

MINUTES OF THE FAVERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

16 July 2026 at 7:30pm at The Guildhall

Present: Cllr Coniam (Chair), Cllr B Martin, Cllr Rowlands, Cllr Perkin

Apologies: Cllr Crayford, Cllr Golding, Martin Collins

In attendance: Sarah Muteham (Town Clerk), Stacey Woolf (Facilities Manager)

Public Questions: Maria Newman queried the draft FTC Tenancy Agreement included with the meeting papers.

262. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

Apologies with reasons were accepted from Cllr Crayford, Cllr Golding, and Martin Collins.

263. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None.

264. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

It was noted that the Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on 10th June 2026 had been approved at the Full Town Council meeting held on 13th July 2026.

265. Pesticide-Free Town

Cllr Coniam advised she had been in contact with Cllr Henderson, KCC Cabinet Member for Environment, Coastal Regeneration and Public Health regarding alternatives to pesticides. Cllr Coniam agreed to also raise the issue with KCC Cllr Hook.

Members requested that the Facilities Manager check the notice periods for amending the allotment tenancy agreements in consideration of the chemicals element.

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Perkin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to add a clause to the allotment tenancy agreements when appropriate regarding the non-use of pesticides, and it was delegated to the Chair and the Town Clerk to oversee the process.**

266. Facilities Manager's Update

The Facility Manager's Report was received and noted.

Cllr Rowlands thanked the Facilities Manager for his work putting up signage at Stonebridge Pond to deter fishing.

267. Oare Gunpowder Works

The Town Clerk provided an update on progress with the Oare Gunpowder Works project, noting that the second phase of funding had been requested.

The future management of the site was discussed, and it was agreed that an action plan should be developed for when the site was taken over.

268. Section 106

Members present considered suggestions for future Section 106 requirements. It was proposed by Cllr Coniam, seconded by Cllr Rowlands, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to include the following items to be submitted to the Town Council's Planning Committee:**

- ***Flood deviation/flood response***
- ***Home insulation programme***
- ***Energy efficiency programme***
- ***Provision of street trees***
- ***Shade installation at play areas (e.g. sail shades)***
- ***Provision of shade areas using solar panels in open spaces (e.g. solar pergola)***
- ***Water butts installed at new properties***
- ***Green roof bus shelters***
- ***Signage to be placed on bee posts instead of regular posts***
- ***Provision of bird boxes for colony birds, to be placed appropriately (cluster rather than spaced out)***

269. Annual Action Plan

Councillors reviewed the annual action plan and considered updates for the current year. It was proposed by Cllr Coniam, seconded by Cllr Rowlands, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to amend the Annual Action Plan as follows:**

3.1 ***amend to read “continued maintenance and improvements”.***

3.2, 3.3, and 3.4 ***to be deleted***

3.7 ***to add “communicate their locations to the public”***

3.8 ***to be renamed “Responsive Environmental Projects”***

3.10 ***Timescale to change to “ongoing”***

and add items for Oare Gunpowder Works, Town Maintenance, Street Tree Strategy, E-Newsletters, Plastic Free Town.

270. Plastic Free Faversham

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

- 1. *Change to a cheaper recycling box supplier,***
- 2. *Consult the Alexander Centre and other community organisations to seek assistance in hosting recycling boxes,***
- 3. *Publicly communicate the location of specific recycling boxes.***

271. Events

The Events report was received and noted.

272. Items for Report

- Graffiti
- Recycling Boxes update
- Bowser/trailer for water

The meeting closed at 8.48pm.