

Minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council

Monday 1 June 2020, 7pm

Present:

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

In attendance:

Louise Bareham – Town Clerk
Adrienne Begent – Deputy Town Clerk

229. **Apologies for Absence**

None

230. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

None

231. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

It was proposed by the Deputy Mayor, Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Williams and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting dated 11 May 2020.**

232. **Minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee 6 and 26 May 2020**

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 6 May and 26 May 2020**

233. **Climate and Biodiversity Committee**

Cllr Williams thanked Brooke for her work for Virtual World Environment Day. It was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Reynolds and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Climate and Biodiversity Committee dated 18th May 2020**

234. **Heritage Working Group**

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Jackson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to co-opt Harold Goodwin, Chair of the Faversham Society to the Heritage Working Group**

235. **Crime in Faversham**

Cllr Perkin was concerned about the increase in crime in Faversham and wished to write to the PCC and Kent Police to establish their priorities and whether they required any additional help. Cllr Saunders supported the motion and agreed the Council needed to work with others. He proposed

an amendment to the motion *to work in partnership with Swale Borough Council Community Safety Unit and British Transport Police*. Cllr Perkin supported the amendment.

It was questioned whether Neighbourhood Watch areas were still vibrant and noted that the signage was bleached and perhaps needed replacing.

It was proposed by Cllr Perkin , seconded by Cllr Jackson and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that the Council writes to Kent Police and Crime Commissioner, Mathew Scott, about the worrying reports of the amounts of crime, anti-social behaviour and drug abuse in Faversham and works in partnership with Swale Borough Council's Community Support Unit and British Transport Police.***

236. **20's Plenty**

Cllr Thomas noted that the Council had been ready to start the consultation period for 20's Plenty but an opportunity had arisen to operate the scheme sooner with an experimental traffic order. This would be a live scheme, experienced by all, and comments made on that. With the ongoing need for social distancing there was a national urgency to encourage cycling and walking; by introducing a town wide 20mph it would create a healthier, cleaner and safer environment.

Cllr Hook agreed the Council was on the cusp of something exciting and two areas in Kent were being considered by KCC.

Cllr Saunders supported the great opportunity and felt once residents saw the scheme in place, would support it. He thought that there was an opportunity for Faversham to be an exemplar in Kent but cautioned against triumphalism. He also noted that there was lots to do and it was important to pull together the project's broad base support.

Cllr Thomas proposed, seconded by Cllr Saunders and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that this council notes that Kent County Council is actively considering the use of an Experimental Traffic Order for the introduction of a 20mph zone in Faversham, further this council supports the principle of using an Experimental Traffic Order to commence the implementation of a 20mph zone across the town of Faversham, so facilitating an increase of cycling and walking in line with government policy in the wake of the Covid crisis.***

237. **Faversham and Villages Refugee Solidarity Group**

Cllr Perkin proposed, seconded by Cllr B J Martin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that this Council communicates with, and actively supports, the work of Faversham and Villages Refugee Solidarity Group in their endeavours to support some of the most vulnerable people in the world.***

238. **SBC Street Trading Policy Consultation**

It was agreed that it difficult to comment on the consultation without

knowing what amendments had been made. The Town Clerk was asked to put forward a request to identify where the policies differed and what issues of concern there were.

239. **Faversham Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Irwin noted the opportunity to apply for funding from Locality for technical support and thanked the Deputy Town Clerk for her work. SBC's call for sites had produced 18 in Faversham and the NHP Steering Group were working on a set of criteria to evaluate the sites. SBC did their own assessment, but it was important that Faversham had its own views too.

Cllr Saunders asked if the existing Faversham Creek Neighbourhood Plan would be replaced, as it had value and should continue to be supported as it received 90% support at referendum.

Cllr Irwin confirmed the whole of Faversham had been designated as it would be difficult to remove just the Creek area.

Cllr Saunders asked what the timetable was for councillors to comment. Cllr Irwin confirmed they were building the evidence base which were just views of individuals and not that of the NHP Steering Group, as they could not start drafting policies until the consultation period which was expected to be from August to October.

240. **Receipts and Payments**

It was proposed by the Deputy Mayor Cllr T Martin, seconded by The Mayor, Cllr Reynolds and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the payments***

The meeting closed at 8.42pm

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Mr Taylor

Has there been any further response to FTC's enquiry's to Southern Water Services about the issues that I have raised to FTC on numerous occasions previously concerning the foul sewage flows from the new Lady Dane/Kingsmead Housing development now being built, and the impact by sewer flooding that would develop from the same foul sewage flows, affecting the Whitstable Road and Cyprus Road Faversham and also the Love Lane Estate, as SWS's Ltd themselves stated in the planning file for that Development, which i note has now been passed.

Against this background, FTC should also be aware that further enquiries from the Publicly accessible planning files, indicate that the foul sewage flows from the Perry Court Farm Development (19/503002/SUB), Submission of Details to Discharge Condition 21 - foul drainage, and the Land Adjoining 9 Ashford Road Housing Development - 18/506636/SUB - Submission of Details to Discharge Condition 3 - Methods to dispose of foul and surface waters, will also similarly impact on the volumes of foul sewage in the downstream foul drainage sewer catchment, affecting Whitstable Road and Cyprus Road.

I note that since my last email there has been no response from any FTC Councillors.

Cllr Knights confirmed that they would respond when they have news.

Cllr Perkin had contact Head of Planning at Swale James Freeman, who was aware that in the case of Lady Dane, additional studies were carried out by Southern Water to conclude that the originally envisaged sewer upgrades would not be required. The studies which would take place to inform this would be carried out by Southern Water themselves and would not involve the input of the Borough Council. The reason for this is because it is a specialised and technical piece of work which the sewerage undertaker would be responsible for.

On the subject of foul sewerage, aside from any planning related matters and conditions (the consideration of which would rely heavily on Southern Water as the sewerage undertaker), Southern Water also have separate, non planning related legislative powers, which ensures that the foul drainage disposal from new development meets their requirements. The Borough Council has no remit to get involved in these processes which are governed by Acts that Southern Water would need to operate in accordance with.