

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 11TH MAY 2015

PRESENT: Councillor P. Allen
H. Bennett-Watson
K. Dooley
J. Kimberley
C. McLaughlin
S. McLaughlin
A. Nash
F. Nash
L. Sorrell

7842. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE 2015/2016 MUNICIPAL YEAR
RESOLVED that Councillor F.V. Nash be elected
Chairman of the Council for the 2015/
2016 Municipal Year
- 7843 CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE
Councillor Nash declared her acceptance of office in the presence of the Council's proper
officer
- 7844 COUNCILLOR'S DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE
All councillors present at the meeting declared their acceptance of office in the presence of
the Council's proper officer
7845. APOLOGIES
There were no apologies for non-attendance as all members of the Council were present at
the meeting.
7846. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
There were no declarations of interest made by members relating to items on the agenda.
7847. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
There were no comments, questions or suggestions made by members of the public.
7848. PRESENTATION OF BADGE TO FORMER CHAIRMAN
The Chairman presented a former Chairman's Badge to Councillor C. McLaughlin and
thanked her for the work she had undertaken over the previous twelve months and in
particular for the success of the Charity Dance
7849. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE 2015/2016
MUNICIPAL YEAR
RESOLVED that Councillor S. McLaughlin be
appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council
for the 2015/2016 Municipal Year.
7850. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, ANNUAL RETURN AND ANNUAL GOVERNANCE
STATEMENT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2015
The Clerk submitted the accounting statements which constitute Section 1 of the Annual
Return for the financial year ended 31st March 2015 and also the annual governance
statement for approval.
RESOLVED that the accounting statements, annual
return and annual governance statement
for the financial year ended 31st March
2015 as submitted be approved
7851. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES
RESOLVED that membership of the Committees for
the 2015/2016 municipal year be as set
out in Appendix A

7852. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

RESOLVED that the Council's representatives on other bodies be as set out in Appendix B

7853. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held 27th April 2015 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

7854. CONSIDERATION OF FILLING FIVE CASUAL VACANCIES BY CO-OPTION: BENNETT'S WELL WARD, COLE WARD AND HATCHFORD WARD (3)

The Clerk reported that there had been an uncontested election but there were still five vacancies to be filled and he explained the legal and procedural position regarding co-option in this situation.

RESOLVED i) that consideration of these vacancies be deferred to the second meeting of the municipal year
ii) that the Council advertise for prospective candidates at a later stage in the year

7855. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES FOR THE 2015 CHAIRMAN'S CHARITY DANCE

The Clerk submitted a statement of receipts and expenses relating to the 2015 Chairman's Charity Event. He confirmed that the revenue raised by the event amounted to £1,756.00 following a further donation of £200 by A.A. and that the cost of staging the event was £686.45.

RESOLVED i) that in accordance with Council policy the cost of staging the event be underwritten by the Council.
ii) that in accordance with the provisions of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 a total donation of £3,069.55 be made to Marie Curie Hospice Solihull
iii) that a representative from Marie Curie Hospice Solihull be invited to attend the presentation evening in July

7856. PROVISION OF MILK IN SCHOOLS

The Clerk asked members to specifically endorse his understanding of the decisions made by both the EHR committee and at the last meeting of the Council regarding the provision of milk to both primary schools in the parish.

RESOLVED i) that the Council continue to provide milk until the end of Summer Term to allow the schools to sort out the issues arising from the new system and that the Clerk help to facilitate the transition by liaising with Solihull M.B.C. catering service.

ii) that the Council discontinue providing milk after that period and the schools be advised of this decision as soon as possible.

the problems with the new system prove insurmountable she they should advise the Council.

(Councillor Bennett-Watson and C. McLaughlin asked for it to be recorded in the Minutes that they voted against the proposals)

7857. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS 2015/2016

RESOLVED that the Calendar of meetings and events as set out in Appendix C be approved.

7858. PRESENTATION TO MRS W. COLLINS

The Council made a presentation to Mrs W. Collins the widow of Eric Collins, a former member who had been commemorated with a road named in his honour at the suggestion of the Council. Mrs Collins was presented with a framed copy of the article published on the Council's website relating to the naming of the road, together with a copy of a similar article published by Solihull M.B.C and also two photographs.

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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APPENDIX A

Environment, Health and Recreation Committee

Chairman, Vice-Chairman (Ex-Officio), All other currently elected Members of the Council.

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Chairman, Vice-Chairman (Ex-Officio), All other currently elected Members of the Council.

Staffing/Grievance Committee

Councillors Allen, Bennett-Watson, C. McLaughlin, F.V. Nash and Sorrell

Appeals Committee

Councillors K. Dooley, S. McLaughlin and A. Nash

Fordbridge Prize Sub-Committee

Councillors Allen, S. McLaughlin, F.V. Nash and Sorrell plus one other

APPENDIX B

REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

<u>Body</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Representative(s)</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Airport Consultative Committee	1	L. Sorrell	1 yr	May 2016
North Solihull Partnership Forum	1	K. Dooley	"	"
St. Leonard's Day Centre	1	P. Allen	"	"
WALC Solihull Area Committee	2	K. Dooley & J. Kimberley	"	"

APPENDIX C

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Calendar for Town Council Meetings:

29th June 2015, 10th August 2015, 19th October 2014, 7th December 2015, 25th January 2016, 7th March 2016, 25th April 2016, 9th May 2016 (Annual Meeting)

Calendar for Finance and General Purposes Committee Meetings:

15th June 2015, 27th July 2015, 5th October 2015, 16th November 2015, 11th January 2016, 22nd February 2016, 11th April 2016

Calendar for Environmental Health and Recreation Committee Meetings:

15th June 2015, 5th October 2015, 11th January 2016, 11th April 2016

Calendar for Staffing Committee and Sub-Committee Meetings:

18th May 2015 (Staffing Committee only), 22nd June 2015, 9th November 2015, 15th February 2016

Annual Parish Meeting: 16th May 2016

Christmas Tree Lights: 30th November 2015