



FAWKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Fawkham Village Hall on Thursday 19th 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

1. Apologies for Absence

None.

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 application and planning enforcement case being discussed due to it being a neighbouring property.

3. Public Session

Parish Council meetings are open to the public. In accordance with the Standing Orders, thirty minutes are allocated 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 Parish Council meeting. The Council may enter closed session at the end of the meeting to discuss a confidential item, members of the public still present will be asked to leave.

Noted: Kelly Webb (Sevenoaks District Council) and Kevin Saville (Kent Police) were in attendance and provided residents with an update on the recent break-ins and attempted break-ins in Fawkham and surrounding areas.

The police informed the PC that if a crime is in progress that a resident should call 999 and that if residents have any further information or video footage of any recent incidents in our area to then email this to: csu.sevenoaks@kent.police.uk. They also emphasised the importance of reporting any suspicious incidents to them, however trivial they may seem, as they help to build up a picture.

Incidents can also be reported online here: <https://www.kent.police.uk/ro/report/>.

The police had some free shed alarms, patio door alarms and keyless vehicle pouches for residents to take away with them.

The Clerk will post the information provided by the Police to FPC's website and Facebook page.

Noted: A MOP raised their concerns with a site in Mussenden Lane in HK & SD parish. It was agreed that the Clerk would email the HK & SD PC office and planning enforcement to raise the concerns of the residents of Fawkham and FPC. Cllr M Fothergill also agreed to flag this with the HK District Cllr.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15th December 2022 and 5th January 2023.



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

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. Cllr L Evans to email KCC Cllr D Brazier to seek an update.

Noted: Brandshatch Floodlights –Cllr L Evans agreed to send some photos to Dst Cllr L Harrison who will look to speak further to the circuit management about this issue.

Noted: FPC salt bins. Cllr L Evans and Cllr J Cherry agreed to fill and move the salt bins at FVH car park this weekend. The Chair also informed the PC that the new salt bin had now been installed on the junction of Three Gates Road/Scudders Hill. Cllr L Evans suggested asking KCC if the salt bin on Fawkham Green Road could be adopted by them due to the PC not having the resources to keep it full. All were in agreement. It was agreed that Cllr L Evans would request this.

Noted: HIP. No response has been received from KCC following submission. Clerk to email KCC to chase a response.

Noted: Small Grains. The Chair informed the PC that no further response had been received from Direct Services. Cllr L Evans agreed to chase this up again.

Noted: Southern Water lights in pumping station: Still no response. Clerk to chase again.

6. Planning Applications:

To agree the Parish Council's responses to the following planning applications:

22/03424/REM - Salts Farm Fawkham Road Fawkham Longfield Kent DA3 7BJ

Reserved matters: appearance, landscaping, layout, scale pursuant to conditions 1, 10, 16, 17, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 of 22/01550/MMA related to 20/00882/OUT - Outline planning application for the erection of 26 dwellings with some matters reserved.

Consultation deadline: 20 January 2023.

Resolved: The Chair gave an overview and summary of the application to the MOPs and the PC and also provided more detail to all from the documentation that the PC had received. After a discussion, including some of the public in attendance, it was agreed that FPC would object to this application on various grounds including:

- The consented outline scheme showed 26 units within 9 buildings. The proposed layout has 26 units within 15 buildings. Consequently, a greater proportion of the site is proposed to be covered with built form and the area available for landscaping and/or ecology has been reduced;
- Character of the area and design;
- Housing Mix and Tenure Strategy; and
- Parking, EV parking and cycle storage.

The Chair then handed over the responsibility of Chair to Cllr L Marchant for the next application. Cllr L Evans then left the meeting for the next item.

22/03228/HOUSE - Fawkham Hall Scudders Farm Valley Road Fawkham Longfield Kent

Demolition of existing single storey side extension and infill and erection of:

(1) two-storey side extension; (2) infilling of existing front porch with replacement glazed roof; (3) infill single storey rear extension to provide separate bedroom to annexe outbuilding

Consultation deadline: 2 February 2023.

Resolved: Cll L Marchant gave an overview of the application and provided a brief summary to the MOPs in attendance on what FPC had commented last time when the application was submitted. It was then agreed by all that FPC would continue to object the new updated

application. It was agreed that FPC do not have any further comments to make on this amended application and stand by their previous comments submitted on 20 December 2022. The Councillors believed that the concerns they raised previously have not been addressed.

Cllr L Evans then returned to the meeting and resumed position of Chair.

7. Planning Decisions:

To note planning decisions received from Sevenoaks District Council:

22/02421/FUL - Land South Of Fawkham Manor Farm Manor Lane Fawkham

Use of land for the keeping of horses and erection of stable building with associated hay/feed storage and tack room. GRANTED

Noted: the below decisions had also been received and were provided by the Chair:

- SE/22/03126/LDCPR - Carters Cottage Valley Road Fawkham, Kent DA3 8NL
Proposed outbuilding containing gym, pool-house and workshop, with an outdoor pool and associated servicing/ancillary areas and landscaping. REFUSED due to it not being within the curtilage of the building.
- SE/22/01464/FUL - Eureka, Manor Lane, Fawkham, Longfield, Kent DA3 8ND
Cessation of the existing use, clearance of the existing built development and the erection of 3no. detached dwellings with enhancements to the landscape and ancient woodland. Associated parking and landscaping. GRANTED

8. Finance Approval

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

Date	Payee/For	Amount
19/01/23	Clerk salary & FVH hours (7 Nov - 9 Jan)	£568.30
19/01/23	HMRC Tax & NI payment	£142.00
19/01/23	L Evans Repayment - Zoom - Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec Invoices	£57.56
19/01/23	L Evans Repayment - CCTV signs	£2.74
19/01/23	SDC Dog Waste Collection (Oct - Dec)	£28.08
19/01/23	RH ground maintenance July	£200.00
19/01/23	RH 3 sites Inv 35	£210.00
19/01/23	RH ground maintenance December	£115.00
19/01/23	Tony Fullwood Associates Invoice F/3	£1,847.10
	Total	£3170.78

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

9. Budget for 2023/24

Proposal: discussion and agreement of final budget for 2023/24 and the precept level.

Resolved: The budget was reviewed in detail and agreed. The total proposed precept level took into consideration a cheque amounting to £2500 from South East Water. All were in agreement that FPC would set the precept for 2023/24 to £21,730.00. Clerk to inform SDC.

10. CIL

Update on options to replace the two Parish signs. Update on heating options for the hall's kitchen and lobby.

Proposal: purchase of one set of motion solar lights for path from FVH to Fawkham Primary School up to the value of £50.00.

Resolved: It was agreed by all that one set of motion solar lights would be purchased and this set would be monitored for their effectiveness before purchasing any others (if necessary).

Noted: The Chair ran through an update of options she had received for updating the two parish signs. A discussion was had in relation to the current design of the sign and whether FPC would like to update it in any way. Some ideas for changes were put forward e.g. adding woodland/bluebells to the signs, and/or the church. It was agreed that the first step would be to consult parishioners on their thoughts on the signs once the total CIL pot amount is known.

Noted: The Clerk updated the PC on the process of installing Wi-Fi at the village hall. The Clerk had contacted BT and Zen and had sent over information received from those companies prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk would ensure that the village hall's address is registered and then get prices from BT for a comparison. It was also agreed that it would be good to have Wi-Fi so that the smart electricity meter would work and send over the meter readings automatically which it currently does not do. There was no update available on heating options.

11. Defibrillators

Update.

Noted: The Clerk updated the PC on the new defibrillator. The defibrillator is now registered with Circuit and in working order. It was agreed that the Clerk would make a Facebook and website post informing residents of the new defibrillator and to inform residents of an upcoming training session. Clerk to also update the website and the defibrillator signs for the village hall and noticeboards.

12. Local Plan

Update.

Noted: The Chair informed the PC that FPC's response to the Reg 18 consultation and district wide character survey had been submitted by the Clerk this week. The Chair had also emailed questions on the site assessment framework and responses had been received on these which the Chair ran through. Some of the sites within the call for sites are now known.

13. Neighbourhood Plan

Update.

Noted: The Chair provided a brief update and informed the PC that the evidence base part of the plan is to be completed next week, after which the next phase - drafting policies for the Plan - will begin, with hopefully an early summer consultation on this.

14. Fence besides school gate

Discussion regarding the repair of this fencing.

Noted: Deeds for the land have now been received. This land is not on the school deed and forms part of the title which includes 1-4 Six Acre Cottages. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the land owner to see if there were any plans in place to replace the fencing.

15. Community Transport proposal

Update.

Noted: The Chair attended a zoom meeting with two councillors from other parishes to discuss this proposal. The Chair provided a short update from this meeting and it was noted that Fawkham had not had a bus service since the late 50s. It was also noted that the local area does have the Community Cottage bus which is used for outings for the over 55s. It was agreed at the meeting that information would be put onto social media to gauge interest in the proposal over all local parishes.

16. Councillor Training

Proposal: to authorise Cllr Cherry attending KALC's dynamic councillor training in March from the training budget.

Resolved: It was proposed through the Chair to authorise this training session, seconded by Cllr L Marchant.

17. Community Events:

To discuss:

- His Majesty The King's Coronation – update on plans.

Noted: A short discussion was had in relation to this event and what FPC could do for this event. It was agreed by all that the next best step would be to ask residents on Facebook which date would work best for them to gauge how many residents would like to attend an event for the Coronation.

- **AED:** possible training dates and attendees.

Noted: It was agreed that the Clerk would go back to the training provider to ask for more details and possible training dates.

18. Chair and Councillors reports:

To note any items not listed on the agenda.

Noted: Cllr Johnstone raised an issue with lighting at Canada Farm Kennels, and it was agreed FPC would write to the owners about this.

Noted: Cllr Marchant raised the dog training field at church meadow; it was agreed further enquiries would be made of the PCC.

19. 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.

20. Date of Next Meeting:

To note the next Parish Council meeting is being held on Thursday 16th February 2023 at Fawkham Village Hall.

Noted: It was agreed that the March meeting would be moved to 23rd March.

21. Confidential Item - Planning/ Planning Enforcement:

Proposal: to review, update and agree actions for cases.

Resolved: A numbers of items were discussed and actions agreed.



The meeting closed at 21:49.