

Minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council

Monday 4th January 2021, 7pm

Present:

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

In Attendance:

L Bareham (Town Clerk)

314. Apologies for Absence

None

315. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Cllr B J Martin DPI Agenda Item 320

Cllr Perkin DNPI Agenda Item 320

316. Previous Minutes and Matter to Report

The Minutes of the Meeting dated 7th December 2020 were proposed by Cllr B J Martin, seconded by Deputy Mayor, Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to approve the Minutes dated 7th December 2020.**

317. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor's announcements were noted.

318. Faversham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

The NHP revised timeline will be published after checking with SBC. It was proposed by Cllr Barker seconded by Cllr Perkin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Faversham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group dated 16th November and 21st December 2020.**

319. National Education Union

It was proposed by Cllr Perkin seconded by Cllr Williams and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that the Town Council add their name to the National Education Union open letter**

320. Millfield Play Area Improvements

Cllr Saunders, proposed an amendment, seconded by Cllr Hook and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to draw the money from the Youth Budget and to be open to financially supporting other play areas in town.**

It was proposed by Cllr Perkin seconded by Cllr Williams and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that the Town Council agrees to be the third party funder for the Millfield Play Area improvements to enable Swale Borough Council to access funding from Viridor, drawing the money from the Youth Budget. Being open to financially supporting other play areas in the town.**

321. Education in Faversham

Cllr Saunders proposed an amendment that KCC ends support for selective and academy schools, seconded by Cllr Jackson. On being put to the vote the motion failed.

Cllr Jackson requested a recorded vote

For: Cllrs Saunders, Jackson

Against: Cllrs B J Martin, T Martin, Reynolds, Irwin, Thomas, Williams

Abstained: Cllrs Perkin, Hook, Barker

It was proposed by Cllr A Hook seconded by Cllr B J Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED the Town Council calls on Kent County Council to meet the need for school places for children and young people living in and around Faversham by creating places at schools in Faversham.**

For: Unanimous

322. Christmas Volunteers

It was proposed by Cllr Williams seconded by Mayor of Faversham, Cllr Reynolds and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that Faversham Town Council says thank you to residents and businesses in Faversham, for their kindness and generosity, volunteering time over Christmas and donating food, water and essentials to the lorry drivers forced to spend Christmas in their lorries on Kent roads, with little or no provisions otherwise provided.**

323. Receipts and Payments

It was proposed by Cllr Barker seconded by Mayor of Faversham, Cllr Reynolds and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the receipts and payments.**