



FAWKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on Thursday 9 September at 7.30 pm to transact the following business.

Grace Champion
Clerk to Fawkham Parish Council

Members of the Parish Council:
Cllr Laura Evans (Chair), Cllr Duncan Harker, Cllr Maxine Fothergill, Jolene Truder, one vacancy

Parish Council Meeting Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllr J.Truder gave her apologies as she was unwell.

2. Declarations of Interest for items relating to the Agenda:

Councillors to make any declarations that may be required by virtue of the Parish Council's adopted Code of Conduct.

None.

3. Members of the Public:

The Council's meetings are open to the public, however, only the first half hour is given for members of the public to raise any matters and partake in discussions. There are no further opportunities for members of the public to speak during the full Parish Council meeting. At the end of the agenda items the public will be asked to leave if the council will be discussing confidential matters.

District Councillor Lynda Harrison was present.

4. Planning applications:

Ref: SE/21/02475/DETAIL

Development: Details pursuant to condition 6 (soft landscaping) subject to 14/02630/FUL
Site: 2 Cross Cottage, Valley Road, Fawkham, KENT, DA3 8LX.

Resolved: The application was discussed and it was decided that FPC would like this request to discharge condition 6 refused, and for the specified yew trees (T5) to be planted elsewhere on the large plot, for example, to the south of the house, and for the two oak trees (T4) shown on the landscape plan to be planted to preserve and enhance the visual appearance of the area as supported by policies EN1 and EN17B of the Sevenoaks District Local Plan. Comment to be submitted to FPC.

Ref: SE/21/02654/LDCEX

Development: Residential caravan site and associated storage containers.

Site: Caravan Site at Woodlands Park Activity Centre, School Lane, Horton Kirby, KENT, DA3 8NZ.

Resolved: The application was discussed and it was decided that FPC object to this application, as inappropriate development in the Green Belt. Should SDC grant it, FPC would like to see permitted development rights removed to prevent further harm to the openness of the Green Belt, further harm to the Local Wildlife Site of which this is a part and further harm to the ancient woodland which immediately adjoins the site. FPC believes evidence should be provided to corroborate the statements, such as utility bills, Council Tax bills and electoral roll information, and that the declarations on their own are insufficient to provide evidence that on the balance of probability the uses have existed for more than 10 years.

If planning permission is granted, FPC would like to see conditions to imposed to mitigate the impact on the ancient woodland, as suggested by the Forestry Commission's Standing Guidance.

5. Planning updates: Update
None.

6. Dates for the year 2021/2022:
Parish Council Meeting -
16th September 2021
21st October 2021
18th November 2021
16th December 2021
20th January 2022
17th February 2022
17th March 2022

7. Confidential Item - Planning Enforcement:
Proposed: Update on cases, agreement of priority ranking (1, 2 and 3) and next steps
Resolved: The Council resolved to hear this item in a confidential session due to the nature of its content. Cases were discussed and ranked in order of priority and actions agreed.

Meeting closed at 8:36pm.