

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 12TH AUGUST 2013

PRESENT: Councillor A. Nash (in the Chair)
P. Allen
A. Doyle
M. Hyde
J. Kimberley
C. McLaughlin
S. McLaughlin
A. Nash
L. Sorrell

7584. APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance from Councillor Dooley was received and noted.

7585. REPRESENTATIVE FROM KINGSHURST EVANGELICAL CHURCH TO ANSWER QUESTIONS REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Clerk reported that he had been advised by Mr. Nicholds that the Church had received a donation from another source and therefore wished to withdraw its application to the Council

7586. 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.

7587. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Julie Benham (71 Oak Croft) requested that more dog waste bins be provided in the vicinity of her property as dog fouling and persuading people to clean up mess was a recurring problem. She also briefly outlined a problem with a neighbouring property

7588. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held 1st July 2013 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

7589. CONSIDERATION OF FILLING THREE CASUAL VACANCIES BY CO-OPTION: BENNETT'S WELL WARD, COLE WARD AND HATCHFORD WARD

RESOLVED that consideration of these vacancies be deferred to the next meeting of the Council

7590. REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman reported on the Fun Day and thanked everybody for attending and their hard work but sadly the weather had the last word. He also submitted a very kind letter of thanks from the Mayor of Solihull who had attended the event.

7591. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held 29th July 2013 were presented to the meeting. An amendment was proposed to add a specific clause to the decision regarding the request for match funding by Solihull M.B.C. in respect of a scheme for business start ups

RESOLVED i) that the clause "and the Council judge each application on its merits" be added to the relevant decision
ii) that subject to the above amendment the Minutes be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

7592. APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE ON ANOTHER BODY: HS2 COLESHILL JUNCTION COMMUNITY FORUM
RESOLVED that consideration of this appointment be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.
7593. ACCOUNTS
RESOLVED that the report listing accounts paid as submitted be approved
7594. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS
Councillor Hyde reported on a meeting of the CAF group including a form drawn up to assess eligibility for senior citizens requiring gardening. He also advised that there will be a coffee morning at Crabtree Hall in September. After discussion members asked Councillor Hyde to encourage the group to spend its environmental improvement budget on cutting back trees where necessary to assist with securing senior citizen's properties.
7595. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS
Councillor Jamieson congratulated the Council on the Fun Day and then reported on problems at a doctors' surgery in Kingshurst. He also reported on the mismanagement of the road closure to allow work to be carried out under the bridge on Chelmsley Road. Councillor F.V. Nash reported on the proposals for the old "Prince Hal" site and that a number of environmental maintenance jobs have been identified and resolved as a result of the weekly walkabout.
7596. CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BY KINGSHURST EVANGELICAL CHURCH LUNCH CLUB
The Clerk reported that he had been advised by Mr. Nicholds that the Church had received a donation from another source to meet the outstanding cost of replacing its cooker and therefore wished to withdraw its application to the Council
7597. REPLACEMENT OR REPAIR OF THE MAIN HALL FLOORING AT THE FORDBRIDGE CENTRE
The Clerk reported that he had received the confirmed cost of replacing the flooring in the main hall at the Fordbridge Centre, which amounted to £4,500.00 and asked the Council for Instructions
RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to spend up to the sum of £5,000 to replace the flooring in the main hall at the Fordbridge Centre as soon as possible
7598. CONSIDERATION OF A RESPONSE TO MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
It was agreed that the matter raised should be referred to a Borough Councillor and Councillor F.V. Nash outlined the action that she would take.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN