

FAVERSHAM FUTURE FORUM held in The Guildhall Faversham on Monday, 24 November 2016

Present: The Mayor, S Campbell and Councillors Henderson, Abram and Martin.

Also present: Town Clerk and 12 members of the public.

The Mayor, Cllr Campbell, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their interest.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Simmons, Kay and Cosgrove. Also Margaret Abram and Swati Samant

2. UPDATE ON DESIGN WORKSHOP

The first piece of work received from Design SE was shared with the group. This was information provided to SBC so they had a basis for immediate discussions with developers.

3. OARE MARSHES DEVELOPMENT

Cllr Henderson gave some background information on the Oare Development and an update of the current stage. As the planning application for this development had been received over three years ago Cllr Henderson stated that it was too late to make any changes, public consultations had already taken place. However, should the developer wish to make changes that would be the opportunity to work with them. Consideration was given to the access routes into the site.

The Section 106 agreement is now holding up the final stage. Two management companies will be set up one to manage the proposed car park and open spaces and the second to management the 80 acre country park. Cllr Henderson wanted to ensure that the country park was for the use of all residents of Faversham and not just those on the development.

Yellow lines in Oare Road were mentioned, but it was felt that this would increase the speed of vehicle along that road if there were no parked cars to slow them down.

It was agreed generally that the group could only influence the future and not the past.

Tim Stonor suggested Oare Road needed to be part of an active travel plan for Faversham.

- Pre-application – greatest influence
- Outline application – change detail
- Detailed – too late to influence

4. 20's PLENTY UPDATE

Tim Stonor gave an update on 20's Plenty. Both FTC and SBC support the concept of 20mph. A working party was set up by SBC and will report to the JTB on 19 December. The work is likely to cost around £60,000 or £3 per head. Oare Parish Council wishes to be involved. It is proposed that there is a town wide 20mph including the A2 and Love Lane.

5. WHERE NEXT?

Harold Goodwin noted that he had written to the Mayor on behalf of The Faversham Society requesting a town wide neighbourhood plan. He felt the Creek Neighbourhood Plan would be passed at the referendum stage. There needed to be a joined up view with Faversham Future Forum, Faversham Society and 20's Plenty. It was considered that a lot had been learnt from the previous NHP.

Further discussion took place and it was felt that it needed to be put on a more formal footing in order to get others involved.

Action: It was agreed that the request would be included in the Town Clerk's Report of 12 December 2016 and presented to the Town Council.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 23 January 2017, 7-9pm, The Guildhall.