

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
HELD ON 27TH JANUARY 2014

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

7634. APOLOGIES

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

7635. PRESENTATION REGARDING URGENT CARE REVIEW OF SERVICES AT SOLIHULL HOSPITAL

The Clerk reported that sadly nobody was available to make a presentation but advised that he had sent an email to all members advising of an alternative meeting which would be taking place in February and also attaching details of the consultation.

7636. 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.

7637. COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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

7638. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held  
2nd December 2013 be approved and  
signed by the Chairman as a correct

7639. CONSIDERATION OF THE PRECEPT FOR THE 2014/2015 FINANCIAL YEAR

RESOLVED that the Council require a precept of  
£103,467 for the 2014/2015 financial  
year

7640. CONSIDERATION OF FILLING FOUR CASUAL VACANCIES BY CO-OPTION:  
BENNETT'S WELL WARD, COLE WARD AND HATCHFORD WARD (2)

RESOLVED that consideration of these vacancies  
be deferred to the next meeting of the  
Council

7641. REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman reported on visits to Fordbridge and Coleshill Heath schools to present framed photographs of the school's children performing at the Christmas carol concert.

7642. STAFFING COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held 6th January 2014 were presented to the meeting.

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

7643. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Health and Recreation Committee held 13th January 2014 were presented to the meeting.

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

7644. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held 13th January 2014 were presented to the meeting.

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

7645. APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE ON ANOTHER BODY: HS2 COLESHILL JUNCTION COMMUNITY FORUM

RESOLVED that no further action be taken on this matter

7646. ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED that the report listing accounts paid as submitted be approved

7647. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Councillor Sorrell reported on a meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee including information regarding Flybe, Air India and new services, Ryanair and the impact of the weather on the work to divert the A45, which it is still hoped will be complete by April. She also advised that there had been one night flying complaint during the period.

7648. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Councillor Jamieson reported on the impact of the "Bedroom Tax" which is affecting approximately 500 people in North Solihull, a proposal to increase the wages of the lowest paid staff at Solihull Council and the plans to re-develop the site of the existing Fordbridge School and his concerns regarding the potential density of the development.

Councillor F.V. Nash reported she had received a number of complaints regarding the future of the "Ring and Ride" service.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Centro stating its support for the service and stressing the value to the community and seeking more information.

7649. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE FROM COMMUNITY ACTION IN FORDBRIDGE

The Clerk submitted the original letter from the Chairman of Community Action in Fordbridge and also as requested he submitted replies from two officers from Solihull Council regarding the process leading up to the meeting in question.

RESOLVED that no further action be taken on this matter

7650. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR A STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FROM THE PREVIOUS CHAIRMAN IN RESPECT OF THE CONDITIONAL ELEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE

The Clerk advised members of the details of a conversation with Mrs. Doyle regarding the Council's request and her stated intention to send further payments to each of her nominated charities.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write again to Mrs Doyle, requesting that the money in question be returned to the Council and the Clerk then send equal donations to each of the relevant charities

7651. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

The Clerk submitted details of the consultation with interested bodies by Solihull M.B.C. as part of its statutory duty to review the polling districts and stations in the Borough.

RESOLVED that the Council propose that there be no change to the polling districts and places in the parish

7652. CONSIDERATION OF ANY ITEMS TO BE FORWARDED FOR CONSIDERATION BY SOLIHULL M.B.C. SCRUTINY BOARDS

The Clerk submitted a request for details of issues which the Council believes have an impact on the wellbeing of Solihull residents that may benefit from consideration by Solihull M.B.C. scrutiny boards.

RESOLVED that cancellation of hospital operations and ensuing waiting times, proposed housing density and availability of school places be forwarded for inclusion

7653. CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL ADVERTISING OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the FGP Committee

7654. 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 9.20 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN