

FAWKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held remotely by video link following agreed legislation on Tuesday 4th May at 7.30 pm to transact the following business

Laura Marchant Clerk to Fawkham Parish Council

Members of the Parish Council:

Cllr Laura Evans (Chair), Cllr Alun Evans (Vice Chair), Cllr Duncan Harker, Cllr Maxine Fothergill, Cllr Jolene Truder

Parish Council Meeting Agenda

During the period of Government restrictions due to Coronavirus, agenda items are being limited to those that are critical and/or can be actioned under the restrictions.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllr J. Truder

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.

DCllr F.Parkin sent her apologies for not being able to attend the meeting. DCllr L.Harrison and KCCllr D.Brazier were present.

4. Planning applications:

Ref: 21/01054/FUL

Site: Former Annexe Fawkham Manor Farm Manor Lane Fawkham KENT DA3 8ND Development: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling with associated parking

Comments: A discussion was held including the planning history of this site. There is no mention within the current planning application of the ancient woodland within the site and no mention of the required 15m buffer.

In conclusion Fawkham PC objects to this planning application on the basis of harm to ancient woodland, and harm to the openness of the Green Belt by visual intrusion caused

by its repositioning and by scale through its 50% increase in size. FPC also objects due to the lack of an Ecology Study and Biodiversity Enhancements.

A discussion was held regarding concerns over various planning application/enforcement issues. Cllr M.Fothergill said she and DCllr L.Harrison were going to meet with Peter Fleming and Pav Ramewal at SDC to discuss their concerns in both Fawkham and West Kingsdown. This was responded to positively by Cllrs D.Harker and A.Evans.

Ref: 21/01098/FUL

Site: Land Northwest Of Fawkham Manor Farm Valley Road Fawkham KENT Development: Erection of woodland store and associated hardstanding Comments: A discussion was held. It was noted that the application makes no mention of the ancient woodland that surrounds this development. It was noted that it would seem more appropriate that the equipment be stored within the grounds of Fawkham Manor Farm, of which this woodland is a part, thus protecting the ancient woodland. This would fit better with point 8.2 of the Development in the Green Belt policy. In summary FPC objects to this application on the basis of harm to ancient woodland and non-compliance with 8.2 of the Development in the Green Belt policy.

Ref: SE/21/01043/PAE

Site: Laredo Three Gates Road Fawkham KENT DA3 8NZ

Development: Prior notification of a single storey rear extension which extends insert 6 m beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling house with a maximum height of 4.5 m and eaves height of 2.5 m.

Comments: A discussion was held. In summary all agreed that Fawkham PC would like to comment on this prior notification but requires further information from SDC to do so, which will be requested.

5. PC meeting 15th April 2021

Proposed: To review the PC minutes from 15th April and ratify all decisions made. Resolved: Cllr L.Evans read each resolution from the Minutes of the council meeting held on the 15th April and all resolutions and decisions were ratified.

6. Matters Arising:

Matters arising relating to the Minutes, not on this agenda.

Comment: KCC Highways have been contacted by the Clerk regarding the condition that the verges have been left in by the telegraph pole on Brands hatch road and the electricity sub station on Rogers Wood Lane, following localised improvement works by UK Power Networks.

SDC were contacted regarding the property White House Lodge, as it seems to be in disrepair.

Banners to advertise No Mow May have been placed around the village by a resident. The Clerk was asked to contact Alison Salter at SDC to progress the arrangement of training that had been agreed.

Cllr L.Evans informed the PC that there is a KALC training session on planning taking place (W/C 10th May) if anyone wished and was available to join.

7. Asset Register

Update. Report on the conditions of assets so far reviewed and any maintenance required or issues noted.

Comments: The assets have all been reviewed and the register will be updated and signed off at the ACM on the 20th May.

8. Litter picking equipment

Proposed: To purchase the following items for use in community cleaning/litter picking events and for loan to residents. From the Community events budget.

Hi-vis vest £2.15 each x 5 = £10.75 <u>https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Personalised-Printed-Hi-Viz-VEST-High-Visibility-waistcoat-Safety-workwear-EN471/222430481995?</u> <u>hash=item33c9e3ce4b:g:ApoAAOSwax5YvH2H&var=521297025121</u>

Litter picker £4.99 each x 5 = £24.95 <u>https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/76cm-Litter-Picker-Rubbish-Debris-Pick-Up-Reaching-Mobility-</u> <u>Tool-Marksman/383645525154?</u>

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Hoops £8.99 each x 5 = £44.95 https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Litter-Picking-Hoop/402765562381? hash=item5dc6b2c20d:g:JS8AAOSwngVgauTE

Total = $\pounds 80.65$

Resolved: Cllr L.Evans proposed to purchase the above items. Cllr D.Harker and Cllr M.Fothergill seconded.

Cllr L.Evans suggested that some litter picking events could be arranged along footpaths once the items arrive and COVID restrictions allow.

9. Public Rights of Way

Update - Report on any issues found on the footpaths that have been walked so far Comment: Cllr L.Evans reminded Members that once they have walked the footpath that they have volunteered to monitor to send a report online to KCC if they find any problems such as missing signage. Cllr L.Evans will contact Roy Barry again to let him know that Members of FPC and residents have started to monitor the footpaths and report any issues. So far, only a few missing wayposts/footpaths numbers had been reported.

10. Annual Council Meeting - Document review

Reminder of the documents to be reviewed at the ACM on May 20th.

Comment: Cllr L.Evans reminded Members of the council documents such as standing orders which it would be helpful for them to read through ahead of the ACM on the 20th May when they will be formally reviewed.

11. Chair and Councillors reports:

To note any items not listed on the agenda

Note: Cllr D.Harker has chased for a price for the installation of missing fencing along the footpath from the Hall car park to the school. Three quotes are being sought.

Note: Cllr L.Evans informed the council that the traffic count in the village is confirmed for the week commencing the 21st June.

Note: Cllr A.Evans informed the council that he has a meeting with SDC to try and get cameras installed in Steephill Road where recent fly tipping has occurred. They are also going to brainstorm ideas and see what else can be done to try and prevent further fly tipping.

Note: Cllr M.Fothergill asked KCCllr D.Brazier if anything is being done by KCC to prevent fly tipping. KCCllr D.Brazier felt that charging for certain types of waste at recycling centres is encouraging fly tipping by the general public.

12. Open Forum for Councillors to raise matters to be placed on the next agenda: Members are asked to consider agenda items for the next meeting. The details of the agenda item will be sent to the Clerk by the Thursday (one week) before the published meeting. Late details will cannot guarantee inclusion on the proposed agenda. None

13. Dates for the year 2021/2022:

Parish Council Meeting -Thursday 20th May, 7.30pm -Annual Council Meeting Tuesday 15th June, 7.30pm Thursday 17th June, 7.30pm - Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 15th July, 7.30pm Thursday 19th August, 7.30pm Thursday 16th September, 7.30pm Thursday 18th November, 7.30pm Thursday 18th November, 7.30pm Thursday 16th December, 7.30pm Thursday 20th January, 7.30pm Thursday 17th February, 7.30pm Thursday 17th March, 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.33pm.