

**FORDWICH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

Present: Councillors Adrian McCarthy (chair), Geoff Connolly, Sue Thompson. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk), Alan Marsh (KCC), Louise Harvey-Quirke (CCC) and two members of the public.

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**70/22 Apologies**

Cllrs Green and Lewis had sent apologies as had Georgina Glover of CCC.

**71/22 Minutes of the previous meeting**

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

**72/22 Matters arising**

None

**73/22 Declarations of interests**

None.

**74/22 To receive reports from representatives of CCC and KCC**

Louise Harvey-Quirke (CCC) spoke of the impending closure of the Sturry Rd park and ride for two years. She also mentioned the proposal to end 6<sup>th</sup> form tuition at Spires. The St George's St renovations are going ahead with the future of the market out for consultation. She is writing to Sustrans about their proposal for the cycle path.

Alan Marsh (KCC) is working with Rolls Royce plc on nuclear power plans. KCC are looking at plans to reduce council tax. Alan is working on a scheme to replace the terminated No. 7 bus route.

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

- The wall in the High St needs work to replace missing coping stones. This has been discussed at a previous FTC meeting. Cllr McCarthy undertook to speak to a contractor.

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### **75/22 To receive a report from the neighbourhood plan steering group**

Cllr Thompson presented the NP budget for 2022/23 which showed a grant application of £3,661. This was unanimously approved. Workshops are underway to look at NP objectives in five areas of the plan.

### **76/22 Planning**

Applications CA/22/01231 (Brett's site LDC) and CA/22/01023 (Eastfields LDC) were considered. There were no comments as these are technical matters.

### **77/22 To consider the licence application at Rose Cottage**

There were no objections to this application but there were queries as to whether a planning application would be needed for change of use at the property. No such application has yet been submitted. There were also concerns as to why this application had not been notified directly to FTC by CCC. Louise Harvey-Quirke said she would look into this.

### **78/22 To consider arrangements for the civic service.**

The clerk has circulated last year's guest list for comment and amendment. He asked for any changes to be advised urgently as he would shortly be sending out the invitations. There was discussion about the location for post-service tea. Cllr McCarthy undertook to speak to the George and Dragon about this.

### **79/22 To receive the Chairman's and Councillors' Reports**

Cllrs Connolly and Thompson had attended a meeting with Sustrans about their proposed changes to the cycle track. Sustrans want the path to be used more and if they can encourage this, they feel it will dissuade illegal users. It was agreed it would be a good idea to organise a walk of the route. Maintenance of the path is difficult as Sustrans have no money for this.

Cllr Connolly referred to the mess on the roadway outside the Fordwich Arms. This is clearly a matter for FUC and Cllr McCarthy has been told it is in hand. Cllr Connolly is still looking into the detail of the relationship between FUC and FTC.

Cllr McCarthy proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Lewis for his efforts in organising the excellent jubilee celebrations which all agreed had been a great success. The recent Open Gardens day had also gone well. He asked Louise Harvey-Quirke if she could look into the question of retrospective parking tickets.

He felt we should have the Parish Charter on the next FTC agenda.

He has spoken to the leader of CCC about the Moate Farm appeal but it was unclear as to what evidence CCC would be presenting to it.

There has been a good deal of anti-social behaviour at the George and Dragon. Cllr McCarthy will speak to the manager about this and asked the clerk to contact our PCSO to ask him to talk to her too.

### **80/22 Finance**

The clerk reported that the cash book balance at 31<sup>st</sup> May was £16,404.64. This has been reconciled to the bank statement figure of £19,559.08. Both figures reflect the receipt of the 2022/23 precept.

The following payments were unanimously approved:

1. Guy Foster – June salary and expenses, net	£382.89
2. Loxley Group Ltd (printing)	£30.00
3. HMRC: PAYE April-June	£258.80
4. Adrian McCarthy (tent purchase)	£629.00
5. Mrs V. Clark (newsletter postage)	£134.64

### **81/22 To receive the clerk's report and correspondence**

All issues in the clerk's report had been dealt with elsewhere in the meeting.

### **82/22 Highways and footpaths**

Some yellow lines have been repainted.

### **83/22 Date of next meeting**

This was confirmed as Wednesday July 27<sup>th</sup> in the town hall at 7.30 pm.

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### **Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Fordwich Town Council*

July 6<sup>th</sup> 2022.

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

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