

Minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council
14th April 2025, 7pm
The Guildhall, Faversham

Cllr Rowlands (Chair)	Present	Cllr Golding	Apology
Cllr C Martin	Present	Cllr Jones	Apology
Cllr Coniam	Apology	Cllr B Martin	Present
Cllr Cook	Absent	Cllr T Martin	Present
Cllr Crayford	Present	Cllr Newman	Present
Cllr Eyre	Apology	Cllr Perkin	Apology
Cllr Gibson	Present	Cllr Saunders	Present

In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)

376. Apologies for Absence

Apologies with reasons were received from Cllrs Eyre, Golding, Coniam, Perkin and Jones.

377. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Cllr Saunders declared a DPI for agenda item 380 due to a personal interest in the area. Cllr B J Martin also declared an interest in agenda item 380 as he would be voting on the planning application at Swale and would not be participating in the discussion.

378. Town Council Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Town Council meeting dated 10th March 2025.***

379. Mayor's Announcements

Cllr Rowlands provided a report of various events and functions he had attended including:

- Annual Meeting of the Town, gave out cheques
- Neurodiverse event
- GEMS Awards
- Mayor's Ball
- Jonathan Neame's Declaration of Office for High Sheriff and wished him well

380. Land

Cllr Saunders and Cllr B J Martin left the room

The Mayor, Cllr Rowlands, suspended Standing Orders to allow members to ask Mr Barnes of Shepherd Neame questions regarding the proposed gift of land. He confirmed that an in-principle decision, as soon as possible would be preferred. It was agreed that as the land on offer was not within the boundary of the planning application, it did not have an impact on making a decision that evening. There were no covenants or restrictions and it is understood that the application included S106 funding for works to the land. Mr Barnes further confirmed that Shepherd Neame would bear the legal costs of the transfer.

Cllr T Martin proposed, seconded by Cllr Gibson and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the land and further work to be deferred to the Environment Committee including consultation with residents***

Cllr Saunders and Cllr B J Martin returned

381. Community Committee

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr B J Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Community Committee dated 17th March 2025.***

382. Heritage, Buildings and Creek Committee

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Newman, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Heritage Buildings and Creek Committee dated 2nd April 2025.***

383. Active Travel Committee

It was proposed by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr Gibson, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Active Travel Committee dated 3rd April 2025 subject to amendments.***

384. Policy and Resources Committee

Cllr Crayford proposed a rescission motion on Item 215 of the Policy and Resources Committee minutes regarding the decision to purchase a diesel van. The motion fell with votes as follows: 5 against, 1 for, 2 abstentions.

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Newman, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Policy and Resources Committee dated 7th April 2025.***

385. Receipt and Payments

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Newman, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Receipts and Payments for April 2025.***

The meeting closed at 19.37

APPENIDIX

Mr Oswald Jones noted there is an existing Facebook page called Faversham Neighbourhood Watch which might cause confusion. Cllr Gibson confirmed that the Community Committee would take that on board and thanked the NHW team who came on Saturday.