

# **FORDWICH TOWN COUNCIL**

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

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

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### **125/16 Apologies**

Cllr Roger Green had sent apologies.

### **126/16 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.

### **127/16 Matters arising**

The chairman asked if there was any news on the grants mentioned previously by Heather Taylor of CCC. There was not.

The chairman confirmed that Mr Clive Wren had agreed to act as tree warden.

The chairman mentioned that the bollard on the bridge was still missing.

The chairman also mentioned that a new dog waste bin would be useful by the stile by Westfield. The clerk to contact SERCO.

### **128/16 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

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

A presentation was made by Mr Julian Cirrone on the subject to using Fordwich to market "lottery.com" which provides UK access to overseas lotteries. This was generally well received with one or two reservations. The chairman thanked Mr Cirrone and said the proposal would be considered by FTC and a response provided within ten days.

A member of the public asked if there was any news on the planning application at the Old Rectory. There was not and Mrs Glover undertook to investigate.

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### **129/16 To receive reports from CCC and KCC representatives**

Georgina Glover (CCC) said there was little of relevance to report from CCC at the moment.

### **130/16 To receive reports from police representatives**

It was reported that we have a new PCSO, Mr Nathan Mullins. The clerk had contacted him but he was unable to attend this meeting.

### **131/16 To consider the annual civic service.**

The clerk reported that around 90 people were likely to attend. The chairman reported that arrangements were all in hand. It was unanimously agreed to pay for the reasonable costs of the church flowers, the refreshments and the order of service.

### **132/16 To consider the purchase of a Christmas tree.**

The chairman reported that he had had an estimate of £60 from a local supplier which was well below the cost of the tree in recent years. It was unanimously agreed to proceed with this supplier.

### **133/16 To consider the matter of Fordwich River Tours**

An organisation based in Sandwich was proposing to establish a base for river tours in Fordwich. Cllr Heren was very much opposed to the proposal and tabled his reasons in writing, which included the environmental effects, particularly bearing in mind the proposed craft was diesel powered and relatively very large. Parking would also be a problem. Cllr McCarthy agreed.

The chairman agreed to draft a letter setting out the meeting's views and to circulate it for comments.

### **134/16 To receive reports from members**

The chairman reported as follows:

The current river warden was in poor health. The chairman asked if Cllr McCarthy could review and comment on correspondence on this subject in future.

He has some "dog mess" signs to put up at appropriate points in the town.

He has cleared a significant amount of debris from drains but more needs to be done. We need to chase SERCO and/or KCC.

There would be a town “tidy up” this coming weekend. Volunteers needed.

FTC should meet informally sometime soon to review the guest list for future civic services.

Cllr Clark reported that someone was still parking on the corner of Spring Lane, despite the new double yellow lines. We need to put something in the newsletter about this.

Cllr Clark also reported on the recent incident of a trapped HGV. The vehicle had been en route to Brett. She had written to them and received a helpful response. Cllr Clark had also contacted Lorrywatch at KCC who had told her a new member of staff was soon to start work which should help.

Cllr Heren remarked on the litter situation which he felt was bad at the moment. He also said that the young trees in the High Street needed tying to their supports. It was agreed this could be addressed as part of the tidy-up.

Cllr McCarthy reported that he had sent the agreed parking proposals to CCC but as yet had had no response. He also reported on the Drove repairs situation and said that there was too little action. He was trying to chase Mr Neame and the clerk would do likewise.

Cllr McCarthy felt the dog mess situation had improved recently.

### **137/16 Planning**

Although the Oast House application was on the agenda, it was not discussed, the date for comments having passed. It was of course discussed at the previous meeting and comments had been submitted to CCC.

### **135/16 Finance**

The clerk reported that the cash book balance at end-September was £20,929.60. This had been reconciled to the current account bank balance at end-September of £21,727.29.

The following payments were approved:

1. Clerk October: £329.419
2. Cllr Philip Lewis (newsletter expenses): £18.00

### **136/16 To receive the clerk's report and correspondence**

The clerk tabled his report. He noted that further information had been received and displayed in respect of the Richborough Connection project.

The clerk had received papers for the KALC AGM which he passed to the Chairman.

**138/16 Highways and footpaths**

The chairman noted that he had promised to provide a map of necessary footpath clearance for forwarding to KCC. He would do this as soon as possible.

**139/16 Date of next meeting**

The next FTC meeting was confirmed as Wednesday November 30<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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