

FORDWICH TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2019.

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

66/19 Apologies

None.

67/19 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.

68/19 Matters arising

None.

69/19 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. No matters were raised.

70/19 To receive reports from CCC and KCC representatives

Louise Harvey-Quirke had taken up the issue of a new 20 mph speed limit with CCC officers but this was a matter for KCC. Alan Marsh said that no funds were available for new speed limits.

It was pointed out to Mr Marsh that the drain repairs in Fordwich Road were of poor quality.

There was discussion of the bridge repairs and barriers. Cllr McCarthy to send a photograph to Mr Marsh.

Mr Marsh had a large scale map of the proposed Sturry relief road. He is not happy with it. Much discussion ensued.

71/19 To receive reports from police representatives

No police representatives were present.

77/19 Planning

Application CA//19/01087/FC (Marleybrook Tree Nursery): after discussion it was resolved to object to this on the grounds that the building was inappropriately high for its setting and access is poor.

72/19 To consider the matter of access to the lakes

The proposal from the land owner is that local people will be given a key in exchange for a £15 deposit. This proposal was endorsed by the meeting.

73/19 To consider arrangements for grass cutting

Cllr Lewis is awaiting quotes. The meeting unanimously resolved to authorize Cllr Lewis to accept a quote up to £50 per cut.

74/19 To receive reports from members.

Cllr McCarthy is to email Alan Marsh again about the issue of road markings.

Cllr Green reported that the pot-holes in the road by the town hall have been repaired by FUC but complete resurfacing will be required in due course. The Open Gardens day went well, raising nearly £700 for charity.

The chairman reported as follows:

- As the meeting knows, Cllr Clark has resigned. Her resignation letter was read. It appears that there will be an election to fill the vacancy. There was an issue as to whether FTC wishes CCC to issue ballot cards. It was unanimously resolved to ask them to do this.
- Cllr McCarthy will attend the “confirmation in office” ceremony at Sandwich on July 12th.
- CCC have responded to our complaint about the wall fronting the vacant High St plot but are taking no action at present.

75/19 Finance

The cash book and bank balance at end-May was £14,103.14.

The following items for payment were approved:

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| 1. Clerk June net | £375.61 |
| 2. The Loxley Group (newsletter printing) | £47.00 |
| 3. HMRC (PAYE April/May/June) | £247.40 |

It was noted that half of the Loxley Group charge relates to an FUC item and FUC will reimburse FTC in due course.

76/19 To receive the clerk's report and correspondence

The clerk reported that he has spoken to the land owner with regard to the eroded cycle path opposite the George and Dragon. He is well aware of the issue and is liaising with the various interested parties to agree on the best form of remedial action.

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

78/19 Highways and footpaths

No further discussion.

79/18 Date of next meeting

The next FTC meeting was confirmed as Wednesday **July 24th** 2019 at 7.30 pm. **It should be noted that this is a change from the usual schedule.**

Guy Foster

Clerk to Fordwich Town Council

July 7th 2019.

Signed as a true record _____ Date: _____

Position _____