

AT A MEETING OF FAVERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE held in the Guildhall, on Monday, 9th January 2023

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

In attendance: Adrienne Begent (Deputy Town Clerk)

155. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Barker, Cavanagh, Irwin and Rowlands

156. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest are recorded on the Planning Schedule.

157. MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr H Perkin seconded by Cllr C Williams 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 12th December 2022.**

158. PLANNING SCHEDULE

The Planning Schedule dated 12th December 2022 was noted.

159. 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 9th January 2023.**

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Ms C Goatham – 21/5000015/OUT (Land at Abbeyfield): Spoke against the outline application, raising issues concerning:

- 60% of the proposed site will be impermeable, forcing rain to run off and enter drain/sewage system. This threatens to pollute water courses including the two ponds.
- Documents requested in the 2020 KCC Flood and Water report are still outstanding
- The ecology report indicates that habitat is a suitable environment for great crested newts.
- Eels (a protected species) are known to migrate in the area, evidenced in Faversham and Thorn Creek, and therefore possibly the two ponds.
- The site is not included in Bearing Fruits, the emerging Local Plan or emerging Faversham Neighbourhood Plan
- This proposal would make the Whitstable Road/Abbeyfields Junction critical
- Query over access to the site via Abbeyfields
- The proposed site is liable to flooding
- Faversham Emerging NHP - FAV 7: Natural Environment and Landscape; 4. Trees, woodland and hedges must be retained and be incorporated into the layout and landscape design of development proposals.