

FORDWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd February 2017.

Present: Councillors Philip Lewis (chair), Val Clark, Adrian McCarthy. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk), Alan Marsh (KCC), Georgina Glover (CCC).

17/17 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Heren and Green.

18/17 Minutes of the previous meeting

It was unanimously resolved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as tabled, with one amendment to correct a typographical error. They were duly signed by the chairman.

19/17 Matters arising

The chairman noted that:

- Cllr Green was due to write to “the Repair Shop”.
- He had again been informed by Lottery.com: that cheques will be sent to winners.

Cllr McCarthy reported that repairs to the Drove were complete and had been effected without the need for the donated funds which could therefore be held over for future needs.

20/17 Declarations of interests

Members declared interests as follows:

- Cllr Lewis declared his position as a custodian of Fordwich church
- Cllr Clark declared her position as a custodian of the town hall

At this point the meeting would have been adjourned to hear comments from members of the public but none was present.

21/17 To receive reports from CCC and KCC representatives

Alan Marsh (KCC) spoke about:

- The proposals to merge four district authorities in East Kent.
- The traffic islands outside the new Co-op store in Sturry.

- Yellow lines. There had been confusion at CCC over FTC's proposals. Mr Marsh urged FTC to write to Ruth Goudie at CCC to seek to clarify FTC's position.

Mr Marsh asked FTC to ensure that he and/or the local CCC members were copied into correspondence between FTC and CCC or KCC.

Georgina Glover (CCC) spoke about the CCC budget for 2017/18 and the council merger proposals.

22/17 To receive reports from police representatives

PCSO Nathan Mullins was not present.

23/17 To receive reports from members

Cllr Clark said she had reported another over-sized lorry to Lorrywatch.

The chairman reported as follows:

- He is due to travel on the next twinning association outing to France to plant a tree. The twinning association had asked about a grant from FTC. This should be on next month's FTC agenda.
- He is due to visit Bretts tomorrow to talk about parking, lorries, etc. He had been unable to contact the "plantation" owner.
- The owner of the vacant land in the High St was not interested in selling the land but was happy to have it tidied.
- The civic service would be on November 5th.
- Shakespeare productions were scheduled, for 26th July (at the old boat house site) and 2nd August (in the church).
- There had been significant landscaping and building works at the lake; the Chairman was surprised that no planning permission had been applied for.

24/17 Finance

The clerk reported that the cash book balance at end-January was £19,092.39. This had been reconciled to the bank balance of £19,446.44. The bank statement was produced and was signed by the chairman.

The following payments were approved:

1. Clerk February: £293.94
2. Cllr Lewis – printing costs: £47.00

The clerk referred to the allocation by CCC to FTC of £248.40 of s.106 money which had been considered at the last meeting. The clerk had duly contacted CCC about this but had had no response. He would chase.

25/17 To receive the clerk's report and correspondence

The clerk tabled his report. He noted that the Mote Farm operator's license was still shown as "under consideration".

The clerk reported on a letter from CCC about consultation on the latest version of the district plan.

The clerk reported he had received a report relating to the "Sturry relief road". This was evidence that work was progressing on this project.

26/17 Planning

There were no objections to applications CA//17/00308 (Yew Tree House, High St.) and CA//17/00315 (Timbers, Moat Lane)

It was noted that the town hall lift application had been granted.

It was reported that Cllr Green had submitted FTC's "statement of case" relating to the Moate Farm planning appeal. CCC had apparently also done a considerable amount of work on this and had made their own submission to the Planning Inspectorate.

27/17 FUC Trustees: to consider the renewal of FTC appointments

Three existing FTC-nominated trustees have expressed their desire to continue and it was unanimously resolved to nominate them. These are Messrs Patrick Heren, Roger Green and Andrea Russo.

Various names had been submitted to fill the two vacant posts. After discussion it was unanimously resolved to nominate Janet Hurst and Catherine Mollin with Geoff Connolly as a reserve in case one withdrew.

28/17 Highways and footpaths

There was nothing further to consider at this juncture.

29/17 Date of next meeting

The next FTC meeting was confirmed as Wednesday March 29th at 7.30 p.m. The April meeting is scheduled for April 26th. As for the May meeting, it was agreed to move this back to June 7th, due to the clerk's holiday arrangements.

Guy Foster

Clerk to Fordwich Town Council

Signed as a true record _____ Date: _____

Position _____