

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 24TH APRIL 2017

PRESENT: Councillor S. McLaughlin (in the Chair)
P. Allen
M. Blackburn
K. Dooley
C. McLaughlin.
A. Nash
F. Nash
L. Sorrell

8089. APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance from Councillor Kimberley (holiday) was received and acknowledged but not approved. Councillor Bennett-Watson was absent from the meeting

8090. 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.

8091. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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

8092. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held 6th March 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

8093. CONSIDERATION OF FILLING FOUR CASUAL VACANCIES BY CO-OPTION: BENNETT'S WELL WARD, COLE WARD AND HATCHFORD WARD (2)

The Clerk submitted correspondence from a member of a neighbouring Council offering his experience and expressing an interest in being co-opted to fill a casual vacancy.

RESOLVED i) that in accordance with the Council's standard procedure the candidate be invited to an interview with a sub-committee of five members at his earliest convenience
ii) that the sub-committee consist of Councillors Allen, Dooley, S.McLaughlin, F.V. Nash and Sorrell

8094. REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman reported that she and the Clerk had met the Area Fundraising Manager from Midlands Air Ambulance who would be sending promotional information and material together with collection tins for use at the Chairman's Charity Dance

8095. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Health and Recreation Committee held 3rd April 2017 were presented to the meeting.

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

8096. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held 3rd April 2017 were presented to the meeting.

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

8097. 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

8098. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

There were no representatives' reports presented to the meeting by any member of the Council

8099. MERIDEN PARK ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the FGP Committee

8100. CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL POLICY IN RESPECT OF ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER USERS OF SOCIAL MEDIA

The Clerk reported that he had been advised about unfortunate comments posted on social media by a "friend" of the Council although these comments did not mention the Town Council in any way. He also reported that a number of people linked to the Council through social media posted comments which the Council would probably not wish to be associated with.

RESOLVED i) that the Council include a disclaimer on its Facebook page disassociating it from personal comments made by its "friends".
ii) that the Clerk be authorised to end social media links with individuals if in his opinion the person's comments potentially bring the Council into disrepute

8101. DOGS IN SOLIHULL

The Clerk reported that he had submitted information at the last meeting from the former N.A.L.C. solicitor regarding the law as it affects local councils in relation to dogs. Members were again offered the opportunity to comment or make any proposals. Councillor F.V. Nash reported for members' information that Solihull M.B.C. will shortly be replacing its dog waste bins

RESOLVED that the information provided by the Clerk be received and noted

8102. 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 7.50 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN