

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 22ND JANUARY 2018

PRESENT: Councillor P. Allen
H. Bennett-Watson
M. Blackburn
D. Cole
D. Hinsley
J. Kimberley
S. McLaughlin
A. Nash
F. Nash

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Councillor F. Nash was appointed as Chairman for the meeting

8176. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance from Councillors Dooley, C. McLaughlin (in hospital recovering from stroke) and Sorrell (holiday) were received and acknowledged but not approved.

8177. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST FROM MEMBERS AND OTHER DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

There were no declarations of interest made by members relating to items on the agenda.

8178. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no comments, questions or suggestions made by members of the public.

8179. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held 4th December 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

8180. CONSIDERATION OF THE PRECEPT FOR THE 2018/2019 FINANCIAL YEAR

RESOLVED that in accordance with the Clerk's recommendation the Council require a precept of £83,729 for the 2018/2019 financial year including the support grant from Solihull M.B.C. of £5,744

8181. CONSIDERATION OF FILLING THREE CASUAL VACANCIES BY CO-OPTION: BENNETT'S WELL WARD, COLE WARD AND HATCHFORD WARD

RESOLVED that subject to any interest from potential applicants, consideration of these vacancies be deferred to the Annual Meeting of the Council

8182. REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman was not present at the meeting but the acting Chairman reported that the Christmas event had been well attended and the entertainment had been good. As a result it had been an enjoyable and successful event.

8183. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Health and Recreation Committee held 8th January 2018 were presented to the meeting.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

8184. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held 8th January 2018 were presented to the meeting.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved

8185. REPORT BY THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL: DRAFT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Clerk reminded members that the Council had agreed to stage the Annual Parish Meeting on the same day as the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and asked members to consider and approve the draft arrangements for the meeting.

RESOLVED that the arrangements as submitted by the Clerk and set out in Appendix A be approved

8186. ACCOUNTS PAID, PETTY CASH PAYMENTS, MONTHLY EMPLOYEE COSTS AND BANK TRANSFERS

RESOLVED that the report listing accounts paid, petty cash payments, bank transfers and monthly employee costs as submitted be approved

8187. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Councillor Allen reported on the St. Leonard's Day Centre Christmas party, which was an emotional occasion for all concerned due to it taking place on the final day before closure. Councillor F.V. Nah passed on a message of gratitude from Rick Smallwood to members and the Clerk for their help and support over many years

8188. DISPATCH OF SUMMONS FOR MEETINGS INCLUDING THE ELECTRONIC DISPATCH OF SUMMONS TO MEETINGS

Members were invited to consider changes to the number of days prior to a meeting that the summons should be dispatched and also to consider approving the electronic dispatch of the summons to meetings

RESOLVED that the Clerk dispatch summons of meetings electronically except to those members who indicate otherwise and that a hard copy be provided to all members either by post when requested or at the meeting

8189. CONSIDERATION OF A RESPONSE TO MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments, questions or suggestions made by members of the public.

The meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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APPENDIX A

1. Meeting to commence at the nominal time of 8.00 p.m.
2. A report of the Town Council's activity during the previous year to be submitted to the meeting.
3. Members of Solihull Council representing the parish to be given the opportunity to make a report to the meeting.
4. Minutes of the 2017 meeting to be submitted for consideration.
5. An opportunity to be provided for members of the public to ask questions, make comments or suggestions
6. Meeting to be advertised as normal.