

**AT A MEETING OF FAVERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE** held in the Guildhall, on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**Present:** The Mayor Cllr Trevor Martin, J Irwin, H Perkin, A Reynolds, J Rowlands, J Saunders and C Williams

**In attendance:** Adrienne Begent (Deputy Town Clerk)

**116. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies were received.

**117. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**118. MINUTES**

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin seconded by Cllr J Saunders and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council Planning Sub Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022.**

**119. PLANNING SCHEDULE**

The Planning Schedule dated 8<sup>th</sup> August was noted.

**120. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

It was: **RESOLVED that recommendations be sent to Kent County Council (Kent County Council) and Swale Borough Council (SBC) as set out Planning Schedule 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022.**

**121. 22/503389/FULL – WESTON WORKS, FRONT BRENTS**

The submission on 22/503389 was noted. This submission had been agreed by email.

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**122. BOUGHTON AND DUNKIRK NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Members noted that Boughton and Dunkirk Neighbourhood plan had been submitted for examination.

**123. REQUEST FROM SWALE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO NAME NEW ROADS ON PHASE TWO AT FAVERSHAM LAKES**

The meeting received the request from Swale Borough Council to name three roads on Phase Two at Faversham Lakes **Artillery Drive, Rifling Close** and **Flintlock Close**.

Careful consideration was given to the request and it was concluded that the names put forward were problematic. Whilst Faversham's gunpowder and explosives industries supplied products for the military, those of the Marsh Works (the site under development) mainly had commercial uses.

Flintlock is in particular disconnected from a local sense of place; the use of flintlock weapons had largely been superseded by the mid to late 19<sup>th</sup> century, when the Marsh Works were in maximum operation. Nor do the names proposed have local connections or resonance, rather they are generic to military functions. It was also considered that the suggested names were aggressive.

There are also omissions from the pertinent name suggestions previously proposed for the site by the town council.

A further relevant matter is that the Hall family, 19<sup>th</sup> century owners of the works, were local philanthropists with a strong connection to the neighbouring Brents area of Faversham. The widow of William Hall, owner of the works, paid for the erection of the now redundant Brents church (St John the Evangelist), consecrated in May 1881. Mrs Hall was by birth a member of the Wheler family of Otterden, who owned land in the Brents area.

It was agreed that **Dogwood, Bulldog** and **Evangelist** should be suggested as alternative names.

#### **Dogwood Drive/Close/Road, etc**

Charcoal used in the making of gunpowder was chiefly made from alder, dogwood and willow. wood. Large quantities of wood were brought to the works where it was used to make charcoal on-site. There is already a Willow Avenue in Faversham and I understand Alder has now been used for this development

#### **Bulldog Drive/Close/Road, etc**

Bulldog was a brand for pelleted Bobbinite, which was a form of gunpowder invented by Curtis & Harvey in 1899. Manufactured as a 'safe' form of explosive it was the only gunpowder-type explosive ever to be placed on the Home Office's Permitted List for use in blasting in places

such as coal mines. Bobbinite has already been used for a street name in this development.

**Evangelist Drive/Close/Road, etc**

The Hall family, owners of the Marsh Works in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, had strong connections with the now redundant Brents church – St John the Evangelist – and the wider Brents community. The Brents adjoins the development site.