



FAWKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Fawkham Village Hall on Thursday 17th November 2022 at 7:30pm to transact the following business.

Grace Champion
Clerk to Fawkham Parish Council

Members of the Parish Council:

Cllr Laura Evans (Chair), Cllr Maxine Fothergill, Cllr Will Johnstone, Cllr James Cherry, Cllr Laura Marchant

AGENDA

The meeting opened at 19:08.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Marchant (holiday) and Cllr Fothergill (work commitments).

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.

Noted: Cllr L Evans declared a pecuniary interest in repayments for FPC expenditure awaiting approval.

Noted: Cllr L Evans declared an interest in a planning enforcement matter being discussed due to it being a neighbouring property.

3. Public Session

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.

Noted: Apologies were received from District Cllr L Harrison and District Cllr E Bulford.

Noted: 4 members of the public were in attendance. 2 spoke of their concerns and frustration in relation to the Millwall planning application being granted, and wished to discuss with District Cllr Fothergill her support for this, however, she was not present at the meeting. They thanked Fawkham Parish Council for objecting to this application.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2022 and 3rd November 2022.

Resolved: It was proposed through the Chair that the minutes be approved and signed by the Chair, seconded by Cllr Johnstone.

**14. Cllr L. Evans proposed moving agenda item 14 forward, seconded by Cllr Johnstone.
St Mary's Church Car Park**

Proposal: to discuss and agree any actions in relation to the issues raised by the church in connection with the dog training area on the church meadow.

Resolved: An overview of the current issues were given by a member of the public. The MOP believes that planning permission is required for this business to run and will now take this up with Diocese. MOP will keep FPC updated on the issue. MOP also informed FPC that they are planning to resubmit a CIL application for the resurfacing of the car park.

5. Matters Arising:

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

Noted: Baldwin's Green – FPC had not received any further update from KCC Cllr D Brazier on the brick pathway.

Noted: Brandshatch Floodlights – it was noted that two nights ago the lights just before the paddock entrance seemed even brighter than previously, and that the building called the Kentagon has lights which are some of those that appear to be left on. Cllr L Evans requested that photos be taken where possible so they can be sent on.

Noted: FPC salt bins. The Clerk informed the PC that KCC have offered all parishes a 1 tonne bag of salt/sand. It was agreed to accept this offer. Cllr Johnstone and Cllr Cherry to empty/break up waterlogged bins and empty this salt into the bins once delivered.

Noted: HIP. No response has yet been received from KCC following submission.

Noted: A Remembrance Service was held on the village green on Sunday 13th November with around 30 residents and children in attendance.

Noted: The Clerk noted that, upon further inspection, two further strings of Christmas lights had been damaged. It was agreed that the lights would be checked again when lit to decide if more are needed. The grass maintenance firm has agreed to pay for two sets to be replaced.

6. Planning Applications:

APPEAL: 22/00059/RFPLN

1 Fairview Fawkham Green Road Fawkham Longfield Kent DA3 8NR

Single storey rear extension. Alterations to fenestration.

Resolved: Comments on this application were sent in April 2022 and it was agreed by all that FPC have no further comments to make.

22/02876/LDCEX

Canada Farm Kennels Canada Farm Road South Darenth Kent DA4 9LA

Composite use of land comprising residential, cattery and kennels (sui generis)

Consultation expiry date: 24th November 2022.

Resolved: The application was discussed in detail and it was agreed by all that FPC will object to the application for a lawful development certificate in its current form. FPC will query the red site boundary as this area does not appear to be in use either as garden for the bungalow, nor in connection with the kennels. FPC is of the view that the planning unit should not include this area. Rather, there are two planning units, one in composite use as residential and cattery/kennel, and a second in agricultural use.

Regarding the case for composite use of part of the site, FPC will ask that SDC enquires whether the land to the rear of the bungalow, stated as in use for both as a garden and as an exercise area for the

kennels, has suitable wire mesh fencing securing the area, otherwise it would cast doubt on its use for the kennels.

22/02599/FUL

Land North West Of Horton Wood Canada Farm Road South Darenth Kent

Installation of a solar park to export up to 49.9MW (AC) electricity, including solar panels, inverter cabins, associated infrastructure and associated hard landscaping.

Noted: It was noted that Wessex Solar had sent through a revised application and had also contacted FPC in relation to the community funding aspect of their application. It was discussed and agreed that FPC would respond listing community projects that are in need of funding and also accepting the proposed split of the ongoing yearly community fund (25%).

7. Planning Decisions:

To note planning decisions received from Sevenoaks District Council

Noted: **22/01601/FUL: Chudleigh Castle Hill Hartley - GRANTED**

8. Finance Approval

Expenditure and Income - details to be tabled. Approval of cheques and payments.

Date	Payee/For	Amount
17/11/22	RH ground maintenance August	£200.00
17/11/22	RH Ground maintenance October	£200.00
17/11/22	RH garden services 3 sites cutting September	£210.00
17/11/22	RH garden services 3 sites cutting October	£210.00
17/11/22	L Evans repayment - Condolence Book	£39.95
17/11/22	G Champion repayment Christmas lights replacement	£59.98
17/11/22	SDC Dog Waste Collection	£28.08
17/11/22	HMRC penalty notice	£100.00
17/11/22	Clerk Salary - G. Champion with backdated pay & add hours	£701.01
17/11/22	HMRC Tax & NI payment	£185.86
17/11/22	G Champion repayment ink cartridge	£32.61
	Total	£1967.49

Resolved: It was agreed to approve the payments listed in the schedule above.

9. Budget for 2023/24

To discuss initial draft.

Noted: The Chair went through the draft budget in detail. No further questions were raised by the other councillors. The repairs and maintenance budget will be reviewed before the next meeting.

10. CIL

Update on quotes and ideas.

Noted: The Clerk raised the idea and quote received by email of city radar speed signs. Cllr Johnstone believed these look too urban and that the recent speed surveys did not show a need for these, which the Chair seconded. There were no further CIL updates.

Noted: The Chair informed the PC that she had a telephone call with a resident in relation to the history of HIPs for Fawkham and traffic counts and discussed the residents' concerns with the speed along certain areas of Valley Road. The Chair informed the resident that these areas of Valley Road would be targeted for any future traffic surveys.

Noted: The Chair updated the PC on the drainage works that have been completed around the village green. Two new soakaways have been put in and it is hoped this will help with the flooding in this area. KCC is looking into further possible drainage work.

Noted: It was questioned whether drainage infrastructure could be listed as a potential CIL option. Cllr Johnstone raised the flooding issue at the bottom of Speedgate Hill and the Clerk noted the drain that overflows near this area. The Chair asked for photos to be taken of this so they can be passed on and reported.

Noted: The Chair also raised the drainage issue at Castle Hill. It was noted that the gully gets blocked very easily and that the PC should continue to report it when it is blocked.

Noted: The Chair also suggested adding the school adventure playground for Fawkham Primary School to the CIL idea list.

11. Defib Battery Replacement

Proposal: to agree the purchase of a replacement battery for the defibrillator at the Rising Sun at the cost of £214.00 (ex VAT).

<https://www.defibshop.co.uk/disposable-li-ion-battery-for-i-pad-sp1>

Resolved: It was proposed through the Chair that the battery be purchased, seconded by Cllr Cherry. It was noted by Cllr Cherry that the battery has a life span of 5 years. Cllr Cherry agreed to fit the new battery. A MOP public present asked if the PC have reminders set up from Circuit to check the defibs. The Clerk agreed to check this with Circuit. The Clerk also agreed to start arrangements to organise a defib course at the hall once the new defib is up and running.

12. Local Plan

Update and Proposal: to commission work on preparing responses to SDC's Local Plan regulation 18 consultation, utilising the Local Plan reserve (as previously agreed) and further funds from general reserves of up to £3685.

Resolved: The Chair gave a brief summary and informed the PC that SDC's consultation period had now begun with this plan being for non-green belt sites only, with any green belt sites being published next autumn. It was agreed that FPC will communicate on this via the website, Facebook and email. It was noted that the Clerk would attach SDC's summary document to these communications. The Chair noted that the next stage will be for FPC's planning consultant to put together draft responses for both FPC and Hartley PC, with agreed split of costs of 2/3 (Hartley) 1/3 (Fawkham) which will use the rest of the local plan reserve, but no further funds would be needed. It was then proposed through the Chair that £1833.33 be used from the local plan reserve and for Cllr L Evans, on behalf of FPC, to formally commission the planning consultant for the above work, seconded by Cllr Johnstone.

Noted: The Chair also noted that there are some points about Fawkham that are incorrect in SDC's District Wide Character Study. The Chair will go back to SDC correcting these.

13. Neighbourhood Plan

Update.

Noted: The Chair informed the PC that we are now awaiting various maps and plans from SDC and KCC in order to complete the evidence base.

14. St Mary's Church Car Park

Proposal: to discuss and agree any actions in relation to the issues raised by the church in connection with the dog training area on the church meadow.

Noted: item moved to earlier in the meeting (see above).

15. Community Events:

To discuss:

- Christmas tree lights - update on repair of lights and discussion regarding the offer of bows with which to decorate it.
Noted: it was agreed that it was too big a job to decorate the whole tree with bows and that these would be placed onto the noticeboards and village signs instead. Cllr L Evans to follow up with the resident who kindly offered to make these for the Parish.
Noted: Cllr J Cherry asked if anyone knew of a resident who could make postbox toppers for community events such as Christmas and Easter. The Clerk agreed to speak to one resident she is aware of.
- Time capsule - agreement of contents and logistics for burial.
Noted: The Chair gave a summary of what would be going into the time capsule and updated the PC on as assembly she gave at Fawkham Primary School about the same. Logistics were agreed for the burial on 26th November.
- His Majesty The King's Coronation – initial discussion and ideas of how to mark this occasion.
Noted: It was agreed that, as a starting point, the Clerk would contact the support group that helped with the Jubilee event to see if these residents would be interested in attending a similar event for the coronation.

16. Chair and Councillors reports:

To note any items not listed on the agenda.

1. Drainage works at Fawkham Green.

Noted: discussed earlier in the meeting (see above).

2. Traffic speed: question raised by resident.

Noted: discussed earlier in the meeting (see above).

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 cannot guarantee inclusion on the proposed agenda.

None at this stage.

18. Date of Next Meeting:

To note the next Parish Council meeting is being held on **Thursday 15th December 2022** at **Fawkham Village Hall**.



- 19. Confidential Item - Planning/ Planning Enforcement:**
Proposal: to review, update and agree actions for cases.
Resolved: A number of items were discussed and actions agreed.

The meeting closed at 21:53.