

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

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

In Attendance:

Adrienne Begent (Deputy Town Clerk)
Louise Bareham (Town Clerk) (via Zoom)

426. Apologies for Absence

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

427. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Cllr R Crayford, DPNI as Co-director of Faversham Emergency Equipment CIC – Minute Item 438 Kitt Epipen.

428. Town Council Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr Saunders, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Town Council meeting dated 9th June 2025 subject to checking under Minute Item 416 whether the reference should be Jennie Watson rather than Jamie Watson.***

429. Mayor's Announcements

Cllr Rowlands reported on the events he had attended including:

- Blessing of the Waters Ceremony at Brightlingsea
- Flag raising for the Armed Forces at Maidstone Town Hall
- Mayor of Swale's Civic Service
- Met the King at Walmer Castle along with other Cinque Port Mayors

430. Report from Community Police Officers

The report was received and noted.

It was agreed to write to Kent Police regarding the common issue in recent reports of nuisance motorbikes across Faversham and to request details of their strategy for dealing with the problem.

Cllr Rowlands agreed to contact PC Tancock to see if he or his colleagues could attend the next meeting.

431. Report from KCC Member

The report from Cllr Hook was received and noted.

Cllr Crayford suggested that Cllr Hook be invited to Town Council meetings to enable Councillors to ask questions and expand further on the report. Cllr Rowlands agreed to contact Cllr Hook to invite him to future meetings.

Cllr Saunders referred to meetings taking place regarding a pedestrian crossing on the A2 and his wish to see members of the Active Travel Committee continue to be involved in the process.

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Perkin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to:**

- 1) Refer the matter of a statement in response to statements made by the KCC administration to the White Ribbon Working Group.**
- 2) Contact KCC to seek involvement in discussions on the A2 crossing.**
- 3) Refer the matter of a response to Cllr Hook's Proposal regarding blue badge disabled parking to the Community Committee.**

432. Community Committee

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Perkin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Community Committee dated 16th June 2025.**

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433. Heritage, Buildings and Committee

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr BJ Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to commission Daniel Martin to undertake an inspection and provide a report on the Old Pump House.**

A discussion on early discussions with an organisation with the skills for the Old Town Warehouse project and were looking to work voluntarily took place and Cllr Crayford expressed his view that if the project was looking at sponsorship, then the process needed to be open and transparent.

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

434. Active Travel Committee

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

Cllr BJ Martin referred to the paragraph under Minute Item 186 regarding speed reduction on A2 and this would require consultation with Graveney and Goodnestone Parish Council and Boughton-under-Blean Parish Council before progressing.

435. Emergency Campaign Working Group

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr BJ Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Emergency Campaign Working Group dated 4th July 2025.**

436. Policy and Resources Committee

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

437. Naming Footpaths

The following motion was proposed by Cllr Crayford and seconded by Cllr Saunders:

The Town Council notes that there has been considerable public opposition to its proposal to name a pathway Queen Matilda Place, including a petition signed by more than 900 people. It therefore asks the Town Clerk to take the necessary steps in conjunction with Swale Borough Council to facilitate the pathways running from Abbey Place to St Mary's Churchyard and Cyprus Road remaining un-named.

The following amended motion was proposed by Cllr Gibson:

The Town Council notes that there has been considerable public interest in this proposal to name a pathway Queen Matilda Place, including a petition signed by more than 900 people, 300 of whom are Faversham residents. It therefore asks the Town Clerk to work on a question survey piece in the FTC Newsletter searching for the opinions of Faversham residents and promoting Queen Matilda's historical importance.

Following a discussion, Cllr Gibson withdrew his motion.

The following vote was held on Cllr Crayford's motion:

Cllr Crayford	FOR	Cllr T Martin	AGAINST
Cllr Saunders	FOR	Cllr Gibson	AGAINST
Cllr Perkin	AGAINST	Cllr Newman	AGAINST
Cllr Golding	FOR	Cllr C Martin	ABSTAIN
Cllr B Martin	ABSTAIN	Cllr Rowlands	ABSTAIN

The motion fell.

438. Kitt EpiPen

The following motion was proposed by Cllr BJ Martin and seconded by Cllr Gibson:

This motion demonstrates Faversham Town Council's commitment to public safety and well-being. By signing up for the Kitt Medical Service and encouraging its adoption by schools and hospitality businesses, the Council can significantly enhance emergency preparedness for anaphylactic reactions within the community, potentially saving lives and providing peace of mind to residents and visitors.

Council Notes:

- Approximately one third of the population have allergies.*
- Anaphylaxis is a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction requiring immediate treatment with adrenaline (epinephrine), commonly administered via an auto-injector (EpiPen).*
- A significant number of individuals in the UK with severe allergies do not consistently carry their prescribed adrenaline auto-injectors, with studies indicating that approximately one-third of people with severe allergies do not carry an EpiPen.*
- Accidental exposure to allergens can occur in various public settings, including council premises, schools, and hospitality businesses.*
- Prompt access to adrenaline can be life-saving in the event of an anaphylactic emergency.*
- Kitt Medical offers an "Anaphylaxis Kitt" service, providing unassigned adrenaline auto-injectors (EpiPens) for emergency use in public access settings, alongside training and ongoing support.*

This Council Resolves to:

- 1. Sign up for the Kitt Medical Anaphylaxis Kitt Service: To commit to subscribing to the Kitt Medical Anaphylaxis Kitt service for Faversham Town Council premises, thereby providing readily accessible emergency adrenaline auto-injectors and associated training for council staff.*
- 2. Write to all Schools within the Town Council Area: To dispatch a formal letter to all primary and secondary schools located within the Faversham Town Council area, strongly encouraging them to consider signing up for the Kitt Medical Anaphylaxis Kitt service. This letter shall highlight the critical importance of readily available adrenaline in an educational setting and mention that approximately one-third of individuals with severe allergies in the UK do not consistently carry their EpiPens.*
- 3. Write to all Hospitality Businesses within the Town Council Area: To dispatch a formal letter to all hospitality businesses (including but not limited to restaurants, cafes, pubs, hotels, and guesthouses) located within the Faversham Town Council area, strongly encouraging them to consider signing up for the Kitt Medical Anaphylaxis Kitt service. This letter shall emphasize the responsibility of hospitality venues in ensuring customer safety and the statistic that approximately one-third of individuals with severe allergies in the UK do not consistently carry their EpiPens.*
- 4. Allocate Necessary Budget: To allocate the necessary financial resources within the current or next financial year's budget to cover the subscription costs for the Kitt Medical Anaphylaxis Kitt service for Faversham Town Council premises.*
- 5. Promote Awareness: To actively promote awareness of anaphylaxis and the importance of emergency preparedness within the Faversham community through appropriate council communication channels.*

Following a discussion, Cllr BJ Martin agreed to amend point 3 – to include in the correspondence to Hospitality Businesses that if they have a defibrillator to ensure that it is registered on the circuit and promote the bleed kits available.

Cllr BJ Martin amended point 4 to ask Policy and Resources Committee to investigate the policy and potential budget implications and set out the budget for next year if required.

The motion succeeded.

439. Receipts and Payments

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

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Meeting closed at 8.42pm

APPENDIX ONE

Questions from Members of the Public

A member of the public expressed his support for the motion under Minute Item 12 Naming Footpaths. Continuing, the member of the public advised that the Active Travel Committee Minute Item 170 and Faversham Town Council Minute Item 416, should in his view, read *Jennie* Watson, not *Jamie* Watson.

A member of the public referred to dumping on the railway embarkment at Abbeyfields. Cllr Gibson advised that SBC had carried out a land registry search which identified that the Boatyard owned the land. This was now a planning enforcement issue. Continuing, the member of the public referred to containers being stored on former Network Rail land behind the Rec. Again, this would be a planning enforcement issue.