

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 20TH JANUARY 2020

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

8400. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance from Councillors M. Blackburn and S. Blackburn (family emergency) were received and noted.

8401. 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.

8402. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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

8403. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held 2nd December 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

8404. CONSIDERATION OF THE PRECEPT FOR THE 2020/2021 FINANCIAL YEAR

RESOLVED that the Council require a precept of £82,628.10 for the 2020/2021 financial year

8405. REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman was not present at the meeting and therefore unfortunately no report was available

8406. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held 6th January 2020 were presented to the meeting.

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

8407. 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

8408. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Councillors Cole and F.V. Nash reported on their work as members of Solihull M.B.C. and issues affecting Fordbridge including damage to the play area in Chapelhouse Road, missiles being thrown at buses and parking problems.

8409. FLY POSTING IN FORDBRIDGE

Councillor Cole advised that action was being taken by Solihull M.B.C. to alleviate the problem of unauthorised advertising signs which spring up around the parish and are moved around by the companies in question.

8410. BAR PROVISION AT THE FORDBRIDGE CENTRE

The Clerk reported that he had met again with a prospective bar provider and he had supplied basic information about his background in hospitality and mobile bars and confirmed that he could provide references. The Clerk also explained that he had confirmed his willingness to share revenue with the Council from the beginning of any agreement as an indication of his commitment to a partnership and providing a service. He was also content with all of the arrangements outlined to him by the Clerk. The Clerk recommended that the Council engage him as its new bar provider.

RESOLVED that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman meet the prospective provider with a view to formally accepting the Clerk's recommendation at the next meeting of the Council

8411. HEALTH AND SAFETY SUPPORT PROPOSAL FROM ELLIS WHITHAM LTD

The Clerk again submitted a proposal from Ellis Whitham Ltd offering a three year health and safety support service at an annual cost of £1,436.00. The Clerk reported that he had received information from WALC regarding health and safety which he was already aware of and offered only general information. The Clerk confirmed that he was more than willing to update all of the Council's health and safety procedures and policies but due to his lack of expertise could not guarantee that they would be sufficient for the Council's requirements. He also suggested that the Council would not only benefit from expert advice but also an outsider's perspective. Members suggested that a local health and safety consultant may be able to assist the Council.

RESOLVED that the Clerk meet with Paul Sultana to discuss the Council's requirements and seek his assistance and an estimate of the potential costs involved.

8412. 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