

FORDWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Town Council meeting of Fordwich Town Council held on Thursday 19 May 2011 at Fordwich Town Hall, Fordwich

The meeting commenced at 7.40pm

001/11/A Elections

The meeting was opened by Cllr. Hardcastle as retiring chairman. Cllr. Lewis nominated Cllr. Heren as Chairman/Mayor and Cllr Russo seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Cllr. Heren, having indicated his willingness to stand, was duly elected as Chairman/Mayor.

Cllr. Heren then took the chair as the new chairman.

Cllr. Heren nominated Cllr. Russo as Vice Chairman/Deputy Mayor and Cllr. Lewis seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Cllr. Russo, having indicated his willingness to stand, was duly elected as Vice Chairman/Deputy Mayor.

Cllr. Heren signed the Declaration of Acceptance of office of Chairman which was witnessed by the Clerk and all councillors signed Declarations of Acceptance of office which were witnessed by the Clerk.

Cllr. Heren expressed his thanks to Cllr. Hardcastle for all her hard work and dedication whilst Chairman and also expressed his thanks to past Town Councillor John Clark for his hard work and dedication during the time that he was a Town Councillor

002/11/A Confirmation of Summons:

It was confirmed that all Councillors had received their summons to attend this meeting and that the public notice had been served correctly.

003/11/A Attendance and Apologies:

Present Cllrs Patrick Heren, Andrea Russo, June Hardcastle, Philip Lewis and Roger Green.

004/11/A Declaration of Interests:

Cllr. Heren declared his position as a trustee of Fordwich United Charities Cllr Hardcastle declared a personal interest in property off Well Lane (item 014 on the Agenda) and Christchurch playing fields (item 021 on the agenda) and also declared her position as a trustee of Fordwich United Charities.

Cllr. Lewis declared his position as a member of the JCC

Cllr. Green declared his role with Friends of Fordwich and District in matters relating to the Old School Room (item 023 on the agenda) and Moate Farm (item 014 on the Agenda) and also declared his position as a trustee of Fordwich United Charities.

005/11/A Minutes

This matter was deferred.

006/11/A Matters arising

There were no matters arising

007/11/A Appointments

Cllr. Hardcastle proposed and Cllr. Russo seconded the appointment of Cllr. Lewis as the Town Council's representative on the Sturry, Fordwich and District/Aire Sur La Lys Twinning Association. Motion carried

008/11/A Chairman's Allowance

Cllr. Green proposed and Cllr. Lewis seconded a motion that the Chairman's

Allowance should be in the sum of £500. Motion carried.

009/11/A Inventory and Asset Register

Cllr. Lewis proposed and Cllr. Green seconded a motion approving the inventory and asset register. Motion carried

010/11/A Police

There were no representatives of Kent Police present at the meeting.

The meeting was not adjourned for public participation as no member of the public wished to speak.

011/11/A Finance

It was agreed that approval of the accounts and consideration of the insurance and banking arrangements would be deferred to the next meeting. It was noted that a cheque had been drawn in favour the Fordwich Arms in the sum of £20 for sandwiches at the annual Town meeting on 17 May – Cllr. Lewis proposed and Cllr. Green seconded a motion ratifying the drawing of this cheque. Motion carried

012/11/A Chairman's and Councillors reports

Cllr. Hardcastle suggested there should be a review of the outstanding planning matters and also that the planning position with regard to the Christchurch sports ground and the churchyard wall should be revisited. There were no other reports from the Chairman and Councillors which were not dealt with under other items on the agenda.

013/11/A Clerk's Report & Correspondence

This matter was deferred to the next meeting.

014/11/A Planning

There were two applications to consider:-

- planning application CA/11/00627/TAM : replacement of telegraph pole at White Jade, Spring Lane, Fordwich.

- application to carry out tree works at the Old Rectory, Spring Lane, Fordwich as detailed in a letter from Canterbury City Council dated 12 May

No objections were raised by Councillors to either application.

015/11/A Highways and Footpaths

It was noted that Councillors had agreed to undertake a review of highways and footpaths

016/11/A Website

Cllr. Heren agreed to contact Neat! with regard to the website which was intended to provoke interest and appeal to both Fordwich residents and also people outside Fordwich

017/11/A Waste disposal

Cllr. Hardcastle commented that different refuse bags were now being circulated by the City Council following complaints being made but the quality of the bags was poor. The personal collection service was poor.

018/11/A Badges and Chains

Cllr. Hardcastle suggested that a sinking fund might be established for the repair of badges and chains.

019/11/A Notice Boards

Cllr. Russo was to pursue the matter of a history board on Fordwich quay.
Cllr. Green mentioned that there was a notice board inside the lobby of the Old School Room.

020/11/A Community Liaison & Community matters

Cllr. Hardcastle had liaised with the residents of Romany Green Acres and Moate Farm in her personal capacity.

021/11/A Christchurch

Cllr. Hardcastle reported that originally there had been some 650 students at the University but now that were in excess of 20,000 students. A new Principal of the University had recently been appointed.

022/11/A Twinning

Cllr. Hardcastle and her husband had visited Aire Sur La Lys on 14 May with the Twinning Association.

023/11/A Old School Room

Roger Green, in his capacity as the chairman of Friends of Fordwich and District, stated that works to the Old School Room were ongoing.

022/11/A Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next Town Council meeting should be held on 2 June in the Town Hall commencing at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm