

# **FORDWICH TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2015.**

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

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### **109/15 Apologies**

Cllrs Clark and Green had sent apologies.

### **110/15 Minutes of the previous meeting**

It was unanimously resolved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as tabled, without amendment. They were duly signed by the chairman.

### **111/15 Matters arising**

No matters were raised.

### **112/15 Declarations of interest**

Members declared interests as follows:

- Cllr Heren declared his position as a trustee of Fordwich United Charities
- Cllr Lewis declared his position as a custodian of Fordwich church.

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**At this point the meeting was adjourned to hear comments from members of the public. No matters were raised**

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### **119/15 Planning**

Cllr Heren updated the meeting on correspondence with CCC in respect of recent works at Moate Farm. He had been impressed with the new Enforcement Officer, Mr David Bloom, albeit Mr Bloom felt unable to take any action at present. But he was keeping a close eye on developments and was clearly receptive to local feedback on the matter.

Cllr Lewis noted the delay in a decision on application CA/14/02650 (The Old Rectory). The clerk would see if he could ascertain the reason for the delay.

### **115/15 To consider local sewage problems**

There was discussion on the overflow problems in Brooklands Close and on the wider issue of sewage infrastructure and how this was dealt with in the draft local plan. Following similar discussion at the previous meeting, the clerk had written to CCC whose reply had been circulated to FTC members. It was agreed to write to Southern Water on these matters and possibly to CCC once again and to the planning inspector who was dealing with the Canterbury plan.

### **113/15 To receive reports from KCC and CCC representatives**

Alan Marsh of KCC raised the matter of the town hall lift. Cllr Heren said this would be on the agenda for the next FUC meeting. Cllr McCarthy said he had spoken to someone at the National Lottery Heritage Fund and he felt the prospects for a grant from that source were good.

Mr Marsh said pantomime tickets were still available for the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of December, all at 2 pm except for the 19<sup>th</sup> which was at 2.30 pm.

Mr Marsh confirmed that the results of the KCC boundary review would be announced in January.

Mrs Glover of CCC had no specific items relevant to Fordwich to bring to the meeting's attention. She said she intended to walk around Fordwich to improve her knowledge of the area.

### **114/15 To consider reports from police representatives**

PCSO Jo White was unable to attend the meeting. It was noted that she had written to the clerk to say she was moving to a new position and she had no news as to her replacement.

### **116/15 To receive reports from members**

Cllr Heren reported that arrangements for the civic service were in place. We would be joined by members of the local Sea Cadets.

Cllr Heren also reported that 25 tickets had been distributed to date for the Remembrance Day service.

It was noted that following the decision to give the beacon to Sturry Parish Council, the beacon had now been moved.

**117/15 Finance**

The clerk reported the cash book and bank balances at today's date as:

Current account: £13,546.32

Bonus saver account: £3,959.83

The bank statements were signed by the chairman.

The following were approved for payment:

- Clerk's salary (net of tax) and expenses for September £295.42

Civic service costs: it was resolved to bear the reasonable costs of the civic service which were currently estimated to be £250 for teas and £80 for flowers.

**118/15 Clerk's report and correspondence**

The clerk tabled papers relating to the KALC AGM. Other items had been covered elsewhere in the meeting.

**120/15 Highways and footpaths**

There was no further discussion at this juncture.

**121/15 Date of next meeting**

This was confirmed as November 25<sup>th</sup>.

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**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Fordwich Town Council*

October 31<sup>st</sup> 2015.

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

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