

# **FORDWICH TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017.**

Present: Councillors Philip Lewis (chair), Patrick Heren, Val Clark. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk), Alan Marsh (KCC). One member of the public.

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### **81/17 Apologies**

Cllrs Green and McCarthy had sent apologies. Likewise Mrs Glover of CCC.

### **82/17 Minutes of the previous meeting**

It was unanimously resolved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as tabled. They were duly signed by the chairman.

### **83/17 Matters arising**

It was noted that consultation on the proposed Sturry relief road was opening.

The clerk reported that his enquiries had established that Canoe Wild do not need a licence for their operations but this may change in the future.

### **84/17 Declarations of interests**

Members declared interests as follows:

- Cllr Lewis declared his position as a custodian of Fordwich church
- Cllr Heren declared his position as a trustee and chair of Fordwich United Charities
- Cllr Clark declared her position as a custodian of the town hall

### **85/17 To receive reports from CCC and KCC representatives**

Alan Marsh (KCC) referred to the consultation on the proposed Sturry relief road.

No CCC members were present.

### **86/17 To receive reports from police representatives**

PCSO Nathan Mullins was not present.

### **87/17 To receive reports from members**

The chairman reported:

- He had attended the Cinque Ports ceremony in Sandwich and paid the due sum on behalf of Fordwich.
- Parking: he felt the weekend situation may have improved of late but this view was not universally shared by the meeting. The chairman distributed a paper by Cllr McCarthy which set out proposals re signage and parking. It was agreed to table this at the next meeting.

Cllr Heren reported from FUC that work on the lift was due to start on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was noted that FTC still held £3k granted by KCC towards this project and the transfer of this to FUC should be considered at the next meeting.

Cllr Heren noted that researches had revealed that the quay and the Drove were probably owned by FUC.

Cllr Clark reported that someone had received a parking ticket, demonstrating that traffic wardens have been present in Fordwich. The traffic signs promised by KCC have yet to materialise.

### **88/17 Finance**

The clerk reported that the cash book balance at end-June was £18,141.66. This has been reconciled to the bank balance of £18,642.50. The bank statement was tabled and signed by the chairman.

The following payments were approved:

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| 1. Clerk July:                        | £554.84 (includes cost of new bench) |
| 2. Clerk August (post-dated)          | £305.84                              |
| 3. Project signs UK Ltd               | £216.00                              |
| 4. PKF Littlejohn (external auditors) | £120.00.                             |
| 5. Val Clark (newsletter stamps):     | £10.08                               |

The clerk reported that the s.106 grant money has been received from CCC.

### **89/17 To receive the clerk's report and correspondence**

The clerk tabled his report. He drew attention to:

- The CCC local governance review; it was agreed to consider this at the next meeting.
- The clerk had met with a web-site developer to consider options. It was agreed to consider this topic at the next meeting.
- KCC voluntary warden scheme: the applicant had failed the vetting procedure so we are back to square one. It was suggested a poster in the Sturry PC office might be a good idea.
- The clerk had heard from a local resident who had been attacked by a sheep. It seemed likely that the presence of her dog (although on a lead) had aroused the sheep.
- The Canterbury local plan has finally been approved by CCC.

**90/17 Planning**

Applications CA//17/01553/FUL and CA//17/01554/LB (both Walnut Tree Cottage) were considered. There were no objections.

**91/17 Highways and footpaths**

The chairman noted that some footpaths were overgrown. He would ask the footpath warden if he could clear the undergrowth.

**92/17 Date of next meeting**

The next FTC meeting was confirmed as September 27<sup>th</sup>. There was a possibility it would be held in the town hall undercroft.

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**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Fordwich Town Council*

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

Position \_\_\_\_\_