



FAWKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Fawkham Village Hall on Thursday 5th January 2023 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 19:45.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Cherry (work) and the Clerk (family commitment). Cllr Marchant agreed to minute the meeting in the Clerk's absence.

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: Dst Cllr L Harrison and Dst Cllr E Bulford were in attendance.

4. Local Plan

Proposal: to discuss and agree the response to SDC's Regulation 18 consultation on the draft Local Plan.

Noted: The Chair talked through FPC's responses to the Reg 18 Local Plan, starting with policy ST1. Cllr M Fothergill noted that 30,000 homes are being built in Bluewater and many in Dartford and although not in our district queried if these could be taken into account. The Chair commented that SDC would speak with Dartford and Bromley, and other neighbouring authorities, under the duty to cooperate. The Chair then continued to run through the document explaining FPC's responses to other policies. Regarding policy H2, the Chair agreed to report back to the PC with Hartley PC's views re setting out a lower threshold for affordable housing.

Noted: All were in agreement with the drafted response to the Reg 18 Local Plan, subject to clarification regarding policy H2 as noted above. Response to be submitted by the Clerk ahead of the 11th January deadline.

Noted: Cllr L Marchant left the meeting at 20:30; the Chair then assumed responsibility for the minute taking.



Resolved: The Chair will recirculate the final draft response to the district wide character study to all, with any final comments to be received by Monday, ahead of its submission alongside the response above.

Resolved: It was agreed that comments on the site assessment framework that are to be sent to planning policy by separate email will be re-circulated to all by the Chair for agreement.

5. Chair and Councillors reports:

To note any items not listed on the agenda.

Noted: the defib has been installed

Noted: the salt bins will be moved/filled following the delivery of salt by KCC

Noted: Concerns for a vulnerable resident have been passed onto the Community Warden

Noted: Dst Cllr Perry Cole's investigation of a community bus service, previously circulated to all, was discussed. Further information regarding a potential initial cross-PC meeting is awaited.

6. 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: Salts Farm Depot application will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. Date of Next Meeting:

To note the next Parish Council meeting is being held on **Thursday 19th January 2023** at **Fawkham Village Hall**.

The meeting closed at 21:37.