

Minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council
11th August 2025, 7pm
The Guildhall, Faversham

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

In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk) (via Zoom)
Rob Gibbs (Office Manager)

An oral presentation was delivered by Laurie McMahon and Gill Wagstaff of Faversham Healthy Futures project prior to the start of the meeting.

445. Apologies for Absence

Apologies with reasons were received from Cllrs Eyre, Jones, and B Martin.

446. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None.

447. Town Council Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr C Martin, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 14th July 2025.***

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr C Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Extraordinary Town Council Meeting dated 28th July 2025.***

448. Mayor's Announcements

Cllr Rowlands provided a summary of his most recent engagements.

449. Report from Community Police Officers

It was noted that a report had not been received.

The Town Clerk noted that she had monthly meetings organised with PC Kirsten Jones.

450. Ham Farm Application for Statutory Review Under S.288 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (Stage 1)

Cllr Rowlands set out the grounds for the application for a Statutory Review.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to speak.

Member of the Public 1 – The member of the public commented that it was important to support the action, not just for the Neighbourhood Plan, but for the Nation as a whole.

Member of the Public 2 – The member of the public queried whether the action could be posted on social media. Cllr Rowlands responded that yes it could and to check the Town Council website and social media for guidance.

Member of the Public 3 – The member of the public queried whether fundraising was still required. The Town Clerk responded that more would be known on 29th August 2025 when the respondents' replies were required to be submitted. At that point the Council would need to meet and decide what the next stage is. If a Statutory Review was to proceed there would be a potential need for further fundraising.

Standing Orders were restored.

451. Receipts and Payments

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Perkin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to approve the receipts and payments for August 2025.**

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452. Private Session

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the sensitive nature of the business to be transacted.***

453. Ham Farm Application for Statutory Review Under S.288 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (Stage 1)

A further discussion was held on the application for a Statutory Review.

It was agreed for the Town Clerk to check the reasonableness of considering the next stage at the Town Council meeting on 8th September 2025.

Councillors thanked the Town Clerk for all her work on the matter.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

APPENDIX ONE

Questions from Members of the Public

A member of the public voiced their support to Councillors for their action in applying for a Statutory Review.