

FORDWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 5th August 2013.

Present: Councillors Patrick Heren (chair), Andrea Russo, Philip Lewis. Guy Foster (clerk). In attendance: Alan Marsh (KCC) and two members of the public.

85/13. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Green and Hardcastle and also from Heather Taylor (CCC) and PCSO Jo White.

86/13 Minutes of the previous meeting

The June minutes were approved as tabled.

87/13 Matters arising

None.

88/13 Declarations of interest

Cllr Heren declared his position as a trustee of Fordwich United Charities.
Cllr. Lewis declared his position as a member of the JCC.

At this juncture the meeting was adjourned to allow comments from members of the public. No comments were forthcoming.

89/13 To consider the Canterbury District Plan.

Cllr Heren had drafted a proposed response to CCC which was circulated to members. This was in line with the response tabled and minuted at the previous meeting. After discussion, it was resolved to send this response to CCC, subject to some minor amendments which the clerk would circulate to members for their final approval.

90/13 To receive reports from KCC and CCC representatives.

For KCC, Mr Marsh commented that it was very uncertain as to how much of the Canterbury Plan would actually be implemented, not least because of highways issues which were the responsibility of KCC. There were issues of infrastructure and affordability.

Mr Marsh asked to be kept fully briefed on the matter of the proposed Town Hall lift.

No CCC representative was present.

91/13 To consider reports from police representatives.

No police representatives were present.

92/13 To consider the Chairman's and Councillors' reports.

Cllr Heren reported that he had attended the Confirmation of Mayor Deputies at Sandwich and sworn fealty.

Following the transfer of PC Robin McAlpine-Downie to duties in Margate, Cllr Russo proposed that FTC write to him, thanking him for his years of service. This was unanimously agreed. Clerk to draft.

Cllr Lewis reported that Canoe Wild had voiced concerns at pedestrian safety around the area of the "wallow". It was agreed that if this were an issue, then it would be a matter for Fordwich United Charities.

Cllr Lewis also reported that the Well Lane potholes had been filled but not to the highest of standards and the repairs would probably not last too long.

93/13 Finance

The Clerk reported the cash book and bank balances as:

Current account: £9,677.30
Bonus saver account: £3,906.02

The following items were approved for payment:

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| • Clerk's salary (net of tax) and expenses for July | £305.37 |
| • Ditto for August but cheque post-dated to 31 st August | £282.29 |
| • KiKK (web-site update) | £60.00 |
| • Friends of Fordwich (transfer of CCC grant) | £800.00 |

It was noted that of the KiKK payment, £50 related to the Town Hall booking form, an expense more properly paid by FUC and the refund by FUC of this amount to FTC should be forthcoming in due course.

The clerk noted that the CCC RAMP grant money had not been received by the date of the last bank statement. He would chase if necessary.

94/13 Clerk's report and correspondence

KCC letter re reduced street lighting: the meeting was generally in favour of this initiative but the clerk was asked to try and find out what the implications were for Fordwich.

Letter from Local Government Boundary Commission: this was a matter for public consultation re the number of CCC members. The meeting did not express any views.

95/13 Planning

The approval of application CA//13/00991/LB was noted.

National Grid Richborough Connection Project: Cllr Heren had circulated a proposed response. After discussion, it was resolved to accept this wording, subject to some minor changes which Cllr Heren would make before forwarding the final version to the clerk for submission to National Grid and circulation to members. The thrust of the wording was very much in line with that tabled and minuted at the previous meeting.

96/13 Highways and footpaths

The transport of a large "mobile" home to a local site had recently caused the blockage of Stodmarsh Rd. This matter, and its implications, was noted for further discussion.

Cllr Lewis noted that the footpath at the bottom of Well Lane still needed clearing. The clerk to bring this to the attention of KCC.

97/13 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for September 25th at 7.30 pm in the town hall.

The meeting concluded at 9.05 p.m.

Guy Foster

Clerk to Fordwich Town Council

August 6th 2013.

Signed as a true record _____ Date: _____

Position _____