

FORDWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 7th June 2017.

Present: Councillors Philip Lewis (chair), Val Clark, Adrian McCarthy, Roger Green. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk), Alan Marsh (KCC).

56/17 Apologies

Cllr Heren had sent apologies.

57/17 Minutes of the previous meeting

It was unanimously resolved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as tabled. They were duly signed by the chairman.

58/17 Matters arising

The chairman noted that he had had no response from the land-owner in respect of the request to site a bench by the river.

59/17 Declarations of interests

Members declared interests as follows:

- Cllr Lewis declared his position as a custodian of Fordwich church
- Cllr Clark declared her position as a custodian of the town hall
- Cllr Green declared his role with Friends of Fordwich and District and also declared his position as a trustee of Fordwich United Charities.

60/17 To receive reports from CCC and KCC representatives

Alan Marsh (KCC) reported as follows:

- He has ordered 5,000 speed limit wheelie bin signs.
- He is now chair of the KCC planning committee.
- The proposed Sturry bypass is to go to the Joint Transportation Board on the 15th. A public consultation process will follow.
- He will endeavour to obtain new Lorrywatch signage.

61/17 To receive reports from police representatives

PCSO Nathan Mullins was not present. *[Subsequent to the meeting Mr Mullins sent apologies; he had been called away to an incident.]*

62/17 To receive reports from members

The chairman reported:

- The imminent Shakespeare performances in Fordwich.
- Japanese Knotweed had been seen locally. A notice would be appearing in the Newsletter.
- He suggested Cllr Green be nominated for the Lord Mayor's Awards. This was unanimously agreed.
- We have a new rural police officer.
- We should compile an archive of historical photographs, etc.
- Parking: we should walk the relevant streets and note requirements.

Cllr Green spoke about the idea of relocating the allotments to create a car park. But Cllr McCarthy said that the owner of the proposed new allotments site has told him he was not amenable to this.

Cllr Clark said she has sent photographs of an illegally parked car to the CCC enforcement department and they had promised to send an enforcement officer to Fordwich next weekend.

63/17 Finance

The clerk reported that the cash book balance at end-April and end-May was £23,863.42. This has been reconciled to the end-April bank statement. The end-May statement has yet to be received. The April statement was produced and was signed by the chairman.

The following payments were approved:

1. Clerk May: £300.84
2. FUC (transfer of KCC lift grant): £5,000.00

The annual return has been sent to the external auditors. A routine query from them has been answered. The "notice of public rights" is on the web-site.

It was agreed to make the Westminster Flat Arm bench by Sloane and Sons the subject of a bid to release the s.106 money from CCC.

64/17 To receive the clerk's report and correspondence

The clerk tabled his report. He drew attention to:

- The CCC local governance review; there was to be an initial meeting about this on June 26th.
- Merchant Navy Day: September 3rd. We are asked to fly a red ensign.

65/17 Planning

Cllr Green reported on the Moate Farm planning appeal at which he had represented FTC and FUC. He had been disappointed in the weakness of CCC's case. The inspector's decision was expected in about four weeks' time.

66/17 Highways and footpaths

The chairman noted some paths were overgrown. The footpath warden was to contact KCC about this.

67/17 Date of next meeting

The next FTC meeting was confirmed as Wednesday June 28th. The date of the annual civic service was confirmed as Saturday November 4th.

Guy Foster

Clerk to Fordwich Town Council

Signed as a true record _____ Date: _____

Position _____