

FORDWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 28th March 2018.

Present: Councillors Philip Lewis (chair), Adrian McCarthy, Roger Green, Val Clark. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk) and four members of the public.

30/18 Apologies

Cllr Heren had sent apologies as had Georgina Glover and Heather Taylor of CCC.

31/18 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.

32/18 Matters arising

None.

33/18 Declarations of interests

Members declared interests as follows:

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

The meeting was adjourned to take comments from members of the public. Various objections were raised in connection with the planning application at the Old Rectory.

34/18 To receive reports from CCC and KCC representatives

None was present.

35/18 To receive reports from police representatives

None was present.

36/18 To receive reports from members

The chairman reported as follows:

- Thanks were due to those who helped with the town “tidy up.”
- He attended the Lord Lieutenant’s service.
- The town hall lift was nearly in operation.
- New bench: it was suggested that the clerk ring the Holdstocks before emailing to say no response within 7 days would be taken as a “yes”.
- Forthcoming events: annual town meeting May 10th; royal wedding street party May 19th; Shakespeare in the church June 7th.
- Volunteers needed for lorry watch, speed watch and car count.
- We ought to encourage more Neighbourhood Watch activity.

Cllr Clark expressed disappointment at the outcome of the parking bay requests. It was agreed FTC should resubmit for next year.

Cllr McCarthy reported that the road surface of the Drove has been repaired after a fashion but not to a very high standard. He will be speaking to the relevant people about this.

37/18 To consider making a contribution towards the servicing of the new town hall lift.

Cllr Green, having declared an interest, left the meeting.

After discussion, it was agreed that it was not appropriate to assume this kind of liability but donations would be considered in due course.

38/18 To consider a grant for the twinning association.

After discussion, it was agreed to make a donation of £125.

39/18 Finance

The clerk reported that the cash book balance at end-February was £9,709.02. The bank statement had not been received.

The following payments were approved:

1. Clerk March	£308.28
2. HMRC	£203.00
3. Kikk	£134.95
4. Dean and Chapter	£25.00
5. DCS services	£26.50*

*This represented 50% of the invoiced amount as not all the grass has yet been cut.

40/18 To receive the clerk's report and correspondence

The clerk tabled his report. He noted that the purchase of the BT phone box had been approved by BT and CCC and this item needed to be on the agenda in April.

Other items were covered elsewhere in the meeting.

41/18 Planning

Applications:

CA//18/00354 and 355 (the Old Rectory). After discussion there was unanimous agreement to object to these applications on the grounds of the inappropriate nature of the works being proposed. The chairman agreed to draft something along these lines for submission to CCC.

The grant of CA//17/02658/FUL (Apple Yard) and CA//17/02797/FUL (Footprints) was noted.

42/18 Highways and footpaths

Cllr Clark said we should put something in the newsletter reminding residents to cut back overhanging vegetation.

43/18 Date of next meeting

The next FTC meeting was confirmed as Wednesday April 25th.

Guy Foster

Clerk to Fordwich Town Council

Signed as a true record _____ Date: _____

Position _____