

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND RECREATION
COMMITTEE HELD ON 15TH APRIL 2013

PRESENT: Councillor F.V. Nash (in the Chair)
P. Allen
A. Doyle
M.G. Hyde
J. Kimberley
C. McLaughlin
S. McLaughlin
A. Nash
L. Sorrell
H. Stone

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance from Councillor Dooley was received and noted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held 14th
January 2013 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a
correct record of the proceedings

4. REPORT BY THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL: GARDEN COMPETITION PRESENTATION
EVENING

The Clerk submitted a report advising members of the options available to provide either a cash bar or complimentary drinks at the presentation evening.

RESOLVED that the Council provide tea, coffee and soft drinks alongside the
usual buffet

5. REPORT BY THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL: SOLIHULL NEIGHBOURHOODS IN BLOOM

The Clerk submitted a report outlining the background to changes being made to Solihull in Bloom and suggesting possible ways in which the Council could get involved without compromising its own existing competition

RESOLVED that the Clerk invite Tracey Churchard to speak to the Council
regarding projects to identify and transform communal or amenity
areas

6. PARKING ON GRASS VERGES

The Council was asked to consider its policy towards potential long term solutions to the problem of parking on grass verges as seen particularly on Bosworth Drive.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the relevant cabinet member and the officer
responsible at Solihull M.B.C. regarding its current position in respect
of solutions to this problem

7. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPORT FOR OUTLINE PROPOSALS FOR AN OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTRE AND OTHER FACILITIES AT CTC KINGSHURST ACADEMY

The Clerk submitted a brief written report and outlined some further details at the meeting regarding the Academy's proposals for an outdoor learning centre and particularly an artificial (4G) football pitch. The Academy is proposing to work in partnership with the local community to develop and utilise its facilities. The wider plans are dependent on receiving funding from the Football Foundation, which appears however to favour a plan to provide a pitch at North Solihull Sports Centre, despite there appearing to be a less of a willingness to work with the local community.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Football Foundation offering its support for the Academy's proposal and a copy be sent to the Academy

8. REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND DECISIONS TAKEN WITH DELEGATED POWERS

Hybrid Planning Application – Full Application For The Erection Of A New Primary School (Footprint Area Of 3,202sqm) Including Provision Of Private And School Nurseries, Community Learning Facilities Within Building And Associated Infrastructure Including Provision Of Car Parking, New Access And Provision Of School Playing Fields, Multi Use Games Area And Habitat Area Within School Grounds, Outline Application (All Matters Reserved) For The Provision Of A Caretaker's On The Site, Fordbridge (Formerly Bennett's Well) Community Primary School, Woodclose Road

No objections were raised by members. In accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Clerk decided to raise no objections.

Erect Ramp To Provide Wheelchair Access, 11 – 19 Blackcat Close

No objections were raised by members. In accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Clerk decided to raise no objections.

Two Storey Side and Single Storey Front Extension, 8 Grassington Drive

No objections were raised by members. In accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Clerk decided to raise no objections.

Change Of Use From B1 To B2 (Car Body Repairers – Mechanical Repairers) And Division Of Building To Form 2 Units (Re-Submission Of Previous Approval 2012/1086), Saxon Way

No objections were raised by members. In accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Clerk decided to raise no objections.

New Rear Extension to Replace Old Conservatory and Create Garden Room with W.C. Room Area, 17 Camplea Croft

No objections were raised by members. In accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Clerk decided to raise no objections.

Construction of 19 Two Storey Dwellings Providing Additional Parking and a New Drop Off Zone For The Nursery and Associated Works

No objections were raised by members. In accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Clerk decided to raise no objections.

Variation of Condition 2 of Application 2011/545 To Allow Permanent Change of Use of 2 No. Ground Floor Rooms To B1a Office Use Following Grant of 18 Month Temporary Consent, 222 Conway Road

Objections were raised by members regarding the unsuitability of the development in a residential area and particularly the resulting parking problems. In accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Clerk decided to raise an objection on the aforementioned grounds.

The meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN