

Notes from Faversham Future Forum – 14th November 2019

Present: Geoff Wade (GW), Sue Akhurst (SA), Killara Burn (KB), Caz Conneller (CC), Dan Corcoran (DC), Harold Goodwin (HG), Debbie Lawther (DL), Cllr Ben J Martin (BJM), Laurie McMahon (LM), David Melville (DM), Maria Newman (MN), Cllr Hannah Perkin (HP), Cllr Alison Reynolds (CAB), Amanda Russell (AR), Helen Whately (HW) and Chris Wright

In attendance: Miss Adrienne Begent (Deputy Town Clerk)

1. Apologies: C Baraston, S Campbell, C Oswald-Jones, J Reeves, G Setterfield, T Stonor, J Tutt and C Williams

2. Notes from the previous meeting and update on action points – 26th September 2019

The notes from 26th September were accepted.

Minute 7.5: HW confirmed she had received a more positive response from Swale Borough Council regarding electric car infrastructure.

Minute 8.3: HW had spoken to Environment Agency, the creek water is considered satisfactory. The creek is not a bathing area, which would require a higher standard. To date no reply had been received from her letter to Southeast Water.

HG: At Town Council (11/11/19) a resident had stated that when the Crest Nicholson development is occupied the sewage pipe at Cyprus Road will flood (evidence of historical flooding). Whilst there is capacity at the sewage works this pipe is at maximum capacity.

HP: Communication with Southern Water is bad. Ongoing discussions with Abbeyfield and the sewage works

HW: Water companies are monitored by EA. Southern Water has been issued relevant certificates by EA who consider them to be compliant.

BJM: Issue with Crest Nicholson, when Reserved Matter application submitted it was only for housing not industrial, consequently when building started planning permission was not in place. Tanks and pipes to be upgraded before occupation, this needs to be agreed before S106 agreement signed and planning permission granted.

3. AOB

3.1 Cleve Hill

HW: Between this meeting and Christmas the Planning Inspectorate will make a recommendation. Three months after the recommendation the Secretary of State will make announcement.

ACTION: Serious campaigning will be needed in January.

3.2 20's Plenty

HW: Had no response from the First Responders.

AR: Negative comments from the First Responders were still being shared on social media claiming lives will be lost. People are not dying because First Responders taking 8/9 seconds longer to reach patients but because of inactive lifestyles which 20's plenty addresses.

ACTION: LM will make enquires with SECamb if AR sends details.

3.3 Creek

HW: Planned meeting with Peel Ports and KCC had been postponed until after the election.

DM: Paul Carter had confirmed that progress is being made at KCC. Peel Ports have obligations and KCC is working to find out what their legal obligations are.

GW: It is possible that PP could be relieved of obligations in a financial exchange. Chichester is a possible model.

3.4 Highway change, Teynham

AR: Proposed changes to the Highways at Teynham have no provision for cycling.

ACTION: AR to send link to AB whole forward to the FFF audience.

4. Neighbourhood Plan Workshop – 2nd November 2019

4.1 A very productive Neighbourhood Plan Workshop was held on 2nd November. To summarise:

- 1) Faversham is still vulnerable to speculative development.
- 2) Swale Borough Council is focusing on development in east of Borough.
- 3) There is a risk of the town loosing character because of ad hoc development.
- 4) There is pressure timewise to fit with SBC Local Plan
- 5) The priority technical headings and leaders for the NHP technical areas are:

Health & Community Care	McMahon & Heath Centre Managers
Water & Sewage	Graham Setterfield
Economic Development & Tourism	Harold Goodwin and Claire Windridge
Natural Heritage	Matthew Hatchwell
Housing	FFF guidelines CLT
Transport & Air Pollution	Tim Stonor and Chris Wright
Creek Regeneration	David Melville

Education	Geoff Wade
Youth	Dan Corcoran
Sport Leisure Recreation	Alison Reynolds
Built Environment	Jonathan Carey and Ray Harrison

6) The Plan will address housing need for the next 23/30 years.

7) The NHP will be owned by the community.

Many interim steps are expected to provide information as work on the NHP progresses.

BJM confirmed that SBC officers will be willing to accept documents as they are completed.

The first step will be to complete situation analysis by March 2020. The representatives from the technical committee will report back to the FFF.

ACTION: LM to contact the new Health Officer at SBC.

4.2 It was agreed that the FFF representatives on the Steering Committee would be Harold Goodwin and Geoff Wade. The technical leaders would attend the meetings when needed.

4.3 Engagement with the wider community was seen as a challenge. Though it was acknowledged that Faversham is a town with great networks which should be used.

ACTION: CC will draft a Communication Strategy.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of FFF will be held on 16th January 2020.
