

# **FORDWICH TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2016.**

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

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### **98/16 Apologies**

None.

### **99/16 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.

### **100/16 Matters arising**

None.

### **101/16 Declarations of interests**

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
- Cllr Clark declared her position as a custodian of the town hall
- Cllr Green declared his role with Friends of Fordwich and District and also declared his position as a trustee of Fordwich United Charities.

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**At this point the meeting was adjourned to hear comments from members of the public.**

No issues were raised.

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### **102/16 To consider the application for a goods vehicle operator's licence at Moate Farm.**

On August 4<sup>th</sup> a notice had been published of an application for an operator's licence at Moate Farm for "one vehicle, no trailer". After much discussion, it was unanimously resolved to object to this application on grounds including:

- No planning permission exists at this site for business use
- The local roads are unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles
- A residential environment is unsuited to goods vehicle operations
- The finances of the applying company, SE Driveways Ltd., appear to be inadequate to support such an application.

The clerk was duly requested to draft a letter along these lines to the Transport Commissioner with copies to the applicant's company and in person. The clerk was also requested to find out whether the 21 day deadline for objections could be extended and whether it was possible to see the full details of the application.

#### **103/16 To receive reports from CCC and KCC representatives**

Neither of the representatives had anything further to report.

#### **104/16 To receive reports from police representatives**

No police representative was present.

#### **105/16 To receive the chairman and councillors' reports.**

Cllr Clark suggested that our Flood Warden should receive the River Group email updates. The clerk said he didn't think he had an email address for the flood warden and would be pleased if someone could supply this.

It was reported that the George and Dragon and Canoe Wild are telling people (staff, in the case of the pub) to park in Brooklands Close. Clearly whilst not illegal, this is undesirable. Cllr McCarthy undertook to speak to a senior member of staff at the pub about this.

#### **106/16 Finance**

There were no payments to be made. The clerk reported that the cash book balance at the end of July was £21,699.79 which had been reconciled to the current account bank balance of £22,348.87. The deposit account had now been closed.

#### **107/16 Clerk's report and correspondence**

The matter of road repairs to the Drove was raised. The clerk had had no reply from Mr Neame on this subject. The clerk would chase him and Cllr McCarthy would also speak to him.

#### **108/16 Planning**

There were no planning matters to be considered.

#### **109/16 Highways and footpaths**

No further discussion at this juncture.

**110/16 Date of next meeting**

The next FTC meeting was confirmed as Wednesday September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.

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**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Fordwich Town Council*

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

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