

FORDWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 27th September 2017.

Present: Councillors Philip Lewis (chair), Patrick Heren, Val Clark, Roger Green, Adrian McCarthy. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk), Alan Marsh (KCC).

93/17 Apologies

Mrs Glover of CCC had sent apologies.

94/17 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.

95/17 Matters arising

Cllr Heren reported that work on the town hall lift was now planned to start on November 13th

96/17 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
- Cllr Green declared his role with Friends of Fordwich and District and also declared his position as a trustee of Fordwich United Charities.

97/17 To receive reports from CCC and KCC representatives

Alan Marsh (KCC) spoke about the Canterbury local plan and the consultation on the proposed Sturry relief road. Cllr Clark noted that the promised lorry signs had not been received from KCC. Mr Marsh said this was due to lack of funds.

There was discussion on the subject of traffic calming.

No CCC members were present.

98/17 To receive reports from police representatives

PCSO Nathan Mullins was not present.

99/17 To consider the purchase of medals for the new Freeman and Lady Mayoress

After discussion it was resolved to purchase a Freeman medal at a cost of £435 (plus VAT and p&p) and also to commission a cast for the production of medals for past mayors.

100/17 To consider a response to the CCC local governance review

The chairman reported that he had attended a meeting on this topic organised by KALC. He had drafted a note for CCC. It was agreed that all would review this and submit comments following which the chairman would send the final version to the clerk for submission to CCC.

101/17 To receive reports from members

The chairman reported as follows:

- There have been problems with waste collection
- There have been instances of fly tipping, notably in Well Lane.
- The River Tours people have made a financial contribution to FUC. Their operation has been generally satisfactory
- Canoe Wild have undertaken some tidying of the river bank
- He had been unable to contact the land owner of the site proposed for the new bench
- He has undertaken some drain clearance and KCC have also cleared a fair amount of rubbish
- There is a potentially dangerous gap between the road surface and lower rung of the railing by the bridge. Cllr McCarthy thought this might be a relatively simple job that we could do ourselves.
- There had been some reports of Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam. The CDAA were dealing with this.
- Someone has removed the parking signs which had been placed on the road to the Brett's site.
- Together with Cllr McCarthy, he has reviewed possible arrangements for residents' parking bays.

Cllr Heren reported that a significant amount of money has been raised for the town hall lift but more was needed. A jumble sale was suggested.

Cllr Green noted that a decision on the Moate Farm planning appeal should be published in about a week.

Cllr Clarke said that it has been a long time since a street cleaner had been seen in Fordwich although the chairman thought one had visited recently.

Cllr McCarthy said that the resident dealing with the Drove repairs seems to be absent from the area. The CDAA are to help with the repairs.

102/17 Finance

The clerk reported that the cash book balance at end-August was £17,143.30. This has been reconciled to the bank balance of £17,449.14. The bank statement was tabled and signed by the chairman.

The following payments were approved:

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| 1. Clerk September | £305.84 |
| 2. HMRC (PAYE July/Aug/Sept) | £195.00 |
| 3. Val Clark (newsletter stamps): | £10.08 |
| 4. FUC (transfer of KCC grant) | £3,000.00 |

103/17 To receive the clerk's report and correspondence

The clerk tabled his report. He drew attention to:

- The clerk had met with a web-site developer to consider options. The chairman was to discuss this with someone else who had offered to help in this area.
- KCC voluntary warden scheme: there was no further news.
- The Richborough Connection project has been approved.

104/17 Planning

Application CA//17/01839/LB (Walnut Tree Cottage) was considered. There were no objections.

The refusal of application CA/17/01553/FUL (also Walnut Tree Cottage) was noted.

105/17 Highways and footpaths

There was more discussion of possible traffic calming measures.

106/17 Date of next meeting

The next FTC meeting was confirmed as **Tuesday** October 24th. It was noted that this is a change from the originally scheduled date.

Guy Foster

Clerk to Fordwich Town Council

Signed as a true record _____ Date: _____

Position _____