

AT A MEETING OF FAVERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE held in the Guildhall, on Monday, 10th July 2023

Present: The Mayor Cllr Trevor Martin, Cllrs L Coniam, P Cook, R Crayford, A Eyre, R Newman, H Perkin, J Rowlands, J Saunders and C Williams

In attendance: Adrienne Begent (Deputy Town Clerk)

20. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Thomas

21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

22. MINUTES

It was noted that Cllr R Crayford had sent apologies for the meeting on 12th June.

A discussion had taken place at the meeting on 12th June concerning the gate on the public footpath on 16/508709/FULL. The Mayor had written to the Head of Regeneration, Economic Development and Property and Interim Head of Planning at SBC. The response had been shared with members:

It is not generally an offence to undertake development without planning permission and it is normal planning practice to invite a planning application on discovery of a breach of planning control. It does not follow that planning permission would be granted, and if permission is refused or an application not submitted, consideration will be given towards enforcement action, taking into account national and local planning policies as well as harm caused by the breach.

The steps were approved on the original application 16/508709/FULL. Officers dealt with a complaint last year regarding the steps and it was confirmed by the planning officer for the application that the developer had built in accordance to the approved plans and therefore we are unable to take any action.

The Creekside Path and Coastal Path issue does not fall within the remit of the planning enforcement section. There are no conditions on the grant of planning permission 16/508709/FULL or on the s106 agreement, apart

from the need to keep the paths open to the public. I would suggest that this matter is taken up with KCC Rights of Way at County Hall.

Members were not satisfied with the response and questioned why SBC had invited an application for the gate when previous correspondence that had been shared by the Faversham Footpaths Group stated that the walkway would be opened and there will be access to the walkway with removal of the Heras fencing and the gate.

It was agreed that the Mayor would write again, raising this concern.

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin seconded by Cllr J Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council Planning Committee held on 26th June 2023.**

23. PLANNING SCHEDULE

The Planning Schedule dated 26th June was noted.

24. 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 10th July 2023.**

25. LOCAL HERITAGE NOMINATIONS

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin seconded by Cllr P Cook and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to submit nominations forms for Abbeyfields and Land at Ham Road to be added to the Local Heritage Listing.**

The Meeting ended at 18:50