

## **FORDWICH TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Fordwich Town Council  
held on Thursday 2 June 2011 at Fordwich Town Hall, Fordwich

The meeting commenced at 7.35pm

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. Heren

**001/11 Confirmation of Summons:** It was confirmed that all Councillors had received their summons to attend this meeting and that the public notice had been served correctly.

**002/11 Attendance and Apologies:** Present Cllrs Patrick Heren, Andrea Russo, June Hardcastle and Roger Green. Apologies received from Cllr. Philip Lewis (absent due to injury). County Cllr. Alan Marsh was also present but City Cllr. Heather Taylor had apologised for being unable to attend

**003/11 Declaration of Interests:**

Cllr Heren declared his position as a trustee of Fordwich United Charities.

Cllr. Russo declared a personal interest in matters relating to the notice board at Brooklands Close.

Cllr. Green declared his role with Friends of Fordwich and District in matters relating to Moate Farm (item 11 on the Agenda) and the Old School Room (item 20 on the Agenda) and also declared his position as a trustee of Fordwich United Charities.

Cllr Hardcastle declared a personal interest in property off Well Lane (item 11 on the Agenda) and Christchurch sports ground (item 18 on the Agenda) and also declared her position as a trustee of Fordwich United Charities.

**004/11 Minutes**

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

**005/11 Matters arising**

There were no matters arising

**006/11 Police**

Neither PC Robin Macalpine-Downie nor PCSO Kelly Greenwood attended the meeting.

Councillors discussed the recent accident involving a car which had crashed into the wall of Woodlands in Stodmarsh Road - it had come up Well Lane and failed to stop at the junction with Stodmarsh Road. The Clerk had contacted the Police and it appeared that they did not disclose information regarding accidents.

**007/11 County and City Councillors reports**

County Cllr. Alan Marsh reported as follows:-

- in the case of applications for grants from the County Council (such as the grant for the Royal Wedding street party) the County Council would expect there to be a contribution towards the cost of the event from the Town Council and this would normally be equal to the amount of the grant from the County Council
- he would support any application for grant funding which might be made to the County Council for the provision of disabled access to the first floor of the Town Hall
- the County Council would judge whether to take action in the case of Well Lane according to the number of deaths/serious accidents in the last three

years.

City Cllr. Taylor was not present to give a report

### **008/11 Chairman's and Councillors reports**

The Chairman reported that he had spoken to the George & Dragon regarding the beacon and they had said that it was not on their land and would not object to its removal. However, the structure of the beacon looked to be sound and it would be good if it could be used in connection with the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 2012. It was agreed that Cllr. Lewis would be approached to ascertain if he had any knowledge of the whereabouts of the missing parts and, if not, then enquiries would be made to see if anyone could make the beacon operational.

He noted that the list of Mayors in the Town Hall should include Cllr.

Hardcastle

Cllr Russo reported that he had not carried out a close inspection of the works to the area by the notice board in Brooklands Close but they had improved the appearance of the area

Cllr. Hardcastle reported that anti skid notices had been put up in Moat Lane but they were some distance from the anti skid surfaces

### **009/11 Finance**

1) The following items were presented for payment :-

- a. Clerk's salary (May) : £212.90
- b. Clerk's invoice No 1 : £83.70

The Clerk reported that the grant money from the County Council in respect of the Royal Wedding street party (£400) was still awaited due to internal restructuring at KCC. Cllr.Green proposed and Cllr. Hardcastle seconded a motion that items a. and b. be paid and also that the sum of £400 be paid to the Fordwich Arms (being the amount of the KCC grant money towards the cost of the street party organised by the Fordwich Arms) as they had incurred the expenditure some weeks ago and the Town Council would be reimbursed when the grant money was received. Motion carried

2) The Clerk reported the balances on the current, reserve and bonus saver accounts and provided reconciliations in respect of the same. The balances were £1.89 on the reserve account, £6554.26 on the current account and £6939.68 on the bonus saver account.

3) Bank statements in respect of all bank accounts were sent to Cllr. Russo (and then passed to the Clerk) and he reported nothing adverse had been revealed by the statements.

4) The annual premium for renewal of the Council's policy of insurance in accordance with the sums agreed at the previous review of the insurance arrangements which took place at the meeting on 30 March was £575.56. (including IPT). This premium would include revised sums insured due to index linking and cover against the same risks.

Councillors considered the position and came to the conclusion that the insurance arrangements were satisfactory. Cllr. Russo proposed and Cllr. Green seconded a motion that the insurance be renewed on the terms previously agreed at an annual premium of £575.56 (inclusive of IPT). Motion carried.

5) In view of the large balance on the current account and expenditure which had been authorised and forthcoming expenditure Cllr. Green proposed and Cllr. Russo seconded a motion that £4000.00 be transferred from the current

account to the bonus saver account. Motion carried.

#### **010/11 Clerk's Report & Correspondence**

The Clerk reported on the following matters:

- the County Council had arranged a Parish Seminar (on highways) at Ashford on 11 July. Cllr. Russo agreed to attend.
- the state of the notice board by the Town Hall: Cllr. Heren agreed to make enquiries to ascertain who could carry out remedial works to the same.
- he had heard from Heather Newton that Councillors were invited to go to the Cathedral to see the stone fixed into the Corona chapel.

The meeting was not adjourned for public participation as there were no members of the public present.

#### **011/11 Planning**

- 1) There were no planning applications to consider
- 2) The Clerk reported that he had not heard from Canterbury City Council in respect of matters relating to Sandpit Wood, Well Lane and would again chase the City Council for a response; he had approached City Cllr. Taylor for her assistance in attempting to elicit a response from enforcement..

#### **012/11 Highways and Footpaths**

Cllr. Green reported that the light in School Lane had been fixed but was not illuminating the path.

The Clerk had circulated a letter which the City Council had received from a resident contesting a parking ticket and suggesting that there should be residents parking in Fordwich. The City Council had sought the views of the Town Council. Councillors duly considered the matter and whilst agreeing with the difficulties encountered by residents in parking in Fordwich did not favour the introduction of residents parking and thought that the retention of double yellow lines in King Street was necessary.

#### **013/11 Website**

Cllr. Heren wished to progress the setting up of the website and the Clerk was asked to review the current position.

#### **014/11 Waste Disposal**

This matter was deferred until the next meeting

#### **015/11 Badges and Chains**

This matter was deferred until the next meeting

#### **016/11 Notice Boards**

Cllr. Russo reported that he had been in touch with Susan Pratt and would be meeting with her in July in order to discuss with her how St Stephens had progressed the setting up of a history board on St Stephens Green (in relation to the proposed setting up of a history board on the quay at Fordwich).

Cllr. Hardcastle commented that she understood that grants had been obtained from Viridor in relation to the history board on St Stephens Green.

#### **017/11 Community Liaison**

This matter was deferred until the next meeting

#### **018/11 Christ Church**

Cllr. Hardcastle reported ongoing problems with students sounding their horns

#### **019/11 Twinning**

Cllr. Heren said that he would attend the forthcoming Twinning meeting in the event that Cllr. Lewis was unable to attend

***020/11 The Old School Room***

This matter was deferred until the next meeting

***021/11 Date of forthcoming meetings***

It was agreed that the next ordinary Town Council meetings would be held in the Town Hall on Tuesday 14 June and Wednesday 29 June commencing at 7.30pm

**Meeting closed at 9.30 pm**