

# **FORDWICH TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018.**

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

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### **59/18 Apologies**

Cllr Clark had sent apologies.

### **60/18 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.

### **61/18 Matters arising**

Cllr Lewis raised the matter of the beacon. Mrs Glover said she would chase Sturry PC about this.

Cllr Lewis asked about the surface of the Drove. Cllr McCarthy said there was no further news; one needed to keep it under review.

Riverside bench: the clerk reported he had spoken to the land owner and was awaiting a further call to fix a site meeting. The clerk and/or chairman will chase. It was pointed out that the cycle path in this area was becoming dangerous due to erosion. It was suggested we contact the relevant cabinet member at KCC.

### **62/18 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 Heren declared his position as a trustee and chair of Fordwich United Charities.

### **63/18 To receive reports from CCC and KCC representatives**

For CCC, Mrs Glover reported on mayor making and the approval of the planning application at the Barratt's site near the Westgate.

For KCC, Mr Marsh opined that the Sturry relief road may never be built due to lack of funding.

## **64/18 To receive reports from police representatives**

None was present.

## **65/18 To receive reports from members**

**The chairman** reported as follows:

- Thanks to those who helped with the recent street party.
- He has attended various mayor making and sea-blessing ceremonies recently.
- He has drafted a Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire which he will circulate.
- There appears to some kind of workshop business going on at a residential address in Fordwich Road. He has contacted Sturry PC about this and will contact CCC.
- He suggested buying a new union flag (c. £72) and perhaps other flags too. All thought this a good idea.

**Cllr Heren** reported an incident of trespass on his jetty..

**Cllr McCarthy** was concerned about motorcyclists using the cycle path. It seems this has been happening for a long time and there is little one can do to stop it. In this connection, it was mentioned that PCSOs are supposed to attend parish/town council meetings at least quarterly. The clerk will chase this up.

**Cllr Green** reported on a successful street party and traffic meeting. A public survey was warranted in respect of the latter.

## **70/18 GDPR: update and implications.**

The clerk had tabled a report. In summary, he said there were two outstanding issues for FTC:

1. Should FTC register with the ICO?
2. Given their recent erratic performance and the amendment to the GDPR legislation such that the likes of FTC were not required to have a Data Protection Officer, should FTC seek to end its relationship with Satswana Ltd.?

After discussion, it was unanimously resolved that the answer to both these questions is "yes".

## **72/18 Planning**

No applications were on the agenda but as CA/18/00943/FUL (1 Westfield Cottages) fell between meetings, it was discussed. There were no objections.

The refusal of CA//18/00354/FUL and CA//18/00355/LB (both the Old Rectory) was noted.

**66/18 Finance**

The clerk reported that the cash book balance at end-March was £14,630.58. This had been reconciled to the bank balance of £15,475.31. The bank statement was signed by the chairman.

The following payments were approved:

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| 1. Clerk May net                                | £401.12 |
| 2. Cllr Clark (street party and other expenses) | £362.19 |
| 3. Dean and Chapter (archive storage)           | £25.00  |

**67/18 Annual return 2017/18:** to consider the governance statement

The annual governance statement was reviewed and it was unanimously resolved to adopt it. It was duly signed by the chairman and the clerk.

**68/18 Annual return 2017/18:** to consider the accounts

The accounts and supporting analysis was tabled by the clerk and discussed. There was a deficit of £8,926 which had arisen almost entirely due to the timing of grants from KCC for FUC in respect of the town hall lift. After discussion, it was unanimously resolved to accept the accounts and they were signed by the chairman and clerk.

**69/18 To consider the adoption of the phone box**

After discussion it was agreed to defer this until September.

**71/18 To receive the clerk's report and correspondence**

All items were covered elsewhere in the meeting.

**73/18 Highways and footpaths**

It was reported that various hedgerows are overgrown.

**74/18 Date of next meeting**

The next FTC meeting was confirmed as Wednesday June 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.

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**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Fordwich Town Council*

June 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.

Signed as a true record \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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