

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Faversham Town Council

Monday 11 May 2020, 7pm

Present:

The Mayor, Cllr A Reynolds	Cllr A Hook	Cllr K Barker	Cllr J Irwin
Deputy Mayor, Cllr T Martin	Cllr C Jackson	Cllr H Perkin	Cllr D Knights
Cllr B J Martin	Cllr J Saunders	Cllr E Thomas	Cllr C Williams

In attendance:

Louise Bareham – Town Clerk

Adrienne Begent – Deputy Town Clerk

216. **Apologies for Absence**

None

217. **Election of the Mayor**

Cllr Hook proposed, seconded by Cllr Jackson and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to elect Cllr Reynolds for a second term of office as Mayor of Faversham***

218. **Election of the Deputy Mayor**

It was proposed by Cllr Knights, seconded by the Mayor, Cllr Reynolds and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to elect Cllr T Martin as Deputy Mayor of Faversham***

219. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

None

220. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Williams and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Meeting dated 27 April 2020.***

221. **Minutes of the 20's Plenty Committee 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020**

An amendment to the Minutes to note apologies from Cllr Hook.

It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Williams and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the 20's Plenty Committee Meeting date 23 April 2020 as amended***

222. **Coronavirus Emergency Update**

Calls to the Town Council have substantially reduced.

223. **Appointment to Committee**

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Saunders and on being to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to appoint Members to the Committees as shown in Appendix A**

224. **Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies**

It was proposed by the Mayor, Cllr Reynolds, seconded by Cllr Jackson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to appoint Members to Outside Bodies as shown in Appendix B**

225. **Insurance**

It was proposed by the Deputy Mayor, Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Irwin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that Faversham Town Council confirms that arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insurable risks is in place for the Civic Year 2020 to 2021**

226. **Newsletter**

It was proposed by the Mayor, Cllr Reynolds, seconded by Cllr Knights and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the draft Summer 2020 Newsletter subject to minor amendments**

227. **Faversham Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Irwin provided an update and will bring the Comms Strategy for approval by the Town Council

228. **Receipts and Payments**

As the payments list had only been emailed to Councillors during the meeting, there was concern that there had been insufficient time to consider. Cllr Barker proposed, seconded by Cllr Knights, proposed payment were held over to the next meeting, however Cllr B J Martin noted there were a number of payments to local small businesses. The Town Clerk therefore read through each payment and provided a description. It was proposed by Cllr Barker, seconded by the Deputy Mayor, Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the payments but to request details were provided sooner**

The meeting closed at 9.24pm

## PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Mr Macdonald

On 30 April I spoke at the Swale Borough Council Planning Committee meeting in support of the St Nicholas Allotments security fence. During the lengthy debate Councillor David Simmons said he had negotiated the early release of part of the section 106 money to pay towards the set up costs of the St Nicholas Allotment site, primarily the security fencing. My question is, has Swale Borough Council paid these funds to Faversham Town Council as, in the past, it has been reluctant to settle agreements? I would like to add that the swale councillors were scathing about Faversham Toon Council for neglecting to apply for planning permission before erecting the fence. "It should have known better".

As you know, I like to hold the toon Council to account, but as this was the previous administration (which only Cllr Hook was a part of) I felt these comments were unjust on the new members.

Cllr Hook confirmed the promised S106 money had not been received from SBC and needed to be pursued. He thought the comments made by SBC were objectionable and ill informed. The Town Clerk had provided a noted on the background where the Community Services Committee dealt with the work, which was part of the previous council. The detail did not come to full council; it was discussed by many but no one said it needed permission. He asked in future that it should be ensured that any structure of £500 did not require permission

Mr Taylor

Has there been any response to FTC's enquiry's to Southern Water Services about the issues I have raised to FTC on numerous occasions previously concerning the the foul sewage flows from the new Lady Dane/Kingsmead Housing development now being built, and the impact by sewer flooding that would develop from the same foul sewage flows, affecting the Whitstable Road and Cyprus Road Faversham and also the Love Lane Estate, as SWS's Ltd themselves stated in the planning file for that Development.

Cllr Knights confirmed that she had not heard anything and as she had said before, would get in touch when she had.

Cllr Perkin noted it was not off the agenda and they were still investigating.