

FAWKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

I hereby summon you to attend the Parish Council Meeting of Fawkam Parish Council to be held at Fawkam Village Hall, Valley Road Fawkham to be held on **Thursday 20th September 2018** to transact the following business.

Clerk to the Council.
Lynda Harrison

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

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Grey

2. Declarations of Interest for items relating to Agenda:

3. Members of the Public

4. Planning:

18/02475/HOUSE: Spinneys Manor Lane – A letter from the applicant following PC objection to the application to SDC has been received and will be tabled for Members

There were no items for planning at the time of publication of the agenda

5. To approve as a correct record the MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th July 2018, as attached.

6. Correspondence:

A .Local plan:

Following the meeting on 3rd August Fawkham PC submitted its comments on the local plan direct onto the Sevenoaks District Website. A letter was also submitted. It is noted that Parish Council have received copies of letters sent to Sevenoaks District Council from MP M Fallon and MP Garth Johnson, also copies of letters from 3 residents.

B. Textiles the following email has been received:

Rag Solutions Int Ltd, we are a textile recycling company based in Kent. I am writing to ask if your council would be so kind and give us permission to place a clothes banks in your recycling points or council grounds.

If we were allowed to place clothes banks in your recycling points, not only would we empty them weekly and clean the area but we could offer a monetary amount per month - meaning if we were to place banks in your grounds we would give you **£400 per tonne clothes collected** or standard rental of **£70 p/m** for each bank.

We are happy to share the recycling points with other charities or commercial collectors, if you already have one.

C. Brands Hatch Residents days

As per previous years

Charities and similar organisations in the local community are invited to apply for a grant from the money raised at the 2019 Brands Hatch Residents/Villagers Day. The exact date of this event is still to be confirmed, but is likely to be early February 2019.

Applications should be submitted via e-mail to Brands Hatch at brandshatch@msv.com. The deadline for applications is Friday 2 November 2018.

The total sum raised in 2018 was in excess of £5,000.

If the total requested exceeds the sum raised then in the first instance priority will be given to those who have not previously had a grant or did not have a grant in 2018.

An application for a grant from the same organisation will not be considered if they are still holding the previous grant.

A decision as to the distribution of grants will be made by the Brands Hatch Liaison Group prior to the Christmas holiday.

If the total of the grants approved exceeds the sum raised each grant will be reduced proportionately, the opposite will apply if the sum raised exceeds the total requested.

Successful applicants will be invited to attend the Residents Day.

D. KCC Household Waste recycling centres consultation:

Kent County Council's 'Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) Consultation' launches today, Thursday 6 September 2018.

This consultation will help us deliver the Kent Waste Disposal Strategy and seeks views on the proposal to implement a charging policy for non-household waste materials including soil, rubble, hardcore and plasterboard, deposited at Kent HWRCs.

The 8 week consultation is available until Thursday 1 November 2018, and we would like to invite you to comment.

The consultation questionnaire and supporting documents can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/wasteconsultation

Your views are important to us and we look forward to receiving your comments.

The consultation runs from 6 September to 1 November 2018. www.kent.gov.uk/wasteconsultation

6a. Any correspondence since the publication of this agenda.**7. War Memorial and flower bed:**

The Clerk has received a quote to lift and relay all paving edging. Reset all posts in concrete, top soil and bark chippings for low maintenance £200 Plus either replacement chain or painting existing chain in black hamerite. It has been emphasised to the contractor that the Council would be keen to have the repairs carried out before Remembrance Sunday on 11th November. After the posts have been done the Clerk will make sure the flowers and shrubs are neatly kept.

8. Memorial Service:

Rev Jim Fletcher, has offered to hold a service at the War Memorial service on Sunday 11th November at 12.30. He will supply the order of services should members wish to have a service at the war memorial for the Village to attend.

9. Wreath:

Members are asked to consider authorising the Clerk to order a Wreath and make a donation to the Royal British Legion to be laid at the war Memorial on behalf of the Parish council.

10. Entrance to Village Hall Car Park:

Due to the roof and the contractors other works commitments he was unable to start the works before the school went back. The Clerk has requested that the works are carried out the week of half term when the school are off.

11 .Hedge Along Boundary of Village Hall.

Following the neighbours request to remove or trim back the hedges to the rear of the hall on the boundary of the neighbours the following quote has been received following a meeting with the contractor RH services.

To cut the trees/hedge down to ground level and then treat with (SBK) which is a Brush Wood & Tree Stump killer. This is the section that runs directly behind the Village hall building.

The section of trees/hedge that runs to the left of the building (along that same boarder line) behind the fence panels will be cut down to the same height as the fence panels, which will allow us to maintain that height going forward, much more easily.

It is expected the job to take us 2-3 days to complete and several trips to our Green Waste Disposal sight near 'Longfield'. The cost of waste disposal is included in this quote. **PRICE £1,580.00**

12. Tree canopy to trees along the car park Fawkham Road side:

RH services agreed to lift the canopy of the trees on the roadside stretch of the car park, included in the contract. It was agreed that the flytipping should be removed so as to stop any further flytipping in the corner of garden waste. The hedge to the eft of the door was also agreed to be reduced in height in line with the hedge along the windows of the hall.

13. Grounds Contract

RH Services had previously had added to the contract the grass between the footpath and school at a cost of £35 and although the council had been paying this for the past few years the contract had not been amended. The Clerk has updated the contract after having looked through the records.

14 Frequency of cuts:

On discussing with RH services it was agreed with the Clerk that some years the grass and vegetation has grown slowly other times it has been rapid. Depending on the weather conditions. The Council are asked to consider giving the Clerk discretion on those years when growth is rapid she can authorise a fifth cuts (currently the contract is for 4 visits per year) Current cost per cut £185

15. Village Hall: Update if received from the treasurer and Chairman of the Village Hall.

16. Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee:

Members are also asked to elect a person to represent the Parish Council at the Village Hall meetings following the recent Resignation of James Hollands from the Parish Council.

17. Action plan/Project sheet: To review the action plan and agree which items were current – Action plan attached for members

18. Website:

Review of Current website and Councilor input.

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

20. Celebrating Mental Health Day in October

West Kingsdown and Fawkham are hosting an afternoon tea at West Kingsdown Village Hall for Mental Health Day on 10th October. Posters have been erected advertising the event and if anyone knows a carer or a family that would like to attend numbers are required for catering.

Fawkham Parish Council agreed to donate £100 to the event and this was on the cheque list for tonight's payments

21. Matters Arising:

22. Open Forum for Councillors to raise matters to be placed on the next agenda

Clerk will be on leave between Sunday 30th September to Monday 15th October

23. Dates for the year 2018/19

Parish Council Meeting Thursday 18th October 2018
Parish Council Meeting Thursday 15th November 2018
Parish Council Meeting Thursday 20th December 2018
Parish Council Meeting Thursday 17th January 2019
Parish Council Meeting Thursday 21st February 2019
Parish Council Meeting Thursday 21st March 2019

Fire safety in the Village Hall

The village hall does not have a fire alarm system, in the event of a fire or other hazard requiring rapid exit of the building please use either the main entrance or one of the emergency exits. The emergency exits are located at the end of the main Hall nearest to Valley Road end (furthest from the main entrance) and in the kitchen at the rear/left of the building. Please make your way to the far side of the village Hall car park, furthest away from the building. The Clerk will advise if and when it is safe to return to the building