



# FAWKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Fawkham Village Hall on Thursday 3rd 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

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## AGENDA

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Marchant (prior 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.

None.

### 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:** Two members of the public were present, plus two attendees from Wessex Solar Energy.

### 4. Planning Applications:

**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.**

Consultation expiry date: 7 November 2022.

**Resolved:** Two representatives of Wessex Solar Energy were in attendance and summarised the application to all and covered the concerns and queries that the councillors raised. Wessex Solar Energy representatives then left the meeting. Cllr L. Evans summarised the responses to FPC's questions that had been received by email from both Wessex and SDC. A discussion was had between the Councillors and it was agreed with a majority vote that FPC would support the application subject to:

- The "dog leg" part of the land leading eastwards Canada Farm being removed from the application due to the close proximity to residential housing and also this part of the land being entirely grade II agricultural (BMV) land and should therefore be continued to be used for farming.
- Various conditions including no lighting on the sites, the access road being removed upon decommission, fencing to be erected on the inside of the hedgerows (so not to harm these) and hedgerows protected/planted as described in the application, and sky lark plots being created on nearby land in the same ownership.

- It was also agreed that FPC would enquire with SDC how the bidding process for community funding provided by Wessex will operate should the application be successful to ensure some benefit for the residents of Fawkham.

**5. Planning Decisions:**

To note planning decisions received from Sevenoaks District Council

**22/02284/FUL**

**White House Stables Valley Road Fawkham**

*Demolition of existing stable block and replacement with a dwelling and detached garage; relocation of 2no. existing stables and associated works. GRANTED*

**22/02283/HOUSE**

**Speedgate House Speedgate Hill Fawkham Kent DA3 8NJ**

*Demolition of the abandoned stable and erection of an outbuilding for gym and game room. GRANTED*

**Noted.**

**6. Delegated authority resolution**

**Proposal:** To review and adopt a new delegated authority resolution and terms of reference to allow the Clerk to respond to planning applications in circumstances where councillors are unable to attend an additional meeting in person.

**Resolved:** It was agreed that the intention would always be to hold an additional meeting where possible and that the delegated authority would only be used where councillors are unable to find a date for an additional meeting by the deadline for comments. Cllr L. Evans proposed that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Cllr M. Fothergill. Clerk to update website.

**7. Local Plan**

**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.

**Noted:** Cllr L. Evans proposed that this item be moved to the next meeting by which time Hartley Parish Council will have met and decided if these costs are able to be split between the two parishes.

**8. 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.

**Noted:** Christmas lights.

**Noted:** Church car park update.

**Noted:** Time capsule update.

**Noted:** His Majesty The King's Coronation.

**9. Date of Next Meeting:**

To note the next Parish Council meeting is being held on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022** at **Fawkham Village Hall**

*The meeting closed at 20:40.*