

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 28TH JULY 2014

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

7713. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors C. McLaughlin and S. McLaughlin.

7714. TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SOLIHULL M.B.C.) TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND ANSWER QUESTIONS REGARDING PARKING ON GRASS VERGES

The Clerk advised that he had been informed that a representative from Transport and Highways would be attending the meeting, but nobody had actually attended the meeting

7715. 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.

7716. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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

7717. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meetings held 12th May 2014, 16th June 2014 and 30th June 2014 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

7718. CONSIDERATION OF FILLING FIVE CASUAL VACANCIES BY CO-OPTION: BENNETT'S WELL WARD, COLE WARD AND HATCHFORD WARD (3)

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

7719. REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

The Vice-Chairman reported on the attendance at two functions by the Chairman.

7720. STAFFING COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held 19th May 2014 were presented to the meeting.

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

7721. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Health and Recreation Committee held 30th June 2014 were presented to the meeting. The question of the changes to the Airport Consultative Committee were discussed and an amendment regarding wider representation for North Solihull was proposed.

RESOLVED i) that the Council will communicate with other local councils in North Solihull to propose wider representation for the area on the Airport's Community Consultative Committee

ii) that subject to the above amendment the Minutes be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

7722. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held 30th June 2014 were presented to the meeting.

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

7723. ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED that the report listing accounts paid as submitted be approved

7724. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Councillor Allen reported on the Annual General Meeting of the St. Leonard's Day Centre. She advised that there had been nine referrals since the last meeting, £4,500 of extra funding had been obtained and funding from Solihull M.B.C. had been secured until 31st March 2015.

7725. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Councillor F.V. Nash reported on complaints regarding pruning of trees and shrubs. She also reported on the difficulties in finding accommodation and the bidding system for people on the waiting list.

7726. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FROM THE PREVIOUS CHAIRMAN IN RESPECT OF THE CONDITIONAL ELEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE

The Clerk reported that although the previous Chairman had advised him that she had made further payments to each of her nominated charities arising from the conditional element of the allowance and would supply copies of letters of acknowledgement in due course, he had unfortunately received no further correspondence from her

RESOLVED i) that the Clerk write again to Mrs. Doyle requesting copies of correspondence that confirm the additional donations have been made.
ii) the Clerk to advise Mrs. Doyle that if no response is forthcoming it will consider taking legal advice on the matter.
iii) that the Clerk write to the two charities in question, explaining the situation and asking them to confirm if the additional donations have been made

7727. CONSIDERATION OF PLANTING ADDITIONAL SHRUBS AT THE GATEWAY SITE AT BOSWORTH DRIVE

RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Council

7728. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FUN DAY 2014

A proposal was made to allow private individuals the opportunity to have a stall at the Fun Day to sell their own goods or produce. The proposal was made to supplement those organisations which had indicated they would attend to raise awareness or funds. The Council's existing policy stipulates that the stalls should only be available to voluntary/non profit making groups.

one year only to allow private individuals to have stalls at the Fun Day on the proviso that a donation of £10 be made to the Chairman's Charity Fund

7729. CONSIDERATION OF HOLDING A SPECIAL MEETING AT THE REQUEST OF RESIDENTS OF LAMBETH CLOSE/FORTH DRIVE

RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Council

7730. PROPOSAL BY "THE YOUR WILDLIFE PROJECT"

The Clerk submitted details of a proposal by the "Your Wildlife Project" utilising land at the Fordbridge Centre to produce a wildlife area and encourage a healthy lifestyle.

RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be deferred and the organisation be invited to the next meeting to make a presentation

7731. 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 8.50 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN