

THE MEETING OF FAVERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL held at The Guildhall,
Faversham, on Monday 11 November 2019

Present:

The Mayor Cllr A Reynolds	Cllr K Barker	Cllr H Perkin
Cllr E Thomas	Cllr D Knights	Cllr C Belsom
Cllr C Jackson	Cllr T Martin	Cllr C Williams
Cllr A Hook	Cllr J Saunders	Cllr B J Martin

In attendance: Louise Bareham, Town Clerk

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

109. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Blair and Irwin due to work commitments. 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 Blair and Irwin.**

110. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None

111. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS TO REPORT

It was proposed by Cllr Barker, seconded by Cllr Jackson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council meetings held on 14th October 2019.**

112. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor, Cllr Reynolds reported on events attended.

113. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Barker proposed, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that Faversham Town Council supports the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan.**

Cllr Barker proposed, seconded by Cllr Perkin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that Faversham Town Council approaches the neighbouring parishes to introduce the development of a Neighbourhood Plan and discuss potential alignment.**

Cllr Barker proposed, the motion “*Faversham Town Council elects members of the Council to sit on a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee, alongside the community representation through the Faversham Future Forum*”. Cllr Saunders proposed an amendment to the motion to change Steering Committee to Steering Group, which was seconded by Cllr B J Martin and agreed by all.

Cllr Barker proposed, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that Faversham Town Council immediately elects members of the Council to sit on a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, alongside the community representation through the Faversham Future Forum.**

It was proposed by The Mayor, Cllr Reynolds, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that the Mayor, Cllr Reynolds, Cllrs Barker, Irwin and Belsom be Faversham Town Council’s representatives on the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.**

114. 20’s PLENTY

It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Perkin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to co-opt Amanda Russell, Tim Stonor and Chris Oswald-Jones to the 20’s Plenty Committee**

115. THE MALL

It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr B J Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that Faversham Town Council writes to Michael Payne, the new KCC Cabinet member for Highways, in support of The Mall residents group’s campaign for a pedestrian crossing on The Mall/Forbes Road**

116. CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY

It was proposed by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr Thomas and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that Faversham Town Council write to Swale Borough Council to suggest a Swale Cycles Scheme, utilising money from the Special Projects fund.**

Cllr Hook asked for the last paragraph of the minutes to be removed which related to a Green Party event, due to the promotion of a political party event during purdah. The Town Clerk disagreed, as the meeting took place before purdah and the minutes were a true record, but would seek guidance from KALC.

117. POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Cllr B J Martin, seconded by Cllr Barker and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee dated 29th October 2019***

118. 2018-2019 AUDIT

The Town Clerk confirmed that audit had been undertaken and no issues had arisen. She noted that an additional fee of £430 had been charged, following a query to the Auditors, PKF Littlejohn, by a member of the public.

119. FAVERSHAM HOP FESTIVAL

It was proposed by the Mayor, Cllr Reynolds, seconded by Cllr Perkin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to allow the Faversham Hop Festival to use the strapline 'Supported by Faversham Town Council'***.

VOTE: FOR 9 AGAINST 0 ABSTENTIONS 3

120. COOKING UP IDEAS

The request for funding was noted, however the grant money for this financial year had already been distributed and it was agreed to invite Brogdale CIC to apply next year. It was also suggested that they contact the Deputy Swale Member of Health and Wellbeing and contact other groups such as the community chef rather than replicating what is already available.

121. DBS/FIRST AID

It was proposed by Cllr Knights, seconded by Cllr Hook and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to undertake DBS checks, which were for the organisation rather than an activity, but to defer first aid training***

122. CHRISTMAS DISPLAY

It was proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr Jackson and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that 12 Market Place could be used as a drop off for presents for Needy Children at Christmas in Faversham and Canterbury, as a 'reverse Santa'***

123. NEWSLETTER

It was proposed by Cllr Knights, seconded by Cllr Hook and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that the newsletter remain the same colour throughout the year and be mint green, the same colour as The Guildhall***

VOTE: FOR 8 AGAINST 3 ABSTENTIONS 1

124. SBC RESPONSE to AIR QUALITY

The response was noted

125. KCC RESPONSE to STREETLIGHTING

The Mayor, Cllr Reynolds proposed, seconded by Cllr Hook and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders to allow a member of the public to speak***

Mr Taylor noted there were 22 lights on the Rec which were all coded and were owned by KCC and action should be taken against KCC.

It was proposed by Cllr Hook, seconded by Cllr Belsom and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to write to SBC regarding the lights***

126. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

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

ANNEX

Mr Taylor asked if there was any feedback from Southern Water regarding the foul sewage at Lady Dane. The planning permission had expired and the developers were having to go back to Swale.

Mr Goodwin suggested the Town Council write to Southern Water and the Environment Agency. Cllr Perkin is in discussion with Southern Water and trying to set up a meeting.

Mr Oswald-Jones asked if Cllr B J Martin could confirm the legal position on the development at Love Lane. Crest Nicholson's planning permission had lapsed and legal advice was being sought to resolve the situation.