

FORDWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 27th June 2018.

Present: Councillors Philip Lewis (chair), Adrian McCarthy, Patrick Heren, Val Clark. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk), Alan Marsh (KCC), Georgina Glover (CCC), Heather Taylor (CCC) and one member of the public.

75/18 Apologies

Cllr Green had sent apologies.

76/18 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.

77/18 Matters arising

Cllr Lewis raised the matter of the beacon. Sturry PC are working on it but await planning permission to site it on the green.

78/18 Declarations of interests

Members declared interests as follows:

- Cllr Lewis declared his position as a custodian of Fordwich church
- Cllr Heren declared his position as a trustee and chair of Fordwich United Charities.
- Cllr Clark declared her position as a custodian of the town hall

79/18 To receive reports from CCC and KCC representatives

For CCC, Mrs Glover reported on planning committee matters and said a new dog waste bin was on the way. Mrs Taylor said some litter picking had been carried out locally. Cllr Lewis said more needed to be done and Mrs Taylor said she would report this.

For KCC, Mr Marsh said he had nothing of local significance to report. He is to attend the local government conference next week.

80/18 To receive reports from police representatives

None was present. The clerk noted we have a new PCSO, a Mr Chris Healy.

81/18 To receive reports on the new web-site

The chairman reported the new web-site is nearly ready for launch.

82/18 To receive reports from members.

The chairman reported as follows:

- The grass cutting man has withdrawn from the arrangement. He has said he will recommend someone else.
- He distributed daft invitation lists for the civic service for comment.
- He also distributed a draft questionnaire on local issues for comment.
- The local neighbourhood watch person had now decided to continue in post.
- Various footpaths need undergrowth cleared.

Cllr Heren reported record numbers of visitors to their local open garden day. Many of these had also visited the town hall.

Cllr Clark spoke about the recent traffic accident at Primrose Villa. She also asked about progress on the Freeman's medallion and Cllr Heren said he would look into it.

Cllr McCarthy noted the issue of the overgrown churchyard trees.

83/18 Finance

The clerk reported that the cash book balance at end-May was £13,842.28. This had been reconciled to the bank balance of £14,836.91. The bank statement was signed by the chairman.

The following payments were approved:

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| 1. Clerk June net | £353.64 |
| 2. Cllr Lewis (newsletter printing) | £40.00 |

An invoice had been received from Emagine for the balance of the work on the web-site but it was unanimously resolved not to pay this until the new web-site had been satisfactorily reviewed and found to be finished as per the specification.

It was suggested we buy more flags and this was unanimously approved in principle. They will cost around £60 each.

84/18 To receive the clerk's report and correspondence

The clerk reported that he had registered FTC with the ICO. The annual cost was £40 and he had reclaimed this as part of his expenses.

He had not chased the land owner in respect of the new bench. He will do this in due course.

85/18 Planning

There were no planning items on the agenda. Application CA/18/01183/FUL had been received too late for the agenda and was briefly discussed. There were no objections.

86/18 Highways and footpaths

No further discussion.

87/18 Date of next meeting

The next FTC meeting was confirmed as Wednesday July 25th at 7.30 p.m.

Guy Foster

Clerk to Fordwich Town Council

July 12th 2018.

Signed as a true record _____ Date: _____

Position _____