

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 27TH OCTOBER 2014

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

7753. APOLOGIES

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

7754. 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.

7755. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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

7756. MINUTES

Councillor Kimberley advised that he had declared an interest during discussion of item 7751 as a result of his position as Chairman of "Seeds of Hope" which had not been recorded in the Minutes

RESOLVED that subject to the above amendment the Minutes of the Meeting held 15th September 2014 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

7757. CONSIDERATION OF FILLING FIVE CASUAL VACANCIES BY CO-OPTION:
BENNETT'S WELL WARD, COLE WARD AND HATCHFORD WARD (3)

The Clerk submitted correspondence from a local resident expressing an interest in the work of the local Council and local politics.

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.
ii) that the sub-committee consist of Councillors Allen, Hyde, S. McLaughlin, F.V. Nash and Sorrell
iii) that further consideration of these vacancies be deferred to the next meeting of the Council

7758. REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman reported that she had attended an open meeting of the Solihull M.B.C. cabinet at which the main topic had been HS2. She also advised that she will attend the Remembrance service at Chelmsley Wood Royal British Legion

7759. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Health and Recreation Committee held 13th October 2014 were presented to the meeting.

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

7760. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held 13th October 2014 were presented to the meeting.

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

7761. ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED that the report listing accounts paid as submitted be approved

7762. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Councillor Sorrell reported on a number of issues arising from the recent meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee including a 30% increase in traffic by Flybe, the arrival of Iceland Air in February, flights to Beijing between summer and October. She also reported on the Airspace trial and six sites monitoring aircraft noise.

7763. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Councillor F.V. Nash reported that the current major issues were housing and property exchanges, litter and parking of coaches from the sports centre in Conway Road

7764. AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

The Clerk submitted correspondence from the Airport advising that the proposed changes to the Committee had been postponed to allow further consultation and it will contact the Council in due course.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write again to the Airport stressing that representation from local councils should be retained given their historical input and the importance of the Airport to the area and also nominating Councillor Sorrell to continue to represent the Council

7765. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT LAND ADJOINING CONWAY ROAD

Members were advised that details have emerged of plans to build an academy for young engineers on land adjoining Conway Road. The Clerk reported that the Council had not been formally consulted about the proposal. A report was also made that a public meeting will be held at the North Solihull Sports Centre

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the WMG Academy Trust expressing the Council's unhappiness about the lack of consultation and also suggesting the former library/register office site as an alternative suitable location

7766. CORRESPONDENCE FROM HEART OF ENGLAND NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

The Clerk submitted correspondence from Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust regarding a consultation in respect of surgery reconfiguration and offering to attend a meeting of the Council

RESOLVED i) that a representative of the Trust be invited to attend the next meeting of the Council
ii) that the Trust be urged to arrange a further public meeting in North Solihull as the other one received little publicity and occurred right at the outset of the process

7767. 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