

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 27TH JUNE 2016

PRESENT: Councillor S. McLaughlin (in the Chair)
P. Allen
H. Bennett-Watson
K. Dooley
C. McLaughlin.
A. Nash
L. Sorrell

7996. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors Kimberley and F.V. Nash.

7997. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST FROM MEMBERS AND OTHER DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Councillors C. McLaughlin and S. McLaughlin declared an interest in item number 5 relating to the filling of casual vacancies by co-option.

7998. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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

7999. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held 9th May 2016 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

8000. CONSIDERATION OF FILLING FIVE CASUAL VACANCIES BY CO-OPTION: BENNETT'S WELL WARD, COLE WARD AND HATCHFORD WARD (3)

The Clerk reported that the appointed sub-committee had interviewed an applicant for co-option as agreed and it had recommended that he be co-opted to fill a casual vacancy.

RESOLVED i) Matthew Blackburn be co-opted to fill a vacancy on Hatchford Ward
(Mr. Blackburn declared his acceptance of

office)

(Councillors C. McLaughlin and S. McLaughlin declared an interest in this matter and did not participate in the debate)

ii) that consideration of the remaining vacancies be deferred to the next meeting of the Council

8001. REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman reported on her attendance at the investiture of Solihull's Mayor, the Civic Service and Celebration of the Queen's birthday and also Castle Bromwich Parish Council's annual Civic Service and also how much she had enjoyed them. She also reported on the Council's garden party to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday and everybody appeared to love the day.

8002. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Health and Recreation Committee held 13th June 2016 were presented to the meeting.

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

8003. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held 13th June 2016 were presented to the meeting.

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

8004. REPORT BY THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL: FUND BALANCES

The Clerk submitted a report outlining the Council's current fund balances and the surplus balance expected for the current financial year. He reported that he had sent information to members again detailing the estimated costs of early settlement of the Council's loan and he also urged caution in the light of the financial uncertainty following the recent EU referendum decision.

RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be deferred to an appropriate time when financial markets have stabilised

8005. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Councillor Allen reported on a meeting of the trustees of St. Leonard's Day Centre and a cut in funding of 50% which has again put the future of the centre in jeopardy. Clients are trying to submit a petition to reverse the cut in funds.

Councillor Sorrell reported on the latest meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee including news of another good year for the airport with 10.4M passengers. She also reported on an open day for people with mobility problems, allowing an opportunity for feedback and also details of local groups that benefit from the Community Fund.

8006. 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

