

**Minutes of Faversham Town Council's Creek Working Group
held virtually on Wednesday 5th October 2022**

Present:

Cllrs A Hook (Chair), M Henderson, H Perkin, and J Rowlands

In attendance: Adrienne Begent (Deputy Town Clerk)

1.	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs Kris Barker, Trevor Martin and Alison Reynolds</p>	
2.	<p><u>Declarations of interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes of 1st March 2022</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 1st June 2022 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting. (Proposed by MH, seconded by JR). The minutes had been presented at Full Council on 13th June.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>Minute 9 (Sewage) – It remained undecided whether the Creek Working Group or the Environment Committee would pursue the issue of water quality and sewage in Faversham Creek. AH to discuss with the Chair of the Environment Committee before the next meeting of that Committee which would take place on 9th November.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Front Brents Jetty and Belvedere Road</u></p> <p>It was noted that four lifebelts had been ordered for the Front Brents Jetty with a delivery date of Friday 7th October. The Town Caretaker would prioritise the fitting of them once delivered.</p> <p>It was RECOMMENDED by Cllr A Hook, seconded by Cllr J Rowlands that the application for the permit to lay grass matting be made to the Environment Agency. The cost of the permit is £221.</p> <p>It was Recommend by Cllr A Hook, seconded by Cllr J Rowlands that the grass matting for the launch site is purchased and laid. The cost of the grass is £270 (plus VAT).</p> <p>At the meeting of the CWG on 01/06/22 it was agreed that a letter should be sent to Faversham Creek Management Company concerning the moorings at Belvedere Road. A reply had been received in July and a</p>	

	<p>follow up letter sent. At the time of the meeting a reply had not been received .</p> <p>It was agreed that the Deputy Town Clerk would chase at the end of the month if a reply had still not been received. This letter would need to reiterate the need for a 50/50 split of the mooring fees if boats are to be moored at Belvedere Road.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Faversham Rowing Club</u></p> <p>It had been reported at the meeting on 01/06/22 that MH had spoken to the Chief Executive at SBC concerning the siting of a shipping container on their land at the Front Brents for the rowing club to use as storage. Permissions and a licence would be necessary but SBC would accept a proposal form the Town Council on behalf of the Rowing Club.</p> <p>ACTION: Rowing Club to be asked draft the proposal which the TC would submit to the SBC Property Manager with Chief Executive copied in.</p> <p>ACTION: Confirmation needed that the Rowing Club are going to meet the cost of purchasing the container.</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>AB</p>
8.	<p><u>Creek Bridge</u></p> <p>The Chair updated members on work surrounding the Creek Bridge. He had drafted the “Case for the Bridge” document. It was agreed that the case document and introduction text would be circulated to all members of the CWG with a deadline to comment. The documents would then be circulated to the stakeholders on Friday 7th October.</p> <p>The Chair confirmed he had written a press release which had been sent to the Kent Messenger. It was hoped it would be published in the next edition. An article on the Creek Bridge would be included in the next edition of the Town Council Newsletter.</p>	