

# **FORDWICH TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017.**

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

\*\*\*\*\*

### **120/17 Apologies**

Cllr McCarthy had sent apologies.

### **121/17 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.

### **122/17 Matters arising**

None.

### **123/17 Declarations of interests**

Members declared interests as follows:

- Cllr Lewis declared his position as a custodian of Fordwich church
- Cllr Green declared his role with Friends of Fordwich and District and also declared his position as a trustee of Fordwich United Charities.
- Cllr Heren declared his position as a trustee and chair of Fordwich United Charities and an interest in respect of planning application CA//17/02570/VAR.
- Cllr Clark declared her position as a custodian of the town hall

\*\*\*\*\*

At this point the meeting was adjourned to allow representations from the public. The following points were raised:

- There was an enquiry as to the proposals in respect of new yellow lines. After discussion it was agreed that this subject may need to be looked at again.

\*\*\*\*\*

### **124/17 To receive reports from CCC and KCC representatives**

Georgina Glover (CCC) spoke about the recent waste collection problems. She also noted that a planning application in respect of the former Chislet Colliery site was due to come before the planning committee imminently.

Alan Marsh (KCC) noted the discussions re parking and reflected that this was always a sensitive issue which needed careful handling.

### **125/17 To receive reports from police representatives**

PCSO Nathan Mullins was not present.

### **126/17 To receive reports from members**

The chairman reported as follows:

- He noted the recent correspondence re riverside seats. More news was awaited before any action could be taken.
- The willow tree in the river by the George and Dragon has not been cleared. There were other river-related issues in this location. The Environment Agency and/or KCC needed to take action.
- Should we adopt the phone box? The clerk said he had no recollection of ever having been contacted by BT about this. He would try and contact them.
- The Christmas tree has been ordered. The cost is £100 plus VAT.

Cllr Heren noted that work on the town hall lift has started. A further large private donation towards the cost of this project was obtained recently.

### **127/17 Finance**

The clerk reported that the cash book balance at end-October was £12,967.44. This has been reconciled to the bank balance of £13,327.52. The bank statement was tabled and signed by the chairman.

The following payments were approved:

1. Clerk November	£314.94
2. Clerk December (post-dated)	£295.44
3. Cllr Lewis (newsletter and civic service printing)	£68.00

**Precept 2018/19:** the clerk had tabled some figures. Following discussion it was unanimously resolved to leave the total funding requirement unchanged at £6,785.00. Given the reduction in the council tax support grant this implied a small increase in the precept to £6,727.24.

### **128/17 To receive the clerk's report and correspondence**

The clerk tabled his report. He drew attention to:

- The CCC Local Governance Review: current proposals indicate no change for Fordwich. This has yet to be approved by CCC.
- No further news on the KCC voluntary warden scheme.

**129/17 Planning**

Application CA//17/02570/VAR: having declared an interest, Cllr Heren withdrew from the meeting. There were no objections.

The refusal of CA//17/01554/LB was noted.

**130/17 Highways and footpaths**

There was no further discussion at this juncture.

**131/17 Date of next meeting**

The next FTC meeting was confirmed as Wednesday January 24<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that this represents a change from the usual schedule.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Fordwich Town Council*

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

Position \_\_\_\_\_