

FAWKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

I hereby summon you to attend the Parish Council Meeting of Fawkham Parish Council to be held at Fawkham Village Hall, Valley Road Fawkham on **Thursday 16th January 2020 at 7.30 pm** to transact the following business.

Acting Proper Officer to the
Council Cllr Laura Evans

Members of the Parish Council:

Cllr Laura Evans (Chair), Cllr Alun Evans (Vice Chair), Cllr Duncan Harker, Cllr Maxine Fothergill, one vacancy

Planning Agenda

Planning applications:

None received at time of publication.

Planning decisions/updates:

Status of caravans at **Eureka** and **The Cabin at Woodlands activity centre** as permanent residential addresses. Update

Cross Cottages 19/03193/CONVAR: retrospective application re hedges. Update

West Rays: single story extension: **Refused**. Planning status of brick wall and gates. Update

Parish Council Meeting Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence:

None received.

2. Clerk recruitment and co-option of new Councillor:

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.

Apologies have been received from District Cllr Harrison.

4. 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.

5. Approved Minutes:

To approve as a correct record the MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th December 2019, as attached.

6. Matters Arising:

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

7.VE Day 75:

Update on progress with plans for VE day celebrations in May.

8. Parish in Bloom:

Cllr Fothergill to present an overview of plans and timings for discussion.

9.Local Plan update:

The Planning Inspector has written further to SDC: https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/downloads/file/2870/ed44_inspectors_letter_to_sdc who have responded: https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/downloads/file/2871/ed45_sdc_letter and have issued a press release which concludes: "Cllr Peter Fleming, Leader of the Council, adds: "I will be writing to the Secretary of State on this matter and urgently asking him to intervene. It appears something is very wrong with the system if a council with its communities works hard for four years to produce an evidence-based plan that delivers housing, jobs and infrastructure investment, whilst protecting the environment, only to be halted by a single individual. We will not be withdrawing our Local Plan and the Inspector will produce her report in due course. We will then take the strongest action open to us."

10. Highways (please see attached updated Highways Improvement Plan for full details):

- a. Village gates - have been ordered, delivery expected end January with installation shortly thereafter.
- b. Traffic Count - discussion of the results which have been circulated. Unfortunately the counts were not taken in the positions agreed with KCC Highways and was not possible to move them.
- c. Kent County Council Highways Seminar - report to be given by Cllr L Evans
- d. Other highways items - see HIP

11. Fawkham Village Hall Kitchen Refurbishment:

Discussion and agreement of the way forward to progress this.

12. Finance:

Expenditure and Income - details to be tabled.

13. Honour Board:

Cllr Harker to update on progress.

14. School Wig Wags:

Cllr Fothergill to update on discussions with the school on the operation of these safety features.

15. Projects and Actions Sheet:

A review of progress of items not on the agenda, which do not need a decision or agreement on cost. Updated sheet is attached.

16. Correspondence:

- a. A letter has been received from Halstead Green Belt Future Group and forwarded to all by email - to be discussed.
- b. An email has been received from Dartford BC re their Reg 18 consultation on their Local Plan. Comments to be received by 21.2.20 using a response form.

17. 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 not guarantee inclusion on the proposed agenda.

18. Dates for the year 2019/20:

Parish Council Finance Meeting Tuesday 28th January 2020 7.30pm
Parish Council Meeting Thursday 20th February 2020 7.30pm
Parish Council Meeting Thursday 19th March 2020 7.30pm
Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 16th April 2020 TBC (to be held between 1st March and 1st June)
Annual Council Meeting - Thursday 21st May 2020
AGM village Hall - TBC

Fire safety in the Village Hall

The village hall does not have a fire alarm system. In the event of a fire or other hazard requiring rapid exit of the building please use either the main entrance or one of the emergency exits. The emergency exits are located at the end of the main Hall nearest to Valley Road (furthest from the main entrance) and in the kitchen at the rear/left of the building. Please make your way to the far side of the Village Hall car park, furthest away from the building. The Clerk will advise if and when it is safe to return to the building.