

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 6TH JULY 2020

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

8426. APOLOGIES

The Chairman reported that Councillor Hinsley had tendered his resignation and also reported the funeral arrangements following the sad loss of Mr. Kieran Dooley, a former member of the Council.

There were no apologies for non-attendance as all members of the Council were present at the meeting.

8427. 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.

8428. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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

8429. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held 2nd March 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

8430. DRAFT PLAN FOR RE-OPENING THE FORDBRIDGE CENTRE TO COMPLY WITH COVID-19 SECURE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSOCIATED RISK ASSESSMENT

The Clerk submitted a draft plan for re-opening the Fordbridge Centre based on Government advice and a relevant COVID-19 risk assessment. He advised that re-opening would only be partial initially due to continuing restrictions on some activities and that the objective of the plan was to make the building as safe as possible and progress one step at a time. He highlighted a couple of specific issues and also submitted draft special conditions of hire that will have to be accepted by each of the groups before they return.

RESOLVED that the draft re-opening plan, COVID-19 risk assessment and special conditions of hire (all documents attached) be approved

8431. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2020

The Clerk submitted the annual governance statement which constitutes section 1 of the Annual Return for the financial year ended 31st March 2020 for approval.

RESOLVED that the annual governance statement for the year ended 31st March 2020 as submitted be approved

8432. ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2020

The Clerk submitted the accounting statements which constitutes section 2 of the Annual Return for the financial year ended 31st March 2020 for approval.

RESOLVED that the accounting statements for the financial year ended 31st March 2020 as submitted be approved

8433. DECLARATION OF CASUAL VACANCY: HATCHFORD WARD

The Clerk reported that Ms Heather Bennett-Watson had ceased to be a member of the Council due to her failure to attend meetings of the Council for a period of six consecutive Months

RESOLVED that the Council declare the office of councillor representing the Hatchford Ward as vacant

8434. APPROVAL THE ACTION OF THE CLERK IN RESPECT OF APPOINTING AN INTERNAL AUDITOR AND PAINTING OF THE LADIES W.C. AT THE FORDBRIDGE CENTRE

The Clerk reported that during the period when, due to Government advice the Council had been unable to meet, he had electronically asked members to approve two matters. The issues in question were re-appointment of Diane Malley as the Council's internal auditor and painting of the Ladies W.C. at the Fordbridge Centre and he indicated that no objections had been made. He had been advised that such actions would require formal approval for the record when the Council is able to meet.

RESOLVED that the Council formally approve the action taken by the Clerk in respect of appointment of the internal auditor and painting at the Fordbridge Centre

8435. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS 2020/2021

RESOLVED that the calendar of meetings and events as set out in Appendix A be approved.

8436. 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 8.15 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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APPENDIX A

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Calendar for Town Council Meetings:

24th August 2020, 5th October 2020, 7th December 2020, 25th January 2021, 8th March 2021, 26th April 2021, 10th May 2021 (Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting)

Calendar for Finance and General Purposes Committee Meetings:

10th August 2020, 21st September 2020, 16th November 2020, 11th January 2021, 22nd February 2020, 12th April 2021

Calendar for Staffing Committee Meetings:

14th September 2020, 15th February 2021

Christmas Tree Lights: 30th November 2020