

MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE held at The Guildhall, Faversham, on Wednesday 13th February 2019

Present: The Mayor, Cllr T Abram, Cllrs C Belsom, A Walker, E Wilcox, P Flower, N Kay

In attendance

Louise Bareham, Town Clerk

112. Apologies for absence

None

113. Declarations of Interest

None

114. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting on 12th December 2018 were agreed.

It was noted that delivery of the Tikpacs was expected in March. The sightlines at Davington Hill had been checked by both Cllr Wilcox and the Town Caretaker and were not considered to be an issue at the current time, but would be kept under review.

105. Allotments

North Preston – The Town Caretaker had provided a report with some quotes for a new toilet, however it was agreed that only a new shed was required and the price seemed high. Further investigations would be made. It was agreed that the allotment association needed to access funding from other agencies and that the Town Clerk should assist with this. It was agreed that fencing was not required around the plots, but a simpler string idea and the plots numbered. There should also be a plan of the plots on the noticeboard.

Stonebridge – Quotes had been received for the wall and it was questioned whether there would be any heritage grants available for the work. A quote had also been received for the replacement gate post, but it was not clear if it was for one or two. However, it was agreed that this work should go ahead. Concerns were raised regarding the rubbish at the boundary, as it was felt that the road could fall in should it be removed. It was agreed to ask Adam to seek quotations for a survey to the listed wall. The society had requested a grant to purchase some tools, Members agreed to purchase all except the ladder.

Millfield – A request had been received for funding for the next stage of the internal works and it was agreed to offer £500 towards the costs.

St Nicholas – An answer regarding the money was fencing was still awaited. Cllr Wilcox will chase for a response.

106. Abbeyfields

It was noted that a meeting of Abbeyfields residents will take place on 9th March in the Guildhall from 12.30pm. Some Councillors will be in attendance, but the residents would chair.

107. Voluntary Community Police

The new Facebook group Faversham Incidents was noted. Cllr Kay acknowledged that anti-social behaviour was becoming a real issue. It was agreed to invite the coordinator for voluntary community police to speak at a public meeting, so residents could find out more about the role.

108. Assets of Community Value

Swale Borough Council had confirmed that the Umbrella Centre was still listed as an asset of community value. Cllr Wilcox asked if the confirmation had been received in writing and it had.

109. Events

Henry VIII – there had been little enthusiasm for this event and it was agreed that it would work well to include it within the medieval aspect of the Food Festival. Cllr Walker mentioned a play the Arden Theatre had previously done called Cold Old Blow by Maurice Paterson.

Proms in the Market Place – it was suggested that this should take place on Friday 19th July to mark the Peace Commemorations. As both the Mission Brass and Fleur Singers had declined to take part this year, it was agreed to contact the Railway Brass Band or Kent Police Band. Further suggestions included dressing up as WW1 soldiers (contacting the Whitstable Little Theatre or the Arden for clothes). The WI would be invited to provide tea and cake under the Guildhall as in previous years.

110. Any Other Business

The Litter Free Faversham logo was shown to Members, who agreed that there was no issue with the use of the lion logo.

111. Date of the Next Meeting

Wednesday 10th April 2019