

AT A MEETING OF FAVERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL held at The Guildhall, Faversham, on Monday 8 October 2018

Present: The Mayor, T Abram, Cllrs E J Wilcox, A J Walker, D Simmons, N Kay, S Campbell, G Wade, P Flower, A Hook

In attendance: Louise Bareham, Town Clerk

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

514. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Martin, Belsom and Green due to family commitments, and Cllrs Mulhern and Cosgrove attending another meeting. It was proposed by the Mayor, Cllr Abram, and, on being put to the meeting, it was:

RESOLVED to accept apologies from Cllrs Cosgrove, Mulhern, Martin, Belsom and Green

515. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

516. MINUTES

It was proposed by the Mayor and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council held 10 September 2018.***

517. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor's announcements were noted.

518. POLICY AND FINANCE MEETING 12 September 2018

It was proposed by the Mayor, Cllr Abram and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to review the Standing Orders.***

It was proposed by Cllr Wade, seconded by Cllr Wilcox and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee***

519. PUBLIC REALM GROUP MEETING 20 September 2018

Cllr Wilcox pointed out the notes from the walkabout. Both the Mayor and Cllr Flower wanted to see more dropped kerbs in the area, which had been put to KCC Officer, Alan Blackburn.

Cllrs Simmons and Wilcox had met with Highways to discuss the A2/A251 junction and were promised a decision by July. They have now been advised that the project is being reassessed to ensure the solution meets the needs until 2031.

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

520. 20's PLENTY WORKING GROUP

Cllr Hook confirmed that a further report had been commissioned from Phil Jones Associates. This had been funded by Cllrs Hook, Simmons and Henderson, as further delay would not allow the report to be presented at the December JTB. Concern was raised that 20mph conflicted with air quality concerns, but the technical report would look to address this.

**521. KENT COUNTY COUNCIL'S WASTE DISPOSAL STRATEGY
2017-2035**

It was agreed that Members should all respond individually to the consultation and that the Council should also send a formal representation objecting in the strongest terms. It was agreed that the principle was short-sighted and could cause a greater problem in the long term.

It was proposed by Cllr Kay, seconded by Cllr Wade and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to object to the proposal of charging to deposit soil, hard-core, plasterboard etc**

522. KALC SWALE AREA COMMITTEE

Cllr Campbell shared her notes from the recent Swale KALC Committee meeting, which was noted.

523. WEST STREET 7.5 TONNE RESTRICTION

Members agreed that the response from KCC inappropriate and missed the point. It was agreed that Cllrs Kay and Hook would liaise to draft a suitable response.

524. LORRY MOVEMENT IN ABBEYFIELDS AND WHITSTABLE ROAD

Members agreed the concerns relating to the heavy lorries using the road needed a long term solution and felt Southern Water, who had been invited to make representations to the Council, were slow to respond to genuine concerns.

It was proposed by the Mayor and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to write to Kent County Council to request the road be adopted.***

525. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

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

ANNEX

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Resident

Supports the thrust of the letter regarding Abbeyfields.

Resident

Further questions regarding Southern Water and sewage capacity in Whitstable Road area. Asked if Southern Water would be attending a meeting.

Resident

Raised several concerns which included disabled people's difficulty in using the cobbles in Court Street; people falling off the perch bench at the station; the suggestion of cycle lanes along alleyways being too dangerous; Network Rail's refusal to make Preston Footbridge wheelchair accessible; access to the proposed Duchy site; disappointed that 20's Plenty had been deferred. Also noted that Bank Street was badly potholed and asked that disabled people were considered during the Public Realm Group's walkabouts.

Cllr Hook confirmed that 20's Plenty had not been delayed and the cost for PJA Consultants had been met by himself and Cllrs Simmons and Henderson. He also noted that Bank Street was due to be resurfaced.

Resident

Raised concerns about the number of lorry movements in Abbeyfields using the sewage works. There were 58 lorry movements a day, as the site is also used by 26 private companies. She noted that cracks were appearing in the houses and the roads were sinking. Southern Water had previously advised that any drivers reported driving erratically would have their licence revoked, although this had made no difference. She felt the discharge site needed to be moved to a site out of the town.

Resident

Invited councillors to attend a meeting on 15th October with the Duchy and noted the Community Land Trust scoping day on 27th October.

Resident

Raised concerns about the state of the bins and asked if Cllr Simmons knew that SBC didn't know how many bins they had in the area. He asked if FTC could assist. He also noted that they were overflowing all the time and that if the bins were more than three quarters full the contractor faced a fine.

The Mayor asked that Mr MacDonald, and others, reported any overflowing bins on Fixmystreet App.

Cllr Simmons confirmed that SBC had just completed an audit of the bins, as there was a discrepancy with the number of bins and the number of bins being emptied. The frequency of bin emptying was also being reviewed and agreed it was helpful to report overflowing bins.

Resident

Further noted concerns regarding the Duchy proposed housing development and asked what submission about it had been made by the Town Council but felt it was a fait accompli. She suggested FTC should be raising concerns about poor infrastructure for roads and sewage.

Cllr Kay confirmed that the Duchy had not put in a planning application, only a submission which was currently being assessed, so no formal response was able to be provided at this stage.

Cllr Wade stated that the public needed to influence and were doing so via the Duchy workshops, Faversham Future Forum, constructive discussions and BIMBY.

The Mayor confirmed that the community were working with the Duchy to get the best out of it. Cllr Campbell agreed that we couldn't say no to everything, if not there then where? Working collaboratively rather than having our heads in the sand, if we say no from the outset there is no mitigation.