

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 29TH JUNE 2015

PRESENT: Councillor F.V. Nash (in the Chair)
K. Dooley
C. McLaughlin
S. McLaughlin
A. Nash
L. Sorrell

7859. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors Allen and Bennett-Watson.

7860. SIMEON BRIGHT PROVIDING INFORMATION AND ANSWERING QUESTIONS REGARDING COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK

Simeon Bright from Ashram Housing attended the meeting to provide information and answer questions from members regarding Community Action Network. A summary of the information provided is set out in Appendix A.

7861. 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.

7862. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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

7863. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held 11th May 2015 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

7864. REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman reported briefly on her attendance at the investiture of the Mayor of Solihull.

7865. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Health and Recreation Committee held 15th June 2015 were presented to the meeting.

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

7866. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held 15th June 2015 were presented to the meeting.

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

7867. STAFFING COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meetings of the Staffing Committee held 18th May 2015 and 22nd June 2015 were presented to the meeting.

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

7868. REPORT BY THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL: ELECTRONIC SUMMONS TO COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Clerk submitted a report advising members of the legal position regarding sending electronic summons to meetings and that irrespective of the decision of the Council, individual members can elect to continue to receive a summons by post.

RESOLVED that no change be made to the existing arrangements for postal summons to meetings.

7869. ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED that the report listing accounts paid as submitted be approved

7870. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

There were no representatives' reports presented to the meeting by any member of the Council

7871. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE FROM HEART OF ENGLAND NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

The Clerk reminded members of the consultation exercise being undertaken regarding the re-configuration of surgery at Heart of England NHS Trust which had been deferred due to the general election.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Trust expressing its support for Heartlands hospital and also requesting that a flexible system be available to transport patients to and from the different sites

7872. CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDED CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

The Clerk asked members to make a couple of amendments to the agreed calendar of meetings to take account of revised leave arrangements and to include meetings of the Events Sub-Committee

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

7873. CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING NAMING OF ROAD

The Clerk submitted correspondence from a local resident suggesting that the Council support naming a road on the redeveloped site of Fordbridge School in honour of the late Anne Dunkley following her recent tragic death.

RESOLVED i) that if a request is made by Solihull M.B.C. to suggest a name then the Council will support the proposal.
ii) that the Clerk contact the school to suggest that it makes some form of permanent tribute to Mrs Dunkley.

7874. REPLACEMENT OF CIVIC INSIGNIA

The Clerk reported that it appears that the Chairman's ribbon and badge has been mislaid. The former Chairman is adamant that she had returned the badge to the Clerk who was equally adamant that he did not have it.

RESOLVED that the Chairman's ribbon and badge be replaced completely.

7875. FORDBRIDGE PRIZE PRESENTATION EVENING

The Clerk reported that two nominations for the Prize from the CTC Kingshurst Academy had been received in time and as a result a presentation evening may become a damp squib.

RESOLVED i) that the presentation evening be cancelled this year and a presentation made to the two recipients at the school
ii) that alternative arrangements be made to present a cheque to Marie Curie Solihull

7876. 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 8.35 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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APPENDIX A

Simeon Bright

Simeon indicated that he wished to invite a representative from the Council to get involved with the Community Action Network. He expressed a wish to hopefully get new groups and projects off the ground and link people to existing groups. He wished to help raise the profile of each group and help shape the direction of the groups. He indicated that the main point was to provide a link with people in the community and the primary objective was to be beneficial to the local community. He indicated that the group was needed and beneficial to the area and hoped the Town Council would get involved.

APPENDIX B

Calendar for Town Council Meetings:

17th August 2015, 19th October 2015, 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:

3rd August 2015, 28th September 2015, 16th November 2015, 11th January 2016, 22nd February 2016, 11th April 2016

Calendar for Environmental Health and Recreation Committee Meetings:

28th September 2015, 11th January 2016, 11th April 2016

Calendar for Staffing Committee and Sub-Committee Meetings:

9th November 2015, 15th February 2016

Calendar for Events Sub-Committee Meetings:

9th July 2015, 10th September 2015, 14th January 2016

Annual Parish Meeting: 16th May 2016

Christmas Tree Lights: 30th November 2015