WELL WARD AND HATCHFORD WARD (3)

The Clerk reported that no further enquiries had been made regarding the current vacancies on the Council.

RESOLVED that consideration of the vacancies be deferred to the meeting of the Council in March 2020

8392. REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman reported that he had attended the annual Remembrance Service at Solihull which had been a beautiful occasion. He also reported on the success of the Christmas Carol concert and switching on of the Christmas tree lights. He thanked everybody who performed and attended and thanked the Clerk for the organisation

8393. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held 11th November 2019 were presented to the meeting.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved

8394. ACCOUNTS PAID, PETTY CASH PAYMENTS, MONTHLY EMPLOYEE COSTS AND BANK TRANSFERS

RESOLVED that the report listing accounts paid, petty cash payments, bank transfers and monthly employee costs as submitted be approved

8395. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Councillor F.V. Nash reported in her capacity as a member of Solihull M.B.C. regarding local issues including fly tipping, litter generally and parking problems around schools

RESOLVED that an officer from the Highways department be invited to attend the next meeting regarding the problem of car parking in the area

8396. CONFIRMATION OF CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP OF A COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

The Clerk reported that in accordance with standing orders, the formal procedure of establishing committees, terms of reference and membership should be undertaken by the Council

RESOLVED i) that the Council establish a committee of five members to discharge the responsibilities contained in the newly agreed complaints committee
ii) that the Committee comprise Councillors Allen, S. Blackburn, Hinsley, F.V. Nash and Sorrell

8397. BAR PROVISION AT THE FORDBRIDGE CENTRE

The Clerk reported that he had held an informal meeting with a prospective candidate to provide a bar service at the Fordbridge Centre. The Clerk advised that the candidate had appeared content with all the existing arrangements and subject to agreement by members he intended to meet him again to discuss more detailed arrangements and report back to the next meeting with a firm proposal.

RESOLVED i) that the Clerk meet the interested party again to discuss matters further and members also be invited to meet him
ii) that the Clerk obtain references and report back with a firm proposal for consideration at the next meeting

8398. CHAIRMAN'S CHARITY DANCE 2020: PROVISION OF ENTERTAINMENT

The Clerk reported that the original performer proposed by members was unavailable on the night of the charity event and a recommendation had been made for an alternative entertainer

RESOLVED that responsibility for arranging entertainment for the Chairman's Charity Dance be delegated to the Clerk, ideally using the recommended performer

8399. CONSIDERATION OF A RESPONSE TO MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments, questions or suggestions made by members of the public.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN