

FORDWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 24th July 2019.

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

80/19 Apologies

None.

81/19 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.

82/19 Matters arising

None.

83/19 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 chair of Fordwich United Charities.

The meeting was adjourned for members of the public to speak.

Parking: this issue was raised with reference in particular to a car which is regularly parked just to the Sturry side of the bridge. FTC is making representations to CCC on this matter. The annual CCC review of parking restrictions is in February.

84/19 To receive reports from CCC and KCC representatives

For KCC, Alan Marsh was dismayed to discover that James Brokenshire MP had just left his ministerial post.

For CCC, Mrs Glover reported that the Goose Farm planning application has been rejected. The result of the judicial review of the Hoplands development is imminent.

Waste services are soon to be no longer contracted to SERCO but will be run “in house”. The same may be true for council housing where there have recently been well-publicised problems with the current provider.

85/19 To receive reports from police representatives

No police representatives were present.

86/19 To receive reports from members.

Cllr Heren reported on an aggressive reaction from the Fordwich Arms to a car parked by a resident. He wondered if FUC should seek to restrict parking in the road outside the town hall.

The chairman reported that he had met with the Fordwich Arms’ proprietors to discuss arrangements for the civic service. This was a positive meeting. A proposal as to cost was awaited. In addition, the Fordwich Arms have agreed to the May 8th street party and to helping with the Christmas tree.

The chairman also noted the successful road sweep by SERCO recently. Apparently they will do this on the first Monday of the month from now on.

A defibrillator in the phone box has been suggested. It remains to be seen how much support there is for this idea.

Clive Wren has resigned as tree warden. An advertisement for a replacement will be placed in the newsletter.

There will be an election on August 15th to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Cllr Clark.

Cllr McCarthy will send details of road signs being blocked by vegetation to the clerk. He will also send pictures of the dangerous state of repair of the bridge. He noted that the pavement opposite the George and Dragon was in very poor condition. He noted water mains leaks in the Drove (soon to be repaired) and in Spring Lane. Southern Water will not replace water mains here as they claim they are private roads.

87/19 Finance

The cash book balance at end-June was £13,375.13. This has been reconciled to the bank balance of £13,669.53.

The following items for payment were approved:

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| 1. Clerk July net | £375.61 |
| 2. Clerk August net (post-dated) | £375.61 |
| 3. Loxley Group Ltd. (newsletter) | £30.00 |

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| 4. Canterbury City Council – election expenses | £70.97 |
| 5. Dean and Chapter (archive storage) | £30.00 |

88/19 To receive the clerk’s report and correspondence

The clerk noted that we have lost our voluntary KCC warden. KCC are going to try and find a replacement.

At the chairman’s request, the clerk had written to the residents at Byway house to point out that they might need planning permission for significant works. A reply has just been received saying that these works are effectively repairs and not alterations.

Other items in the clerk’s report had been dealt with elsewhere in the meeting.

89/19 Planning

The refusal of CA//19/01087/FC (Marleybrook Tree Nursery) was noted.

There were no new applications to consider.

90/19 Highways and footpaths

No further discussion.

91/18 Date of next meeting

The next FTC meeting was confirmed as Wednesday September 25th 2019 at 7.30 pm.

Guy Foster

Clerk to Fordwich Town Council

July 31st 2019.

Signed as a true record _____ Date: _____

Position _____