

**FAWKHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Vouncil meeting on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 held at Fawkham Village Hall, Valley Road Fawkham.

Members of the Parish Council: Cllr M Pearsall (Chairman), Cllr Mr Steve Gray, Cllr James Hollands , Cllr Duncan Harker and Cllr Alun Evans

**Apologies for Absence: There were no apologies**

**Declarations of Interest for items relating to Agenda:** Cllr Evans to completed and returned his declaration as new co opted Councillor and his acceptance letter was signed.

Cllr Hollands declared an interested for Fairview planning application

**Members of the Public:** There were no members of the public present

**Planning:**

**SE/18/01648/HOUSE: 14 Fairview Fawkham Green Road;** The erection of a two storey side extension: No Comment reply sent to SDC . No comment

**SE/18/01899/FULL: 2 Cross Cottages , Valley Road:** Erection of dwelling ( Plot 2 ) Change of use of part of site to be incorporated as residential curtilage and creation of vehicular access on to Valley Road. Objection

The MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018, were submitted and adopted as a true record of the meeting and actions actions recommended therefore implemented.

**Correspondence:**

**A.Pot Holes Valley Road:**

Cllr Brazier and Julian Cook from KCC have visited the site and works to take place in the summer have been agreed.This has been confirmed that works will take place this summer to repair the road. Clerk to contact KCC and obtain a date for works.

**B. Entrance to Village Hall Car park:**

Co repair the pot hole sand replace edging kerbs to the entrance of the village hall at a price as follows:

Quote for entrance to Fawkham Village Hall.

1. Dig out and excavate old curb stones and replace with heavy duty bullnose road curb and bed on concrete.
  2. Cut out all edges and supply and lay a hotroll tarmac to all area and compact with a heavy vibrating roller.
- To leave entrance all clean and tidy.

For the sum of £2,255+vat.

A second quote was received from Lee and Sons: to attend site and install new kerbs to roadside clean weeds and overlay existing tarmac on entrance saw cut joint and resurface bellmouth entrance for the um of £1,780 + VAT.

Members discussed the quote and although dearer the quote from Luke was the preferred contractor due to knowledge of his work and the quality and finish. The clerk was asked to contact Mr Luke and perhaps reduce the price. Proposed through the chair to accept the quote from C Luke.

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**CPRE**

An update on involvement in the District, but as you will see from the report to be tabled. They have been very busy keeping a watchful eye on planning matters which affect our beautiful countryside and the quality of town and village life. I note that you are not currently a member of CPRE, yet with the imminent publication of the Sevenoaks Plan you might well have concerns with which we might help. Look at Kent CPRE website.

**RECEIVED****B festival:**

Sevenoaks District council have advised the organisers to supply a contact phone number in which we can be contacted on, during the B Festival should anyone have any concerns – noise, finish time etc. They have asked that we contact our local Parish Councils to put in on websites or in Parish magazines. This year we have 2 nights of Fun – Friday 6th July from 7.30 – 10.30pm and Saturday 7th July from 5pm – Midnight. Both evenings will have a prompt finish. To give a bit of background, B Festival is an annual Charity Concert, which we have run adjacent to the

football pitch at Corinthian's for the past 8 years. During this period we have raised well over £145,000.00 for various charities – some of which are Clic Sergeant, Help for Heroes, Brain Tumour UK, MS Society, Coppa Feel and Orchid. This year the charity is The Brilliant Club – The Brilliant Club is an award-winning charity that exists to increase the number of pupils from under-represented backgrounds progressing to highly-selective universities. They do this by mobilising the PhD community to share its academic expertise with state schools. The Royal School for Blind have in previous years, attended with pupils (at no cost) as they consider it a fun safe environment for the children. The concert is run solely by volunteers giving up their time for free enabling every penny raised to go direct to charity. Due to the success of the concert, we do not advertise, ticket sales are through word of mouth or previous attendees! The majority of tickets sold are bought by local people. All information can be found on our website [www.bfestival.com](http://www.bfestival.com) The contact phone number on the night (4pm – midnight) is: 07512597351 Hopefully this is something you may be able to help us with? Many thanks and Best wishes Sue Billings

**RECEIVED****War Memorial.**

For 7 years the maintenance has been managed by a volunteer who has kept the Fawkham Green War Memorial tidy and at their own expense, planted it up with bedding plants twice a year and maintained it. But they now feel the time has come for a refurbishment of the war memorial. The kerb stones surrounding the memorial are out of place and need renewing. The concrete posts surrounding it are collapsing inwards and the chains linking them need attention. There is an off centre concrete paving slab behind the memorial on the side facing the pub under which there is some sort of installation that I am not sure anybody knows about. I have no idea what it is.

They feel it is now time for somebody else to take up the task of maintaining the war memorial. This is prompted by the fact that after 7 years of maintaining they went to weed it this morning, and all the lovely bedding plants have once again been smothered by the grass cuttings from the last time the green was cut. This happens every time the green is cut despite my repeatedly asking the contractors who cut it, if they could use the blower with which they clear the cuttings from the road, to blow the cuttings off the war memorial also. They always say yes and have never once done so.

So I would be grateful if the Parish Council could find another volunteer for the upkeep of the war memorial, and could ensure that future contractors mowing the green could make sure they don't kill all the plants on it with grass cuttings. It was agreed that the Clerk should deliver flowers and a card to the resident and advertise the voluntary position on the website.

**Village Hall:** Papers had been received late on the day of the meeting and presented to the Council.

**Action plan/Project sheet :** No Points to review this month. Bring to Council in July

**FVH Roof.** The last of four quotes was received last Friday. We are trying to get references. It seems difficult to identify Checkatrade roofers that are interested. Three of the four quotes are from roofers with no accreditation and no insurance backed warranty; they just rely on reputation. We will advise later.

**FVH Diversion of incoming power cables.** This work is scheduled for 17 July and had to be paid for upfront.

**Charity Commission.** Annual return delayed as one committee member declined to be a trustee and another has now completed paperwork. Submission is imminent. Deadline is October 2018.

**Accounts**

Accounts were attached and Cllr Hollands proposed and this was seconded by Cllr Harker that payment of £1,222.79 were made cheques were double signed

**Please note:** At the FVH MC meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June the grant received from Brands Hatch 2017 Families day, designated for a new cooker, was discussed. The committee is embarrassed that this money has not yet been spent. As you know we suggested that this money is spent on a built in cooker incorporated into the FPC proposed new kitchen. If this cannot be achieved by 30 November the committee feels we either spend it or return the money to Brands Hatch. It is usual for BH to ask for charity nominations for the next year's Families Day proceeds at the November Liaison committee meeting. If we do not have clarity at this time it will likely prevent further applications until the situation is resolved. The FVH MC therefore resolved to spend the money on a standalone cooker if the kitchen and its funding is not resolved by 30 November 2018.

Members discussed that the contractors were not all covered by an insurance and this was a concern. And would like the hall to consider any contractor with his own insurance as a preferred contractor, The Clerk was asked to contact the Hall committee and ask when works were expected to take place, It was agreed that rather than returning the money back to Brands Hatch the cooker should be bought and left wrapped to one side until the kitchen was refurbished rather than lose the grant. The problem had only occurred because the Hall applied again this year and it raised a debate regarding applying in consecutive years. The hall had applied for the chairs in year two. The Clerk asked if the report from the Village hall could be received by the Wednesday evening for consideration at full Council meeting for

**Website:**

Thanks was expressed to Mr L Moss for updating the site.

**Finance - Expenditure and Income:** Details to be tabled.

**Community projects and shared events:**

Update on Joint events with neighbouring West Kingsdown. The sing a long is being held at St, Edmunds Church in West Kingsdown on the third Wednesday of the month. It's an opportunity to join in singing and enjoy a tea and biscuits after. It has been proven that singing improves mental health and wellbeing.

**Celebrating Mental Health Day in October**

As Chairman of Sevenoaks District Council the focus for the year is Community Wellbeing and I am promoting Several events, one of which I hope will take place on Mental Health Day on 10<sup>th</sup> October.

I would like to get as many communities together to either have a coffee morning / simple lunch / afternoon tea Inviting our local people to share some time together and trying to draw in those who live along/do not see many people/have medical conditions.

For West Kingsdown and Fawkham it would be wonderful to have an afternoon tea in West Kingsdown Village Hall to bring these two communities together

- I believe Cllr Parkin has local singers she is asking to come along – on the Wednesday afternoon.

I am writing to ask if the Parish Councils of Fawkham and West Kingsdown would consider supporting the event with a small financial contribution to

help with the hall hire and some catering costs, of say £75 from each parish. Would any members like to help either before or on the day? From Chairman of the District Council Cllr Pat Bosley

**Matters Arising:****Draft Local Plan:**

**SDC are preparing** a Draft Local Plan, which will be going out to consultation on 16<sup>th</sup> July, running until 10<sup>th</sup> September.

It is currently going through the committee process (Planning Advisory Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> June and Cabinet on 12<sup>th</sup> July). The papers are available to view online here:

<http://cds.sevenoaks.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=9893#mgDocuments&J=1>

SDC will then email the Parish Council once Cabinet has considered the document with links to the consultation pages of the website. We'll also send you a poster to display and provide details of our public drop-in sessions.

Ad submitted land when SDC did a call for sites. No application has been submitted to the District Council but the Landowner has communicated that since the SDC's announcement last week on their preferred sites for the Local Plan Review, they are intending to carry out a public consultation on our 'Vision for Hartley' on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> at Corinthian Sports Club, there will be an advert placed in the Town & Country with details.

The invite is for Councillors to attend between 1 and 2pm (when the doors open to the public).and chat about the proposal.

It was commented that with this local plan consultation the local residents have been commenting on social media and are concerned about this proposal for 800+ homes linking Fawkham to Hartley. Councillors c=voiced concerns as no infrastructure and poor narrow and fast lanes already used a s a cut through. There are further sites in Fawkham for possible development. It was agreed and proposed through the Chair that Councillors try to attend the open day for the 800 proposed houses should Sevenoaks decided to allow this land to be built on. It was then agreed that an additional meeting for residents to be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 7pm in the Village Hall to hear residents' concerns before the Parish Council return their consultation documents

**Dates for the year 2018/19**

Parish Council Meeting Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018 - Cllr Harker apologies  
Parish Council Meeting Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018  
Parish Council Meeting Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – Cllr Gray Apologies  
Parish Council Meeting Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
Parish Council Meeting Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
Parish Council Meeting Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
Parish Council Meeting Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
Parish Council Meeting Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019  
Parish Council Meeting Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019

Meeting closed at 8,40pm