

Minutes of the Meeting of Faversham Town Council
Monday 12th January 2026 at 7pm
The Guildhall, Faversham

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

Present:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)
PC Kirsten Jones (for Minute Item 516)

Public Questions:

Chris Oswald-Jones queried the cost of dog waste bags, stating the invoice cost was 10p per bag, and asked if this was a wise expense. Cllr Gibson felt that they were useful in cutting the amount of dog

Ruth Jones queried the Council's plans for the pedestrian area within Faversham. In her view with the volume of cars it felt like a free-for-all. Councillors provided an update on the planned restoration of waiting time restrictions and work in the remainder of the town to make improvements for pedestrians.

512 Apologies for Absence

Apologies with reasons were received from Councillors Jones, Golding, Cook, and Crayford.

513 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None.

514 Town Council Minutes

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 Town Council Meeting held on 8th December 2025 subject to an amendment under Minute Item 511 which should read "It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr T Martin..."***

Decision: The minutes from the Town Council meeting held on December 9th were approved with a minor amendment regarding the Staffing Committee proposal.

515 Mayor's Announcements

Cllr Rowlands provided a brief overview of recent activities, including attending various community events such as the QE prize giving and the carol service. Cllr Rowlands attended the Volunteers' Christmas Party at the Assembly Rooms held in conjunction with the Faversham Society. There were

no questions or further comments from the members regarding the Mayor's Announcements.

516 Report from Community Police Officers

PC Jones reported an increase in nuisance behaviour, particularly involving eggs being thrown at buildings and general disturbances in the town. They are working closely with local schools and shops to identify the individuals involved and mitigate the issues. The officers emphasised the importance of community cooperation in addressing these problems. Councillor Rowlands raised a concern about a resident's smashed window, which the officers agreed to follow up on. The report was well received, and members expressed their support for the ongoing efforts.

517 Policy and Resources Committee

Councillor Rowlands summarised the key points from the Policy and Resources Committee meeting.

The change of membership to 9 Councillors on the Planning Committee was highlighted and it was noted the change would take place in the next Council year.

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Gibson, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee dated 5th January 2026.**

Decision: The minutes from the Policy and Resources Committee held on 5th January 2026 were approved.

518 Heritage Buildings and Creek Committee

Councillor T Martin provided an update on the Heritage Buildings and Creek Committee.

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Eyre, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Heritage Buildings and Creek Committee dated 7th January 2026 bar Minute Item 163, which would be discussed in private session.**

Decision: The minutes of the Heritage Buildings and Creek Committee held on 7th January 2026 were approved bar Minute Item 163 to be discussed in private session.

519 Active Travel Committee

Cllr Gibson provided an update on the Active Travel Committee.

An amendment was noted under Minute Item 232 which should state contacting Adrian Oliver at KCC to confirm whether it was a helpful time to approach the Developer about further improvements, additionally there were two additional recommendations under Minute Item 233:

Produce a final report on the Athelstan Road and Cambridge Road consultations and to use 20mph Compliance Funding to support any further consultation or traffic order submissions which are recommended.

Hold any 20mph Compliance Funds remaining to support community engagement and publicity activities related to KCC plans for a North South Walking Route.

Cllr B Martin requested his abstention under Minute Item 228 be recorded.

Subject to the amendments raised, 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 Active Travel Committee dated 8th January 2026.**

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Decision: The minutes of the Active Travel Committee held on 8th January 2026 were approved subject to the amendments listed above.

520 Nominated Trustee – Municipal Charities

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Perkin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that Cllr T Martin would continue as the Nominated Trustee for the Municipal Charities for a further 4-year term.**

Decision: Cllr T Martin was reappointed as Nominated Trustee to the Municipal Charities for a further 4-year term.

521 Receipts and Payments

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Gibson, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Receipts and Payments for January 2026.**

1 ABST.

Decision: The Receipts and Payments for January 2026 were approved.

522 Private Session

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr T Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED under the Public Bodies (Admission 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 items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the sensitive nature of the business to be transacted.**

523 Heritage Buildings and Creek Committee

The remaining items under Minute 163 were discussed.

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Rowlands, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept Minute Item 163 of the Heritage Buildings and Creek Committee dated 7th January 2026.***

Decision: Minute Item 163 of the Heritage Buildings and Creek Committee dated 7th January 2026 was approved.

The meeting closed at 7:40pm.