

OPEN SESSION: Mr Barrie Richardson, Treasurer, and Mr Geoff Kay, President of the Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Club presented a cheque for £250 to Lewis Ingram and Joe Mardell from the Campaign 4 Carvers Skate Park group. The young people had made an inspirational presentation at the Lions Den event and were one of 4 teams out of 8 to successfully bid for funds. This cheque was then presented to the Town Mayor as a contribution towards the cost of the new skate park.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RINGWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

Held on Wednesday 24th June 2015 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Cllr Michael Thierry (Town Mayor)
Cllr Christine Ford (Deputy Town Mayor)
Cllr Emma Blake
Cllr Andrew Briers
Cllr Philip Day
Cllr Jeremy Heron
Cllr Anne Murphy
Cllr Steve Rippon-Swaine
Cllr Jacqui Terry
Cllr Chris Treleaven
Cllr Angela Wiseman

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S Nash, Town Clerk
Mrs J Hurd, Deputy Town Clerk
Sam Whittingham, Student Advisor

C/5695 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

The Town Clerk reported that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Deane, Steele and Ward.

C/5696 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none declared at this time.

C/5697 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting held on 20th May 2015, having been circulated, be approved and signed as a correct record.

C/5698 RECREATION, LEISURE AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Cllr Briers presented the minutes of the Recreation, Leisure and Open Spaces Committee meetings held on 20th May and 3rd June 2015.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Recreation, Leisure and Open Spaces Committee meetings held on 20th May 2015 and 3rd June 2015 be received.

C/5699

PLANNING, TOWN & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Treleaven presented the minutes of the Planning, Town & Environment Committee meetings held on 1st May, 20th May and 5th June 2015.

It was noted that Cllr Steele had not been present at the meeting held on 20th May.

Cllr Heron declared a non-pecuniary interest as Chairman of the Board of Governors of Poulner Infant School.

The Town Mayor stated that the parking at school drop-off and pick-up times had been an issue for residents for many years; he was concerned that any extension would only exasperate the situation. It was noted that the Council would have any opportunity to comment further when a formal planning application was submitted.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning, Town & Environment Committee meetings held on 1st May, 20th May and 5th June be received.

C/5700

POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Cllr Heron presented the minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee meetings held on 20th May and 17th June 2015.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee meetings held on 20th May and 17th June 2015 be received, with the exception of F/5230 and F/5234 which were included elsewhere on the agenda.

With the agreement of Members, item 6 was considered next for the benefit of members of the public present.

C/5701

SKATEPARK

The Town Mayor commended the young people for taking ownership of plans for a new skate park and playing such an active role in the process.

Rae Frederick spoke on behalf of the Campaign 4 Carvers Skate Park, explaining that the young people had been actively campaigning for 10 months by making presentations to the Council, raising money, taking part in the Lions Den, and looking at designs, and she personally was proud to have been part of this.

The Town Clerk reported that the next step would be to submit a planning application, which could take up to 8 weeks to be determined, and it was hoped that the new skate park would be completed in time to be an early Christmas present for the young people.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That Design 4 be selected as the preferred option of young people and that the winning tender company be advised; and
- 2) That New Forest District Council be advised of the winning tender and requested to release funds on issue of the contract.

ACTION: SN

C/5702
ANNUAL RETURN

Members considered the Annual Return for the financial year ended 31st March 2015 (*Annex A*). It was noted that the Internal Audit Report for 2014/15, prepared by New Forest District Council, would be presented to the next meeting of the Policy & Finance Committee.

RESOLVED: That the Annual Return for the financial year ended 31st March 2015 be approved.

ACTION: RF / NV (agenda)

C/5703
JULY FULL COUNCIL MEETING

The Town Mayor reported that use of the Gateway Square for the Dedication Service for the Lantern of Remembrance had been so successful that he felt more use should be made of the Square for Council activities. He proposed that the next Full Council meeting in July should be held in the Square to encourage public interest and participation in Council business. The format could consist of the usual Council meeting, with no additional items, followed by the debate of two or three topics of interest, such as the Furlong development and The Place.

Although some Members had concerns about the possible risks of such a meeting, it was agreed that if it was well managed, time limits were imposed and no decisions could be made, it would be an interesting trial.

The Town Clerk suggested that all Council staff be invited to the meeting. He agreed to draft an agenda based on suggestions submitted by Councillors and members of the public, and to issue a press release promoting the meeting.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That, weather permitting, the Full Council meeting on 29th July 2015 be held in Gateway Square;
- 2) That Councillors and members of the public be invited to submit topics for inclusion on the agenda; and
- 3) That a press release be issued inviting members of the public to attend the meeting.

ACTION: SN

C/5704
COMMUNICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED

There were none.

C/5705
REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Councillor Rippon-Swaine presented his written report (*Annex B*). The Town Mayor commented on the number of pot holes awaiting repair around the town. Cllr Heron suggested a list of locations be prepared for Cllr Rippon-Swaine to take up with Hampshire Highways.

District Councillor Ford presented her written report detailing recent activities (*Annex C*).

C/5706
REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS

Cllr Blake had attended her first meeting as one of the Council's representatives on Forest Forge Theatre Company. She requested an update on the parking situation in Castleman Way. The Town Clerk reported that a planning application had been submitted for an additional 26 parking spaces on Pullman Business Park and it was hoped that, if approved, this would reduce the number of vehicles parking in Castleman Way. Cllr Heron reported that both the District and County Councils were aware of the issue and would be reviewing the situation.

Cllr Day had attended his first meetings of Ringwood Society and the Youth Provision Working Party. He had been lobbied regarding a cinema in the Old Town Hall and a request for a pedestrian crossing in Christchurch Road near David Lloyd. The Deputy Town Clerk reported that the Town Access Plan included provision for three pedestrian crossings in Christchurch Road and it might be possible for a crossing to be funded from the County Council's Minor Works Programme (as referred to in Cllr Rippon-Swaine's County Councillor's report).

C/5707
FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces	7.00pm	Wednesday 1 st July 2015
Planning, Town & Environment	10.00am	Friday 3 rd July 2015
Policy & Finance	7.00pm	Wednesday 15 th July 2015
Full Council	7.00pm	Wednesday 29 th July 2015

There being no further business, the Town Mayor closed the meeting at 8.17pm.

APPROVED
29th July 2015

TOWN MAYOR

Local Councils in England

Annual return for the financial year ended 31 March 2015

Local councils in England with an annual turnover of £6.5 million or less must complete an annual return in accordance with proper practices summarising their activities at the end of each financial year. In this annual return the term 'local council' includes a Parish Meeting, a Parish Council and a Town Council.

The annual return on pages 2 to 5 is made up of four sections:

- Sections 1 and 2 are completed by the person nominated by the local council.
- Section 3 is completed by the external auditor appointed by the Audit Commission.
- Section 4 is completed by the local council's internal audit provider.

Each council must approve this annual return no later than 30 June 2015.

Completing your annual return

Guidance notes, including a completion checklist, are provided on page 6 and at relevant points in the annual return.

Complete all sections highlighted in green. Do not leave any green box blank. Incomplete or incorrect returns require additional external audit work and may incur additional costs.

Send the annual return, together with your bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2015, an explanation of any significant year on year variances in the accounting statements and any additional information requested, to your external auditor by the due date.

Your external auditor will identify and ask for any additional documents needed for their work. Therefore, unless requested, do not send any original financial records to the external auditor.

Once the auditor has completed their work, certified annual returns will be returned to the local council for publication or public display of sections 1, 2 and 3. You must publish or display the annual return, including the external auditor's report, by 30 September 2015.

It should not be necessary for you to contact the external auditor for guidance.

More guidance on completing this annual return is available in the Practitioners' Guide for local councils that can be downloaded from www.nalc.gov.uk or from www.slcc.co.uk

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Section 1 – Accounting statements 2014/15 for

Enter name of

reporting body here:

RINGWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

Council/Meeting

Readers should note that throughout this annual return references to a 'local council' or 'council' also relate to a parish meeting.



1	Balances brought forward	281,399	262,436	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2	(+) Annual precept	401,101	475,216	Total amount of precept received or receivable in the year. Excludes any grants received.
3	(+) Total other receipts	200,661	417,036	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept received (line 2). Include any grants received here.
4	(-) Staff costs	-362,688	-368,784	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and employment expenses.
5	(-) Loan interest/capital repayments	-20,796	-20,796	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the council's borrowings (if any).
6	(-) All other payments	-237,240	-387,515	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7	(=) Balances carried forward	262,436	377,593	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) – (4+5+6)
8	Total cash and short term investments	305,799	341,833	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March - to agree with bank reconciliation.
9	Total fixed assets plus other long term investments and assets	2,752,150	2,748,960	The original Asset and Investment Register value of all fixed assets, plus other long term assets owned by the council as at 31 March
10	Total borrowings	278,261	266,830	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).
11	Disclosure note Trust funds (including charitable)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no		The council acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing trust funds or assets. N.B. The figures in the accounting statements above do not include any trust transactions

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2015 the accounting statements in this annual return present fairly the financial position of the council and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer

Date

10/6/2015

I confirm that these accounting statements were approved by the council on this date:

17 06 2015

and recorded as minute reference:

Signed by Chair of the meeting approving these accounting statements.

Date

17/06/2015

Section 2 – Annual governance statement 2014/15

We acknowledge as the members of:

Ringwood Town Council

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our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including the preparation of the accounting statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2015, that:

1	We approved the accounting statements prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations and proper practices.	✓	prepared its accounting statements in the way prescribed by law.
2	We maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	✓	made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.
3	We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and proper practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of the council to conduct its business or on its finances.	✓	has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with proper practices in doing so.
4	We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	✓	during the year has given all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about the council's accounts.
5	We carried out an assessment of the risks facing the council and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	✓	considered the financial and other risks it faces and has dealt with them properly.
6	We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the council accounting records and control systems.	✓	arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of the council.
7	We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	✓	responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.
8	We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on the council and, where appropriate have included them in the accounting statements.	✓	disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year-end if relevant.
9	Trust funds (including charitable) – in our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our responsibility in relation to the accountability for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	✓	has met all of its responsibilities where it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.

This annual governance statement is approved by the council and recorded as minute reference

dated

Signed by:

Chair

dated

Signed by:

Clerk

dated

17/06/2015

17/06/2015

*Note: Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response. Describe how the council will address the weaknesses identified.

A Section 3 – External auditor certificate and report 2014/15

Certificate

We certify that we have completed our review of the annual return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Audit Commission Act 1998 as transitionally saved, for the year ended 31 March 2015 in respect of:

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Respective responsibilities of the body and the auditor

The body is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The body prepares an annual return in accordance with proper practices which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2015; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are important to our audit responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to review the annual return in accordance with guidance issued by the Audit Commission (see note below). Our work does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and does not provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would do.

External auditor report

(Except for the matters reported below)* on the basis of our review of the annual return, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. (*delete as appropriate).

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the council:

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

External auditor signature

External auditor name

Date

Note: The Audit Commission issued guidance in its Standing Guidance, which is applicable to external auditors' work on 2014/15 accounts.

Section 4 – Annual internal audit report 2014/15 to

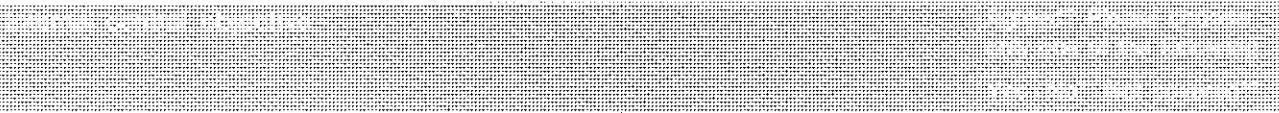
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The council's internal audit, acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, carried out a selective assessment of compliance with relevant procedures and controls expected to be in operation during the financial year ended 31 March 2015.

Internal audit has been carried out in accordance with the council's needs and planned coverage. On the basis of the findings in the areas examined, the internal audit conclusions are summarised in this table. Set out below are the objectives of internal control and alongside are the internal audit conclusions on whether, in all significant respects, the control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of the council.



- A Appropriate accounting records have been kept properly throughout the year. ✓
- B The council's financial regulations have been met, payments were supported by invoices, all expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for. ✓
- C The council assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these. ✓ *viewed not tested in full*
- D The annual precept requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process; progress against the budget was regularly monitored; and reserves were appropriate. ✓
- E Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked; and VAT was appropriately accounted for. ✓
- F Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, all petty cash expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for. ✓
- G Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with council approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied. ✓
- H Asset and investments registers were complete and accurate and properly maintained. ✓ *minor update required*
- I Periodic and year-end bank account reconciliations were properly carried out. ✓
- J Accounting statements prepared during the year were prepared on the correct accounting basis (receipts and payments or income and expenditure), agreed to the cash book, were supported by an adequate audit trail from underlying records, and where appropriate debtors and creditors were properly recorded. ✓
- K Trust funds (including charitable) The council met its responsibilities as a trustee. Yes No Not applicable ✓

For any other risk areas identified by the council (list any other risk areas below or on separate sheets if needed) adequate controls existed:

Please see separate audit report attached for recommendations made

Name of person who carried out the internal audit *LUCINDA UPTON*

Signature of person who carried out the internal audit

Date *11/6/15*

If the response is 'no' please state the implications and action being taken to address any weakness in control identified (add separate sheets if needed).

****Note:** If the response is 'not covered' please state when the most recent internal audit work was done in this area and when it is next planned, or, if coverage is not required, internal audit must explain why not (add separate sheets if needed).

A Guidance notes on completing the 2014/15 annual return

- 1 You must apply proper practices for preparing this annual return. Proper practices are found in the Practitioners' Guide* which is updated from time to time and contains everything you should need to prepare successfully for your financial year-end and the subsequent audit. Both NALC and SLCC have helplines if you want to talk through any problem you encounter.
- 2 Make sure that your annual return is complete (i.e. no empty green boxes), and is properly signed and dated. Avoid making any amendments to the completed return. But, if this is unavoidable, make sure the amendments are drawn to the attention of and approved by the council, properly initialled and an explanation is provided to the external auditor. Annual returns containing unapproved or unexplained amendments will be returned unaudited and may incur additional costs.
- 3 Use the checklist provided below. Use a second pair of eyes, perhaps a council member or the Chair, to review your annual return for completeness before sending it to the external auditor.
- 4 Do not send the external auditor any information not specifically asked for. Doing so is not helpful. However, you must notify the external auditor of any change of Clerk, Responsible Finance Officer or Chair.
- 5 Make sure that the copy of the bank reconciliation which you send to your external auditor with the annual return covers all your bank accounts. If your council holds any short-term investments, note their value on the bank reconciliation. The external auditor must be able to agree your bank reconciliation to Box 8 on the Accounting Statements (Section 1). You must provide an explanation for any difference between Box 7 and Box 8. More help on bank reconciliation is available in the Practitioners' Guide*.
- 6 Explain fully significant variances in the accounting statements on page 2. Do not just send in a copy of your detailed accounting records instead of this explanation. The external auditor wants to know that you understand the reasons for all variances. Include complete analysis to support your explanation. There are a number of examples provided in the Practitioners' Guide* to assist you.
- 7 If the external auditor has to review unsolicited information, or receives an incomplete bank reconciliation, or you do not fully explain variances, this may incur additional costs for which the auditor will make a charge.
- 8 Make sure that your accounting statements add up and the balance carried forward from the previous year (Box 7 of 2014) equals the balance brought forward in the current year (Box 1 of 2015).
- 9 Do not complete section 3. The external auditor will complete it at the conclusion of the audit.

Completion checklist – No answers mean you may not have met requirements		Done?
All sections	All green boxes have been completed?	
	All information requested by the external auditor has been sent with this annual return? Please refer to your notice of audit.	
Section 1	Council approval confirmed by signature of Chair of meeting approving accounting statements?	
	An explanation of significant variations from last year to this year is provided?	
	Bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2015 agreed to Box 8? An explanation of any difference between Box 7 and Box 8 is provided?	
Sections 1 and 2	Trust funds – all disclosures made if council is a sole managing trustee? NB: Do not send trust accounting statements unless requested.	
Section 2	For any statement to which the response is 'no', an explanation is provided?	
Section 4	All green boxes completed by internal audit and explanations provided?	

*Note: Governance and Accountability for Local Councils in England – A Practitioners' Guide is available from your local NALC and SLCC representatives or from www.nalc.gov.uk or www.slcc.co.uk

RINGWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

24th June 2015

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

HAMPSHIRE HIGHWAYS WEST – June 2015.

Traffic Management Programme 2015-2016 – Agency Programme (NFDC)

- Southampton Road adjacent Carvers – cycle route and measures to better manage parking. Detailed design agreed, funding allocated and being programmed. Plan of cycle network at:- <http://www.newforest.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=10737>

Local Highway & Transport Fund Schemes

- Ringwood Bus Interchange – provision of Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) as part of a network of key public transport hubs & gateway areas entering the National Park.

Traffic Management Schemes 2015-2016 – (County Traffic Management Programme)

- Linford Road – review speed limit for an extension of the 30 mph past the Church Hall. Preliminary design completed and initial consultation in progress.
- Crow Hill Area, Ringwood – speed limit review and traffic management measures. Improvements to signing and road markings to draw driver awareness to equestrians and cyclists to be developed. Funding available through NPA managed grant to support cycling. Design and consultation complete – works ordered.
- Review of New Forest 40 mph Zone and 30 mph speed limits for the purpose of progressing a blanket DfT authorisation to cover wide area. Mapping proposed, for areas that are or potentially may be marked using roundels rather than repeater signs, being completed. Application submitted to DfT but consideration by DfT delayed due to resource and TSRGD update expected 2015. Authorisation granted October 2014.

Minor Traffic Management - Reactive Programme

- Northfield Road/ Gorley Road – replacement of ‘patrol’ plates to ‘school’ plates at children warning sign sites. Design to be completed Q1 2015/16.

HCC Local Highway & Transport (Minor Works) Programme 2016-2017

- HCC seeking schemes in the prioritisation process for 2016-2017.
- Schemes need to be less than £50k, e.g. a short section of footway or cycleway, uncontrolled road crossing or minor junction improvements.
- Total allocation per District is approximately £70k.
- End date for suggestions is 31 July 2015.

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HCC LABOUR MARKET HEADLINES MAY 2015

- Unemployed 6,439; 2,744 fewer than May 2014 & 291 fewer than April 2015.
- 1,345 of 16-24 yrs claiming Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) in May 2015, down 85 on April 2015.
- 1,695 of 50-64 yrs claiming JSA in May 2015, down 35 on April 2015.
- **Job losses and Closures: none reported.**

HCC COUNCILLOR MEETINGS – May & June 2015.

- 22nd May – HCC Council AGM, Winchester.
- 1st June – HCC New Forest Access Forum at Beaulieu Motor Museum.
- 2nd June – HCC Countywide Citizenship Ceremony at the Great Hall, Winchester.
- 9th June – Forest Forge Theatre Co. Board Meeting at Endeavour Park, Ringwood.

W Steve Rippon-Swaine FRICS DipGS
Hampshire County Councillor

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY CLLR CHRISTINE FORD SINCE THE RTC ANNUAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 20TH OF MAY:-

FRIDAY 22 MAY

JOINED RINGWOOD TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION TO GREET AND ENTERTAIN THE FRENCH VISITORS FROM PONT AUDEMER

SATURDAY 23 MAY

WAS PRESENT AT THE RTC LUNCH RECEPTION AT THE GATEWAY IN MY CAPACITY AS DEPUTY MAYOR AND AS A MEMBER OF THE TWINNING ASSOCIATION.

THURSDAY 28TH MAY

ATTENDED THE NEW FOREST CONSULTATIVE PANEL MEETING AT BROCKENHURST AS THE RTC REPRESENTATIVE.

SATURDAY 30TH MAY

ATTENDED THE RINGWOOD CHURCHES TOGETHER FAMILY FUN DAY ON THE BICKERLEY.

WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE

WAS PRESENT AT THE NFDC CABINET AT LYNDHURST

MONDAY 8TH JUNE

TOOK PART IN THE NFDC EDUCATIONAL TOUR OF SITES OF ITS PARTICULAR RESPONSIBILITY

THIS INCLUDED THE BARTON CLIFF EROSION; EXTENSION OF TWO CEMETERIES; ELING TIDE MILL RESTORATION; MARSH LANE ENVIRONMENTAL HEADQUARTERS; APPELMORE RECREATION CENTRE (POOL REFURBISHMENT) AND A VISIT TO THE GATEWAY!!!

THURSDAY 11TH JUNE

NFDC ENVIRONMENT REVIEW PANEL AS VICE-CHAIRMAN

FRIDAY 12TH JUNE

ATTENDED THE NFDC GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE (ONE OF MY NEW RESPONSIBILITIES AFTER THE RECENT ELECTION)

SATURDAY 13 JUNE

MY REGULAR MONTHLY SURGERY FOR CONSTITUENTS

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MONDAY 15TH JUNE

ATTENDED AN ADVISORY TRAINING SESSION FOR ALL NFDC COUNCILLORS ENTITLED "SAFEGUARDING". THIS WAS TO INCREASE OUR AWARENESS OF DANGERS POSED TO CHILDREN, THE ELDERLY AND OTHER POSSIBLY VULNERABLE PEOPLE.

HOW TO NOTICE AND DETECT SYMPTOMS OF A POSSIBLE PROBLEM AND WHOM TO CONTACT IN THE FIRST INSTANCE .

WEDNESDAY 17TH JUNE

NFDC ARRANGED A SEMINAR, LED BY A BARRISTER, TO THOSE CLLRS WHO HAVE BEEN NEWLY APPOINTED TO THE APPEALS PANEL AND TO US OLD HANDS AS AN UPDATE SPECIFICALLY DEALING WITH EMPLOYMENT LAW.

THURSDAY 18TH JUNE

ATTENDED THE NFDC CONSERVATIVE GROUP MEETING

And finally:

TUESDAY 23RD JUNE

ATTENDED A NFDC LEGAL AND PROCEDURAL TRAINING SEMINAR REGARDING LICENSING. THIS WAS A MUCH FAR REACHING REQUIREMENT THAN I HAD REALISED AND WAS THUS OF GREAT VALUE.

Christine Ford

New Forest District Councillor

Ringwood North

24th June 2015