

THE MEETING OF FAVERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL held at The Guildhall,
Faversham, on Monday 14 October 2019

Present:

The Mayor Cllr A Reynolds	Cllr K Barker	Cllr H Perkin
Deputy Mayor, Cllr S Blair	Cllr D Knights	Cllr J Irwin
Cllr C Jackson	Cllr T Martin	Cllr C Williams

In attendance: Louise Bareham, Town Clerk

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

092. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Hook due to childcare, Cllr Belsom consultant's appointment, Cllr B J Martin meeting at Swale BC, Cllr Thomas illness and Cllr Saunders whose wife is ill. It was proposed by Cllr Barker, seconded by Cllr Knights, and, on being put to the meeting, it was **RESOLVED to accept apologies from Cllrs Thomas, Hook, Belsom, B J Martin and Saunders**

093. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cllr Williams	108	DNPI
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094. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS TO REPORT

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Knights and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council meetings held on 15th September 2019.**

095. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor, Cllr Reynolds reported on events attended.

096. HONORARY FREEMAN

The Mayor of Faversham, Cllr Reynolds, proposed, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that this Council nominates Mrs Cindy Davis as Honorary Freeman of Faversham for her outstanding contribution, and eminent service, to the Town Council during her term of office**

VOTE: For 8, Abstentions 1

The Mayor of Faversham, Cllr Reynolds, proposed, seconded by Cllr Barker and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that this Council nominates Mr Michael Henderson as Honorary Freeman of Faversham for his outstanding contribution, and eminent service, to the Town Council during his term of office**

VOTE: For 8, Abstentions 1

The Mayor of Faversham, Cllr Reynolds, proposed, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that this Council nominates Mr Oliver Mangion as Honorary Freeman of Faversham for his outstanding contribution for representing the community in sport**

VOTE: For 9

The Mayor of Faversham, Cllr Reynolds, proposed, seconded by Cllr Barker and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that this Council nominates Mr Bryan Mulhern as Honorary Freeman of Faversham for his outstanding contribution, and eminent service, to the Town Council during his term of office**

VOTE: For 8, Abstentions 1

097. NHS ENGLAND

Cllr Perkin proposed, seconded by Cllr Barker and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to write to NHS England in support of funding for Newton Place Surgery's extension**

098. STREETS AND FOOTPATH LIGHTING

It was proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr Barker and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to write to KCC about the issues they are having with the timings on streetlights and ask for an update and request that an adequate lighting solution be included on the temporary footpaths across the recreation ground.**

099. AIR QUALITY REPORT

Cllr Perkin proposed an amendment to the motion, seconded by Cllr Irwin and on being put the meeting it was **RESOLVED to ask Swale Borough Council to take air quality, particulates and not just gases, into consideration and act accordingly when making decisions.**

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Irwin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that Faversham Town Council notes the findings of the air quality report commissioned by the Faversham Society, and completed in conjunction with the Faversham Future Forum and the Centre for Health Service Studies at the University of Kent. This Council thanks all those involved in collecting the air quality measurements and producing the report and writes to the Cabinet Member for the Environment at Swale Borough Council asking that (1) they bring forward plans to adequately monitor the air quality, particularly in the areas identified as having measurements in breach of EU regulations (2) take into consideration air quality, particulates and not just gases, and act accordingly when making decisions (3) that work begins to extend or create new Air Quality Management Areas in these locations to enable work to begin to improve the air quality to World Health organisation standards.**

100. 20's PLENTY COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Jackson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the 20's Plenty Committee dated 23 September 2019.**

101. POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

It was noted that Cllr Saunders did not ask for the decision to be made by December, he thought it should take as long as needed and not to put a definitive date.

It was proposed by Cllr Barker, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to adopt the Risk Assessment and Management Strategy**

It was proposed by Cllr Barker, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to adopt the 2019 Financial Regulations**

It was proposed by Cllr Barker, seconded by Cllr Knights and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee dated 24 September 2019**

102. PUBLIC SPACES COMMITTEE

A walkabout in St Ann's Ward had been undertaken, although KCC and SBC officers were unavailable to attend, but issues had been raised at the following meeting. Cllr Perkin noted item 26 of the minutes that FTC had sought funding from SBC for water fountains. Cllr Jackson asked that Friends of Westbrook Stream be consulted on the type of bench provided. It was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Perkin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Public Spaces Committee dated 26 September 2019.**

103. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr Williams and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree to the removal of the listed wall to Stonebridge Allotments site to enable works to the Creek bridge to be undertaken**

It was proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr Jackson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Community Services Committee dated 2 October 2019**

104. HERITAGE COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Irwin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Heritage Committee dated 3 October 2019**

105. RURAL MARKET/TOWNS GROUP

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Knights and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the invitation to be part of the Rural Market/Towns Group of the Rural Services Network**

106. PARISH SEMINAR

It was agreed to circulate the event to other Members not in attendance

107. FRONT BRENTS ROAD REPAIRS

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Knights and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to defer the request to the Policy and Finance Committee for further consideration***

108. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Barker and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to agree the payments***

ANNEX

Mr Oswald-Jones raised concerns regarding the financing of repairs to the Front Brents and questioned the wisdom of not taking a proportion from residents. He drew attention to minutes from 2011/12 where it was decided no payment be made. There are other private roads with similar problems such as Century Road and Flood Lane.

This item is on the agenda

Mr Macdonald drew attention to his written question which asked whether the Council should sell Magna Carta

Cllr Barker responded that this was premature as the Town Council was undergoing a consultative period and one of the options was heritage to display Magna Carta.

Mr Macdonald's second written question asked why the 20's Plenty Community page had been taken down from the website.

The Town Clerk confirmed she had done that while updating the revised committee structure requested from the new Council Members, but the page had been reinstated some time previously.

Mr Macdonald further raised concerns regarding the percentages set out in Cllr Ben A Martin's email regarding the Front Brents and noted the Council had previously objected to paying. He pointed out Abbeyfields which was in need of repair too.

This item is on the agenda

Mr Taylor referred to a planning application at Lady Dane, particularly the foul and surface water.

Cllr Perkin confirmed she was discussing concerns with Southern Water and was awaiting confirmation of a meeting to discuss Abbeyfields and Whistable Road. She suggested her and Mr Taylor spoke outside of the meeting.

Mr Taylor further noted the footpath edging at Tesco near Court Street and requested a litter bin in Abbey Place.

Cllr T Martin suggested this went to Public Spaces Committee. Cllr Jackson confirmed that it was not easy to get an additional bin in place and noted that a survey would be required by Biffa. Whilst the Town Council could fund a bin, it would not take into account the requirement of Biffa to empty it on a regular basis.