

MINUTES OF THE FAVERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

9th September 2026 at 7:30pm at The Guildhall

Present: Cllr Coniam (Chair), Cllr Crayford, Cllr Rowlands, Matthew Hatchwell

Apologies: Cllr Golding, Cllr B Martin, Cllr Perkin, Martin Collins

In attendance: Adrienne Begent (Interim Town Clerk), Stacey Woolf (Facilities Manager)

Public Questions: Maria Newman queried about the requirements of chickens being kept at allotments. Stacey Woolf advised her to keep the names of those keeping chickens and to forward them to him. Maria Newman queried the industrial chipper as this was beneficial to allotments for the paths.

273. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

Apologies with reasons were accepted from Cllrs Golding, B Martin and Perkin, and Martin Collins.

274. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None.

275. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Coniam, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Environment Committee dated 16th July 2026 as an accurate record of the meeting.**

276. Facilities Manager's Update

The Facilities Manager's Report was received and noted.

Regarding residents' concerns at Perry Court over the grass cutting, the equipment and staff resources required were discussed.

277. FTC Land at Perry Court

The Proposal & Integrated Management Strategy for FTC Land at Perry Court Report was received and noted.

It was felt more engagement with local residents was required to listen to their concerns. It was felt that any future engagement should include either the Facilities Manager, or the Town Ranger.

It was proposed by Cllr Crayford, seconded by Cllr Rowlands, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that Cllr Coniam and Cllr B Martin engage with residents and a fully costed and phased plan is brought back to the Committee, and a member of the Residents' Association is invited to attend a future Committee meeting. An Officer will attend the meeting if possible.**

278. Water Bowser

The quote for the Water Bowser was received.

It was proposed by Cllr Coniam, seconded by Cllr Rowlands, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to defer until the next meeting, when confirmation of committee's budget situation would be provided to assist the decision.***

279. Pesticide Free Town

There was no update available for this item. It was agreed to include it on the agenda for the next meeting.

280. Oare Gunpowder Works

The Interim Town Clerk provided an update.

281. Allotments

There was nothing to note regarding the allotments. It was noted that Millfield, Perry Court, and Stonebridge were participating in the Pumpkin Growing Competition.

282. Events

Holding screenings of the People's Emergency Briefing Film was discussed including which groups it would be beneficial to invite, including local sixth forms, and youth clubs.

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Crayford, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED for Cllr Coniam to contact the film owner by next meeting and discuss the distribution of the film at the next meeting. Cllr Coniam to email all Councillors for ideas on which groups and locations to promote the film to.***

283. Graffiti

It was noted that SBC no longer had a graffiti buster machine. The Facilities Manager advised that the Town Council used graffiti wipes to remove graffiti on Town Council assets. Graffiti problems at the Faversham Railway Station were discussed.

It was proposed by Cllr Crayford, seconded by Cllr Rowlands, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that Cllr J Rowlands would draft a Graffiti Strategy with input from the Community Committee.***

284. Recycling Boxes

The Office Manager's Report on Recycling Boxes was received and noted.

285. Items for Report

- People's Emergency Briefing Film
- Pesticide Free Town

- FTC Land at Perry Court
- Graffiti Strategy
- Paint Disposal and Recycling - Cllr Crayford advised a resident had contacted him regarding an issue when trying to dispose of paint – this could not be taken to the Faversham Waste Recycling site, and residents had to go to Ashford. Cllr Crayford suggested lobbying KCC on this issue.
- Cllr Crayford suggested inviting the Community Nursery to deliver a presentation at a future meeting. **ACTION MH**

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.