

Minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council

The Guildhall

Monday 4th October 2021, 7pm

Present:

Mayor of Faversham, Cllr A Reynolds	Cllr Saunders	Cllr Hook
Cllr Cavanagh	Cllr Williams	Cllr Henderson
Cllr Jackson	Cllr B J Martin	Cllr Rowlands
Cllr Barker	Cllr Irwin	Cllr Thomas

In Attendance:

L Bareham (Town Clerk)

456. Apologies for Absence

Apologies, with reasons, were received from Cllrs Perkin and T Martin and Perkin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the apologies from Cllrs Perkin and T Martin**

457. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None

458. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

It was proposed by Cllr Henderson, seconded by Cllr Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to approve the Minutes dated 4th October 2021.**

459. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor's Announcements were noted.

Cllr Hook joined the meeting at 7.05pm

460. LCWIP

Cllr Saunders confirmed the LCWIP was on program, that it was a national structured format in defined stages. Stages 3 and 4 were cycling and walking audits in town looking at improvements. Cllr Barker asked if the LCWIP was on target to tie in with the NHP and Cllr Saunders confirmed it was still desirable to complete the LCWIP in 2021. Cllr Barker suggested a joint meeting.

Cllr Henderson was surprised that the audit results hadn't been sent to all

councillors and questioned the KCC Kent Capability funding. Cllr Saunders said we would send a summary of the audit, but confirmed he was also unfamiliar with KCC funding and that the report had been undertaken by a KCC officer. He thought any funding coming to Faversham was unlikely, but was hoping to see some via the Active Travel grant.

It was agreed that Cllr Gould would be better to liaise on the S106 rather than Cllr B J Martin. Cllr Hook confirmed that a KCC all party working group would advise on how the active travel funding would be spent and he had lobbied on Faversham's behalf.

It was agreed it would be useful to have a joined up meeting with LCWIP, 20's Plenty and NHP to align and requested the Deputy Town Clerk to organise.

It was proposed by Cllr Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr Jackson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the LCWIP dated 8th September 2021.**

461. Climate & Biodiversity Working Group

Cllr Williams proposed, seconded by Cllr Henderson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to co-opt Matthew Hatchwell and Martin Collins to the Working Group**

It was proposed by Cllr Henderson, seconded by Cllr Williams and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to write to Anderson regarding the country park to ask them to clarify the constitution and who will be the expert advising on the project, as the Residents' Association should not be overseeing the country park, as it a facility for the whole town.**

It was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Reynolds and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED purchase 1000 trees to giveaway during Tree Week in November**

It was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Henderson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Climate and Biodiversity Working Group dated 13th September 2021.**

462. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Cllr Irwin reported on the work undertaken by the working group on the draft policies, site allocations and green spaces.

Cllr Irwin proposed, seconded by Cllr Barker and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the AECOM Site Assessment Draft Report.**

It was proposed by Cllr Irwin, seconded by Cllr Barker and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that Draft Policies V7 be sent to Swale Borough Council for pre-submission comment.**

It was proposed by Cllr Irwin, seconded by Cllr Barker and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that AECOM Design Codes be sent to Swale Borough Council for pre-submission comment.**

It was agreed that the green spaces would be deferred to Private Session.

Cllr Irwin proposed, seconded by Cllr Henderson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group dated 20th September 2021**

463. Public Spaces Working Group

Cllr Thomas noted his disappointment that no KCC officer attended the meeting. He made a call for site suggestions for benches with location or photo details.

It was agreed that comments made by Chris Oswald-Jones on planning were inaccurate and should be removed from the Minutes. The Town Clerk to confirm whether Alan Blackburn was able to make the November meeting.

The lack of adequate signage in the station had been raised, noting there was no directional signs to the town. Cllrs Thomas and Henderson recommended investigating the Adopt a Station scheme.

It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Saunders and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Public Spaces Working Group dated 23rd September 2021**

464. Policy & Resources Committee

Cllr Barker noted that the Creek Working Group had sent a letter to the Secretary of State regarding the bridge. The Committee had also reviewed the grant applications totalling £40,000 with a budget of only £28,000, Cllr Barker confirmed an additional meeting was scheduled to consider the remaining grant applications.

Cllr Barker proposed, seconded by Cllr Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee dated 27th September 2021.**

465. Youth Working Group

Cllr Rowlands proposed, seconded by Cllr B J Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to co-opt Cllr Perkin on to the Youth Working Group**

Cllr Rowlands proposed, seconded by Cllr B J Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Youth Working Group dated 7th September 2021**

466. Town Council Meetings

Cllr Cavanagh proposed, seconded by Cllr B J Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that Town Council Meetings revert to the second Monday of the month from May 2022**

467. Receipt and Payments

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

468. Private Session

It was proposed by Cllr Reynolds, seconded by Cllr B J Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the commercially sensitive nature of the business to be transacted.**

469. Staffing Sub-Committee

It was proposed by Cllr Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr B J Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the proposal from LCC to undertake a staffing review.**

470. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Irwin proposed, seconded by Cllr Barker and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to support the criteria used to select the site selections**

Cllr Barker proposed, seconded by Cllr Irwin and on being put to the

meeting it was **RESOLVED to support the recommendation of the sites selected by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to be put forward for public consultation.**

