

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 10TH JULY 2017

PRESENT: Councillor K. Dooley (in the Chair)
P. Allen
H. Bennett-Watson
M. Blackburn
D. Cole
J. Kimberley
C. McLaughlin
S. McLaughlin
A. Nash
F. Nash
L. Sorrell

8119. APOLOGIES

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

8120. PRESENTATION OF CHEQUE TO MIDLANDS AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY BY FORMER CHAIRMAN

Councillor S. McLaughlin presented a cheque for £2,160.70 to Adam Williams from Midlands Air Ambulance Charity representing the sum raised by this year's charity dance. Adam thanked the former Chair and the Council for the donation.

8121. 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.

8122. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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

8123. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held 8th May 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

8124. CONSIDERATION OF FILLING THREE CASUAL VACANCIES BY CO-OPTION: BENNETT'S WELL WARD, COLE WARD AND HATCHFORD WARD

RESOLVED that subject to any interest from potential applicants, consideration of these vacancies be deferred for a period of six months

8125. REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman reported on his attendance at three engagements; Investiture of the Mayor of Solihull, Solihull civic service and the Castle Bromwich Parish Council civic service. He also reported that he had sent a wreath on behalf of the Council to the funeral of the late mother of the Council's Evening/Weekend Caretaker

8126. STAFFING COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held 22nd June 2017 were presented to the meeting.

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

8127. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Health and Recreation Committee held 26th June 2017 were presented to the meeting. The Clerk recommended that the decision regarding an additional category for the garden competition be deferred

RESOLVED i) that the new category in the garden competition for schools be introduced in 2018
ii) that subject to the above amendment the Minutes be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

8128. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held 26th June 2017 were presented to the meeting.

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

8129. APPOINTMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL MEMBER TO THE APPEALS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that Councillor Cole be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Appeals Committee

8130. 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

8131. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Councillor Sorrell reported on a meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee, She advised that passenger numbers are up by 40% during the first quarter of the year. She also reported that special assistance should be arranged in advance through a tour operator. She submitted details of financial support given by the Community Trust Fund to Fordbridge Primary School and various local junior football clubs.

Councillor F.V. Nash in her capacity as a Borough Councillor reported on action arising from issues raised at the Annual Parish Meeting to clear up land around the Academy for Young Engineers. She also reported that safety checks had been carried out on the cladding of tower blocks with no issues reported. She also advised that any fire doors removed by tenants had been re-instated

8132. CONSIDERATION OF REPLACEMENT OF CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS AT THE FORDBRIDGE CENTRE

The Clerk reported that he had obtained a quotation in the sum of £460.00 to provide replacement lights and appropriate transformer for the Christmas tree at the Fordbridge Centre. He reported that he wished to consult an electrician regarding suitability and to seek potential improved prices before proceeding.

RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to spend up to £460.00 to purchase the above described lights or a similar product at an improved price (both subject to suitability)

8133. 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 8.20 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN