

AT A MEETING OF FAVERSHAM TOWN HERITAGE, BUILDINGS AND CREEK COMMITTEE held in the Guildhall, on Wednesday 2nd July 2025

Present: Cllr P Cook (Chair), Cllr K Golding, Cllr B J Martin, Cllr T Martin, Cllr R Newman, Cllr J Rowlands, Ms P Dickenson

In attendance: Adrienne Begent (Deputy Town Clerk)

104. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Eyre, County Cllr A Hook, Mr H Goodwin and Mr A Thorne

105. CO-OPTION

It was proposed by Cllr J Rowlands, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that Mr P Dickenson be co-opted onto the Heritage, Buildings and Creek Committee.***

106. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

107. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th June were noted with the following amendment:

Apologies received from Cllr R Newman (deleted from present).

The Minutes had previously been approved at Town Council on 9th June.

108. ACTIONS AND MATTERS ARISING

Members received Actions and Matters Arising – HBCC

Item 11. (Heritage Markers) JR to discuss with DTC

Item 36. (Blast Wall) to be taken forward jointly with Environment Committee

Item 63. (Heritage Asset Register) DTC to submit a FOI

Items 59 & 62 (Regalia and Robes) It was noted that the grant applications to the Municipal Charities had been generously supported

109. MINUTES FROM WATER QUALITY WORKING GROUP

The minutes from the WQWG held on 10th June were noted.

Consideration was given to which organisation was responsible monitoring discharge from vessels.

One suggestion that needed further investigation was:

Locked body of water – Statutory Harbour Authority

None locked body of water – The Environment Agency

110. OLD GATE ROAD

Members received the quote from Bridgers Law to investigate ownership of the gate on Old Gate Road.

It was proposed by Cllr P Cook, seconded by Cllr R Newman and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to defer decision to engage Bridgers law pending Cllr P Cook investigating policy and procedure of the Building at Risk Register and the implications of the structure being listed on it.***

ACTION: Raise issue of ownership with SBC (DTC)

Cllr B J Martin abstained

111. THE OLD PUMP HOUSE

Members received the quote from Daniel Martin to undertake a detailed inspection and draft report on the Old Pump House

It was proposed by Cllr P Cook, seconded by Cllr R Newman, 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.***

112. GUILDHALL

Members received that quote from Daniel Martin to oversee and administer the external repair of the Guildhall (Paper 2).

It was proposed by Cllr P Cook, seconded by Cllr J Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was ***RECOMMENDED to commission Daniel Martin to carry out work as detailed.***

113. FAVERSHAM CREEK SILTATION

Cllr P Cook reported that an extended survey had been undertaken. On initial comparison it showed the level of mud in the area has increased as suspected.

114. ITEMS FOR REPORT

Creek Siltation

Regulating current arrangements regarding the occupation of the Old Pumphouse

The Guildhall

Town Quay and Buildings

Great Explosion Grave Love Lane Cemetery

115. PRIVATE SESSION

It was proposed by Cllr P Cook, seconded by Cllr J Rowlands 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 items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the sensitive nature of the business to be transacted.***

116. TOWN QUAY AND BUILDINGS

Members received the report from Cllr P Cook on the Old Town Warehouse. (Paper 4).

It was proposed by Cllr B J Martin, seconded by Cllr J Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to approve the expenditure of £1,000 on Heras fencing and £2,000 on skip hire.***

It was proposed by Cllr B J Martin, seconded by Cllr J Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was ***RECOMMENDED to approve the remaining expenditure of £20,000 as detailed in Paper 4.***

It was proposed by Cllr P Cook, seconded by Cllr B J Martin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that Delegated Power be given to the Facilities Manager and Deputy Town Clerk in consultation with the Chair of HBCC for the day decision making regarding The Old Town Warehouse, seeking advice from local experts when beneficial to the project.***

Members received the report from Cllr P Cook on the Old Pumphouse (Paper 5) and the Structural Inspection of Roof and Gable Walls (Torcal Ltd.).

It was proposed by Cllr J Rowlands, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that the Structural Inspection Report (Torcal Ltd.) be shared with a potential sponsor with the***

intention of the re bedding of the cornerstones as a matter of urgency in advance of other work.

Members received quotes for determining market rents for the two properties (Paper 6).

It was proposed by Cllr J Rowlands, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to defer making a decision until the September Meeting.***

The Meeting ended at 21.40