

Minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council
8th September 2025, 7pm
The Guildhall, Faversham

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

In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk) (via Zoom)
Adrienne Begent (Deputy Town Clerk)
Cllr C Martin (via Zoom)

Councillors observed a period of silence as a mark of respect following the death of HRH The Duchess of Kent on 4th September 2025.

454. Apologies for Absence

Apologies with reasons were received from Cllrs C Martin, Jones, B Martin and Crayford. Cllr Crayford was online via Zoom.

455. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None.

456. Town Council Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr Coniam, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 11th August 2025.***

457. Mayor's Announcements

Cllr Rowlands provided a summary of his most recent engagements, including the Hop Festival.

458. Report from Community Police Officers

The latest Report from Community Police Officers was received and noted.

It was noted that PC Tancock was due to attend this meeting but had not arrived. Cllr Rowlands agreed to contact PC Tancock to ensure Police representation at future meetings.

459. Policy and Resources Committee

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee dated 1st September 2025.***

460. Heritage, Buildings and Creek Committee

It was clarified that in the minutes Cllr B Martin and Cllr T Martin incorrectly stated they had DPLs, when in fact they have DNPLs and have received dispensation from the Town Clerk and are able to speak on these minutes and for future meetings.

It was proposed by Cllr Cook, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Heritage, Buildings and Creek Committee dated 3rd September 2025.***

461. Active Travel Committee

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Active Travel Committee dated 4th September 2025 subject to a minor amendment under Minute Item 198 to read:***

It was proposed by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to consult with residents in the Athelstan Road area and the Cambridge Road area, and School Road.***

462. Ham Road Development Application for Statutory Review Under S2.88 Of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (Stage 1)

The Town Clerk referred Councillors to her report.

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

- 1. Note the budget estimates to the permission stage of the proceedings.***
- 2. Notes the additional risk raised by the developer's application for a separate £10,000 costs allowance, and that this will be resisted.***
- 3. Authorises the Town Clerk to continue to liaise with the Council's legal representatives and report back to members with updates.***

463. Funding Campaign for Ham Road Development Judicial Review

The Town Clerk referred Councillor to her report.

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

- 1. Approves the launch of the fundraising campaign for the Ham Road judicial review.**
- 2. Confirms its partnership with the Faversham Society, Faversham Creek Trust, and Save Ham Marshes in delivering the campaign.**
- 3. Notes that pledges will be received via SurveyMonkey and that the target is set at £100,000.**
- 4. Agrees that any funds not spent will be returned proportionally to donors.**

464. Newsletter

Subject to the amendments discussed, it was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to approve the draft Autumn Newsletter.**

465. Receipts and Payments

It was proposed by Cllr Newman, seconded by Cllr Cook, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to approve the receipts and payments for September 2025.**

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466. Private Session

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Cook, 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.**

467. 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.

468. Staffing 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 Staffing Committee dated 1st September 2025 and the recommendations within.**

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

APPENDIX ONE

Questions from Members of the Public

A member of the public referred to recent Anti-immigration protest in Faversham on 6th September 2025.

Cllr Perkin advised she would take up the issue at the Community Committee at SBC, and through the Community Safety Partnership. The matter would also be referred to the Town Council's Community Committee.

It was agreed the Mayor would write to the Police Commissioner and the Chief Inspector Vanessa Foster to communicate the Council's disappointment at their response on the day of the protest. The Mayor would also write to KCC, and Helen Whately MP, asking them to show leadership at this time.