

Fawkham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Fawkham Village Hall on Thursday 20th February 2020 at 7.30pm.

Members of the Parish Council:

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

Also Present: Laura Marchant (Clerk)

Minutes

1. Apologies for Absence:
None received.

2. Planning applications:
Ref: 20/00238/FUL
Site: Land North West of Choakes Farm Stables, Speedgate (comment by 24th Feb)
Comment

Ref: SE/20/00229/DETAIL - Details pursuant to condition 3 (external lighting) of planning permission 17/00208/MMA
Site: 2 Cross Cottage Valley Road Fawkham KENT DA3 8LX
Noted

Ref: SE/20/00274/DETAIL - Details pursuant to condition 12 (archaeological watching brief) of planning permission 17/00208/MMA
Site: 2 Cross Cottage Valley Road Fawkham KENT DA3 8LX
Noted

Ref: SE/20/00364/DETAIL - Details pursuant to condition 9 (archaeology) subject to 18/03932/MMA
Site: Trinity House Valley Road Fawkham KENT DA3 8LX
Noted

3. Planning decisions/updates:

Appeals:

Ref: APP/G2245/W/19/3242920 -

Site: Hurstgrove Castle Hill Hartley KENT DA3 7BQ - Demolition of existing buildings and structures. Erection of a detached single storey dwelling. Improvements to access. (decision 4th March)

The Chair detailed the discussion she had with the Case Officer regarding whether this property was in Fawkham or Hartley. Noted

4 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.

Members of the public present: Gill Cramp - Churchwarden, D Cllr Lynda Harrison, and one other

Apologies received from D Cllr F.Parkin

5 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.

No Declarations of Interest

6 Approve Minutes:

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28th January 2020, as attached.

Resolved: It was proposed through the Chair that the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chair.

7. Matters Arising:

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

It was noted that the date of the Annual Council Meeting had needed to be changed to 14th May due to the village hall being used for the Police Commissioner Election.

8. Finance Approval:

Expenditure and Income - details were tabled and reviewed.

Date	Cheque No.	Payee	For	Amount	Entry Number
15/01/2020	DD	British Gas - electricity	Electric	£1.42	74
2/3/20	DD	FINAL - L.Harrison re FPC phone	Telephone and Broadband	£28.99	75
05/02/2020	867	Ayerst	Asbestos test	£40.00	76
13/02/2020	868	Various L.Evans expenses	L.Evans expenses inc Daffoldils	£75.53	77

Date	Cheque No.	Payee	For	Amount	Entry Number
13/02/2020	869	A.Clark - Home building services	Gate installation	£99.00	78
13/02/2020	870	cliffe contractors ltd	Gate installation and sign work	£918.00	79
13/02/2020	871	l.marchant expense grit bin	Grit Bin	£147.59	80
20/02/2020	872	l.marchant pay	Clerk pay	£706.50	81
20/02/2020	873	HMRC	HMRC NI and Tax	£205.34	82
20/02/2020	874	L.marchant	expenses ink	£35.79	83

Noted: Expenditure and Income reviewed and approved by the Chair, and cheques presented signed.

9. Website Project:

The current provider for hosting FPC website is Cantium, a company wholly-owned by KCC. This free service is being withdrawn and a new provider, and cost of service needs to be explored and decided upon.

Cllr L.Evans gave an update on the website project. It was discussed that the domain name www.fawkhampc.org.uk was emerging as the preferred choice.

Potential website providers have been shortlisted and a recommended option with preferred functions will be discussed at the parish council meeting in March.

Timeline was suggested to launch the new website at the beginning of July.

Noted

Comment: The Parish Council would like to thanks Lawrence Moss for his continued help and support on the website project.

10. Highways Improvement Plan (HIP)

- Cllr L.Evans gave an update on the HIP:
- Village Gateways - Installation is complete with new signs at both ends of the village
- Scratchers Lane Junction and associated weight limit signs to be completed soon
- New give way signs painted at the junction of Manor lane and Fawkham Valley Rd
- No response has yet been received from KCC regarding the operation and timing of the three wig-wag flashing signs at the village school.
- Traffic Count - Discussion of the results which have been previously circulated. Unfortunately the counts were not taken in the positions agreed with KCC Highways and it was not possible to move them.

Resolved: Cllr L.Evans proposed going back to KCC with comments and ask for another count in the correct place close to the church.

This was seconded by Cllr A.Evans and all agreed.

Resolved: Cllr L.Evans to share speed count information with Fawkham School.

This was seconded by Cllr A.Evans and all agreed.

Noted: Further consideration to be given as to how to further communicate the results.

11. VE Day

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Cllr A.Evans gave an update on progress with plans for VE day celebrations in May.

- Cllr A.Evans and Cllr D.Harker met with Gill and Gerald Cramp on behalf of the church to discuss VE day celebrations
- Cllr A.Evans gave an overview of the order of celebrations
- Fawkham Village Hall has been booked in case of inclement weather

Resolved: It was agreed to advertise the event via social media and a leaflet drop

Resolved: It was agreed to try and arrange transport for anyone in the community who would like to attend the event but may not have transport to do so

Resolved: It was agreed to discuss at the next Parish Council Meeting the budget for VE day and a tree to request that FPC can plant in the Church meadow to commemorate the day

12. The verge at Rogers Wood Lane

A discussion was held about how best to repair damage to the Common Land at Rogers Wood Lane

Resolved: It was agreed that Cllr L.Evans would write a post on the Fawkham community facebook page about the damage to the common land to see if it could be determined how the damage is being caused. Cllr L.Evans to feedback at the next Parish Council meeting. DCllr Harrison offered to speak to DCllr Parkin who lives nearby.

13. Parish In Bloom

Update on plans for Parish in Bloom

- Cllr L.Evans informed the council that she had spoken to Mrs Proudfoot and that she is happy for her garden open days to be included as part of the submission for Parish in Bloom
- Cllr L.Evans explained that any relevant social media posts should include the hashtag #parishinbloom to make it easier to collate items for the submission
- Gill Cramp informed the council that St Marys church had started to put aside pallets for the construction of a compost area. The church are hoping to become part of an eco project for churches.

Resolved: Cllr A.Evans and Cllr M.Fothergill to liaise with Steephill Primary School and Fawkham Village Primary School respectively to see how the schools could be involved in Parish in Bloom

14. Dartford Local Plan

Discuss and agree the response to consultation re their Reg 18 consultation on their Local Plan

Cllr L.Evans gave a overview of the plan and went through the questions of the survey

Resolved: Answers to the survey were agreed. Clerk to fill in the survey online and return before the deadline.

15. Kitchen Refurbishment Update

Update on Fawkham Village Hall kitchen refurbishment

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One further quote has been obtained for both the Kitchen supply and installation and also the flooring replacement in the kitchen.

One further quote is still needed for the kitchen installation.

Noted: Clerk to feedback at the next Fawkham Parish Council meeting progress of obtaining further quotes. Once all quotes are received they will be tabled at a meeting for discussion and agreement of which quotes to accept.

16. Litter picking: SDC, Cleaning Ninjas and Great British Spring Clean 20/3-13/4

The Chair outlined the contact made with SDC to push for a litter pick of Valley Road and the progress made so far. A further litter pick will take place in the run up to Parish in Bloom. The Cleaning Ninjas are considering actions to take that may coincide with the national Great British Spring Clean.

Noted

17. Flooding - recent update

- Cllr L.Evans informed the council that all gullies were cleared in Valley Road at the end of November 2019 and
- A full CCTV report of the drains from Speedgate Hill to Brands Hatch Road will take place to try and identify the causes of the local flooding around the Village Green, which local residents, as well as the Parish Council, are reporting to KCC

Noted

18. Projects and Actions Sheet

A review of progress of items not on the agenda, which did not need a decision or agreement on cost.

- Honours board to be discussed at the next Fawkham Parish council meeting
- Cllr A.Evans informed the council that the netting underneath the bridge will be replaced once Highways have liaised with KCC as a road closure will be needed
- Dog Fouling along Valley Rd footpath - A post on the Fawkham community facebook page determined that there is no persistent dog fouling along this path
- Cllr D.Harker to chase about the salt delivery.

Noted

19. Correspondence:

a. A letter has been received from Halstead Green Belt Future Group and forwarded to all by email. Halstead GBFG were informed we could not make the meeting due to it clashing with the FPC finance meeting.

Resolved: FPC will try to attend the next Halstead GBFG meeting

b. An email was received by the Clerk in relation to the Fawkham War Memorial on Fawkham Green, Valley Road. Historic England has received an application to add the War Memorial to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest ('The List').

Resolved: Clerk to arrange a site meeting with Historic England.

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20. Chair's Report:

Cllr L.Evans informed the council that she attended the installation of Revd. Adele Barker, alongside Cllr Fothergill in her District Councillor capacity.

21. Councillors' Reports:

Cllr A.Evans noted that an email had been received by the clerk from SDC in relation to cross checking Council Tax, Electoral Roll and planning records.

22. 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 - Cllr M.Fothergill sent her apologies in advance for the meeting on the 19th March.

23. Dates for the year 2019/20:

Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 19th March 2020 7.30pm

Annual Parish Meeting - Thursday 26th March 2020 7pm for tea/cake, 7.30pm start

Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 16th April 2020 7.30pm

Annual Council Meeting - Thursday 14th May 2020 and Village Hall AGM 7pm

Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 18th June 2020 7.30pm

Signed L.Marchant, Clerk

