

FORDWICH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 25th April 2018.

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

44/18 Apologies

None.

45/18 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.

46/18 Matters arising

None.

47/18 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
- Cllr Heren declared his position as a trustee and chair of Fordwich United Charities.

The meeting was adjourned to take comments from members of the public. No members of the public were present.

48/18 To receive reports from CCC and KCC representatives

For CCC, Mrs Glover reported that the planning application relating to the major development at Kingsmead was due to be considered imminently. She also reported that the city's Clean Air Plan was stirring opinions. In response to a query from the Chair, Mrs Glover said she would chase Sturry PC on the matter of the beacon and the armistice centenary.

For KCC, Mr Marsh opined that the Sturry Rd bus lane extension would be cancelled. He was unsure as to the progress on the Sturry relief road. He mentioned the recent council tax increase; no libraries have been closed in Kent and 200 more police were to be recruited.

49/18 To receive reports from police representatives

None was present.

50/18 To receive reports from members

The chairman reported as follows:

- Thanks were due to KCC for dealing with some of the pot-holes.
- Forthcoming events: annual town meeting May 10th; royal wedding street party May 19th; Shakespeare in the church June 7th.
- The new yellow lines have appeared at Brooklands Close as requested.
- Thanks to CCC for dealing with an abandoned car.
- Fifteen bags of litter were collected during the town “clean up”.
- He noted that the bin lorries would now be working from 6 a.m.
- Cllr Lewis has chased the owners of the house with the collapsing flower box near the church.
- Cllr Lewis expressed disappointment in the performance of the police in relation to a recent theft.

Cllr Heren reported that the town lift was now in operation.

Cllr McCarthy said that the road surface of the Drove would be tidied by the end of May. He noted new guidelines for dog owners were to be issued by CCC.

Cllr Clark has been working hard on arrangements for the forthcoming street party (planned for 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. on the 19th). She would be contacting the CDAA about parking and the KM for publicity.

51/18 To consider the matter of a neighbourhood plan.

After discussion, it was agreed to try and form a working group to look further into this matter.

52/18 To consider costs for the 19th May street party.

After discussion, it was agreed bear costs up to £400.

53/18 Finance

The clerk reported that the cash book balance at end-March was £8,906.29. This had been reconciled to the bank balance of £9,729.02. The bank statement was signed by the chairman.

Insurance renewal: the quote from Came & Co of £310.40 was considered and it was unanimously resolved to accept it.

KALC subscription: it was unanimously resolved to renew this.

The following payments were approved:

1. Clerk April net	£340.98
2. DCS Services (grass cutting)	£53.00
3. Came & Co (insurance)	£310.40
4. KALC subscription	£206.33

Newsletter printing: a new supplier had to be found. A quote from Micron of £20 per issue was considered and unanimously approved.

54/18 To consider the adoption of the phone box

After discussion it was agreed to defer this so that more thought could be given by members to the implications. Cllrs Heren and McCarthy had useful contacts who they would speak to.

55/18 To receive the clerk's report and correspondence

Riverside bench: the clerk had spoken to the landowners but further conversations were needed before a decision could be reached.

GDPR: the clerk updated the meeting. He was due to attend a meeting with Satswana (our DPO) in Dover which would have some cost implications.

The clerk had received some old picture postcards of Fordwich which were circulated and left with the Chair.

Other items were covered elsewhere in the meeting.

56/18 Planning

The approvals of CA//18/00194/FUL (Primrose Villa); CA//18/00259/LUP (Willow End); CA//18/00165/VAR (Westfield Annexe) were noted.

There were no new applications to consider.

57/18 Highways and footpaths

No matters were raised.

58/18 Date of next meeting

The next FTC meeting was confirmed as Wednesday May 30th at c. 7.31 p.m. This will be preceded by the annual FTC meeting at 7.30 p.m. The annual town meeting will be held on May 10th.

Guy Foster

Clerk to Fordwich Town Council

Signed as a true record _____ Date: _____

Position _____