

# **FORDWICH TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022.**

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

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### **84/22 Apologies**

Cllrs Connolly and Thompson had sent apologies as had Alan Marsh (KCC) and Louise Harvey-Quirke (CCC).

### **85/22 Minutes of the previous meeting**

It was unanimously resolved to accept the minutes of the June meeting as tabled.

### **86/22 Matters arising**

None

### **87/22 Declarations of interests**

- Cllr Green declared his role with Friends of Fordwich and District and also declared his position as a trustee of Fordwich United Charities.
- Cllr Lewis declared his position as a custodian of Fordwich church

### **88/22 To receive reports from representatives of CCC and KCC**

Georgina Glover (CCC) reported that changes in arrangements at Canenco should make it easier and cheaper to get new bins and to lodge complaints of missed collections, etc.

The housing of Ukraine refugees is working well.

The future of the market in St George's Place is undecided.

The old CCC offices are up for sale.

Free summer bus passes will be available for certain groups of people.

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The meeting was adjourned for questions and comments from members of the public. The following points were raised:

- Rose Cottage: there were concerns as to the effect of business activities here, given the recent licence application. FTC has made enquiries and believes there will be very little activity of the sort that might have an impact on neighbours.

- It seems that one more than one occasion, neighbours have not been notified of planning applications. Georgina Glover will take this up with CCC.
- The Old Rectory: despite never having received permission to change a meadow into a garden, it appears the owners have been doing exactly that. The clerk will check the original planning application and lodge a notification with CCC.
- Fire hydrants: the clerk has spent some time investigating but has had no clear response as to any statutory requirement as to numbers but apparently some existing hydrants are not working. The clerk will undertake further investigations to see why these have not been mended.

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### **89/22 To receive a report from the neighbourhood plan steering group**

The 2022/23 grant application of £3,661 has been successful. Workshops to look at NP objectives in five areas of the plan have been going well. Many thanks to the NP team for their hard work.

### **90/22 Planning**

The grant of CA/22/01023 (Eastfields LDC) was noted.

### **91/22 To receive the Chairman's and Councillors' Reports**

Cllr McCarthy referred to recent correspondence with CCC in respect of the public litter bins. He believes the issue has been resolved and daily inspections have been promised.

Moate Farm planning appeal: CCC are currently unable to say what evidence they will be putting forward.

George and Dragon: the manager will try and prevent the anti-social behaviour on the jetty. The boat house is looking very dilapidated and the main building could also do with some work; the clerk was asked to write to the owners about this.

There was some uncertainty as to the law requiring the owners of listed buildings to maintain their properties. Mrs Glover will look into this.

### **92/22 Finance**

The clerk reported that the cash book balance at 1<sup>st</sup> July was £14,940.31. This has been reconciled to the bank statement figure of £15,732.75.

The following payments were unanimously approved:

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| 1. Guy Foster – July salary and expenses, net             | £383.09 |
| 2. Guy Foster – August salary and expenses net post-dated | £383.09 |

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| 3. Dean and Chapter (archive storage)          | £30.00 |
| 4. Roger Green (replaces two returned cheques) | £96.09 |

**93/22 To receive the clerk's report and correspondence**

CCC Capital Grant: this was discussed. A likely project is a shed in the churchyard. This can be given further consideration as the deadline for applications is some way off.

**94/22 To acknowledge the CCC Parish Charter**

The meeting duly recognised the update to the Charter.

**95/22 Highways and footpaths**

A bollard has been damaged. This has been reported.

**96/22 Date of next meeting**

This was confirmed as Wednesday September 28<sup>th</sup> in the town hall at 7.30 pm.

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**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Fordwich Town Council*

August 1<sup>st</sup> 2022.

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

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