

# **FORDWICH TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2016.**

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

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In the absence of Cllr Lewis, Cllr Heren took the chair.

### **82/16 Apologies**

Cllrs Lewis and McCarthy had sent apologies.

### **83/16 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.

### **84/16 Matters arising**

None.

### **85/16 Declarations of interest**

Members declared interests as follows:

- Cllr Heren declared his position as a trustee of Fordwich United Charities
- 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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### **86/16 To receive reports from KCC and CCC representatives.**

Alan Marsh (KCC) spoke of the current stage of the new Canterbury plan, where the inspector had held further public hearings the previous week. There was encouraging news regarding the new roads envisaged by the plan with insurance bonds being used to ensure these were paid for by developers.

Mr Marsh asked about progress on the town hall lift. Cllr Heren said the architect was awaiting information from the lift manufacturers before submitting a planning application to CCC.

Mr Marsh announced Broadstairs pantomime dates as follows: 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30; 20<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00 and 1.30; 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 2.30. Anyone wanting free tickets should contact Mr Marsh.

Georgina Glover (CCC) said that the multi-storey car park at Canterbury West had been approved. The new Kingsmead development was now out for consultation. New posts of honorary aldermen were to be created for former long-serving city councillors.

**87/16 To receive reports from police representatives**

No police representative was present.

**88/16 To consider implications of the Changeling Theatre visit.**

CLlr Heren said that parking would be down Water Meadows towards the Brett's site. There were no implications for FTC.

**89/16 To consider a "tidy up" grant to the Church re the church yard.**

After discussion, it was unanimously agreed to donate £250 to this worthy cause.

**90/16 To receive the chairman and councillors' reports.**

CLlr Green said that FUC had had fishing rights confirmed by the Land Registry and a contract with the angling association had been agreed. However, some land-owners were not entirely happy with the situation.

CLlr Clark reported on yet another incident with an over-size lorry. This had been reported to the Lorrywatch people at KCC.

**91/16 To consider setting up a planning committee**

In the absence of CLlrs Lewis and McCarthy, it was agreed to defer this item.

**92/16 The Drove: to consider the issue of street repairs**

It was noted that progress was slow. The clerk is to write to the resident in charge of these works to seek clarification.

**95/16 Planning**

There were no objections to applications CA/16/01342/FUL (Willow End); CA/16/01407/FUL (Ivy Cottage); CA/16/01573/FUL (3 Water Meadows).

There was some discussion of the application relating to the Old Rectory. There was no further news from CCC on this application. Georgina Glover offered to make enquiries.

### **93/16 Finance**

The clerk reported cash book balances at end-June as:

Current account:	£18,359.52
Business reserve account:	£3,961.32

The current account bank balance at end-June was £18,893.40.

Since the end of June, the clerk had received confirmation that the business reserve account had been closed and the balance transferred to the current account.

The bank statements were signed by the chairman.

The following were approved for payment:

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| • Clerk's salary (net of tax) and expenses for July | £305.84 |
| • Ditto for August (post-dated)                     | £295.44 |
| • Val Clark (newsletter postage)                    | £19.80  |

### **94/16 Clerk's report and correspondence**

The clerk noted that the Kent Minerals and Waste Plan had now been adopted by KCC. As usual, a number of other emails had been circulated by the clerk prior to the meeting. There was no further comment on these at this juncture.

### **96/16 Highways and footpaths**

Cllr Green tabled pictures of one of the bridges and put forward ideas for changes which would enforce width and speed restrictions. These proposals were well received and Cllr Green undertook to do more work on them and to circulate, including to Alan Marsh of KCC.

### **97/16 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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