

AT A MEETING OF FAVERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL held at The Guildhall, Faversham, on Monday 9 April 2018

Present: The Mayor, Cllr S Campbell, and Cllrs T Abram, E J Wilcox, A J Walker, D Simmons, N Kay, M Cosgrove, G Wade, C Belsom, P Flower, N Green, A Hook

In attendance: Louise Bareham, Town Clerk

Questions from Members of the public are recorded as an annex to the minutes.

406. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Mulhern due to illness and Cllr Martin due to work commitments. It was proposed by the Mayor, Cllr S Campbell, and, on being put to the meeting, it was:

RESOLVED to accept apologies from Cllr Mulhern and Martin

407. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

408. MINUTES

Cllr Flower asked that the Minute No 400 be amended to include Cllr Wade's comment of '25 years'. Cllr Wade confirmed his comments were only an indicative timeline rather than an exact timeline. It was agreed to not to make any amendments. The Minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council held 12 March 2018 were approved by Members and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

409. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor's announcements were noted.

410. HERITAGE COMMITTEE 19 March 2018

Cllr Kay confirmed there had been a meeting of all museums which had been chaired by Harold Goodwin, as part of the HLF bid. Thomas Ford & Partner's representative had attended the HLF meeting and had been well received.

It was proposed by Cllr Kay, seconded by Cllr Wade and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Thomas Ford & Partners for work on the HLF bid***

Cllr Kay asked for the Town Council's commitment to pay the future running costs of 12 Market Place. Cllr Cosgrove asked for a rough estimate of the costs and the timescale. He thought the council could not sign up for something without knowing the full financial implications. Cllr Simmons responded that as we own No 12 why would the council not be responsible for the running costs and surely there had been a commitment to pay from the outset, or he wondered if this was something else? Cllr Kay confirmed that Cllr Simmons was correct but that the HLF would want to see proof by the way of minutes to provide absolute clarity. Cllr Hook suggested the decision was deferred to the next meeting. Cllr Wade confirmed it was not about a blank cheque, but the project had to be proved to be sustainable and projections had already been done and agreed in the budget. Cllr Kay pointed out that both Cllrs Cosgrove and Hook had been at the committee meeting and had not raised any questions at the time.

Cllr Kay tabled the latest cost spreadsheet, which included the additional works to complete the Reading Room and rear Exhibition Room. Commenting on the spreadsheet, Cllr Wilcox felt that the budget item for the restoration of the 3 town maps should not be included on the building costs. Cllr Wade confirmed that the project was under budget and it was agreed if there was sufficient funds left over once the project had been completed, then the restoration of the maps could be considered by the Council as a whole.

It was proposed by Cllr Wilcox, seconded by Cllr Hook and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to note the figures as presented and any surplus money at the end of the project the Heritage Committee had permission to call on.***

VOTE: 8 FOR 0 AGAINST 3 ABST

411. PUBLIC REALM GROUP

It was proposed by Cllr Wilcox, seconded by Cllr Walker and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to request double yellow lines as the junction of West Street and Market Place, to the pedestrian only signs***

Cllr Wilcox reported on the walkabout which took place along Westbrook Stream, Lower Road areas; pointing out the photographs and noting the

items in the progress sheet. He noted how useful the walkabouts were, being able to talk to people on the street. The next one is proposed by 17th May at 10am and Cllr Wilcox asked for suggestions for the next area to cover.

It was proposed by Cllr Wilcox, seconded by Cllr Wade and on being put to the being it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Public Realm Group dated 22nd March 2018.***

412. REFRESH OF KENT JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Cllr Wade thought it was confusing what could be recycled or not. Cllr Simmons agreed that the confusion was worse, as what can be recycled varies from district to district. Although he said very little of Swale's waste is sent to landfill, however there is a percentage of recycled waste which gets contaminated with black sack rubbish.

Cllr Cosgrove would like to see the environmental cost of trucking the rubbish and whether there is a plan for less miles, the use of non-diesel or electric trucks. Cllr Hook was pleased to hear that little was sent to landfill, however he raised concerns over the proposed EKR site at Oare and the lack of thinking where sites are located and the impact on the locality. He thought it was good to encourage recycling, but not if it meant polluting residential streets and felt there was a need for a considered transport impact report.

Councillors agreed that the site at Salters Lane was good and would be a great loss. However, they felt it would benefit from being more accessible and an investment in staff training.

413. SWALE BOROUGH COUNCIL'S OPEN SPACES AND PLAY STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Cllr Cosgrove thought the plan had been thoroughly considered and would be a benefit to the town. Cllr Wilcox agreed that it was a good way forward, supporting the flagship play site in each area.

Cllr Wade mentioned page 21 regarding community asset transfer and thought of the Town Quay.

Cllr Simmons said there was a lack of disabled play equipment and the idea was to have at least one flagship site in the three towns in Swale. He

also reported that housing developments were built Swale had become responsible for 70 play area across the borough and it was difficult to maintain the areas. The idea was to look at the provision across the town and close that were poor quality or had a low level of use, while enhancing those that were good. Cllr Simmons confirmed he would feed information through the Clerk. Recommendation F on page 19 stated the council will no longer adopt open space from developers, it was more expensive to maintain to a standard, where natural habitats were better.

Cllr Kay agreed that a formal response should be drafted for comment at the next meeting. He felt it was important that safety fences had money spent on them. Cllr Wade agreed that fencing was valuable, to keep dogs away.

414. FOUL FREE FAVERSHAM WEEK 23-29 APRIL

It was agreed to support an awareness week in the follow up to Doggy Day, but spraying faeces.

415. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

It was proposed by the Mayor, Cllr Campbell and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to agree the payments***

ANNEX

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Resident 1 Question: Noted the gas outlet on NatWest needed some anti-bird spikes.