

Minutes of the Fawkham Annual Parish Meeting 2023 Wednesday 19th April 2023 at 19:30.

1. Laura Evans, Chair of Fawkham Parish Council, welcomed those attending. 5 members of public were present.
2. **Present:** Cllr Laura Evans, Cllr Maxine Fothergill, Cllr Will Johnstone and 5 members of the public.

Apologies: Apologies were received from: Cllr Laura Marchant (prior commitment), Cllr James Cherry (work commitment), Jackie West (KCC Community Warden), Mandy Bridges (Head Teacher Fawkham CE Primary School), John Abbott (Headteacher Steephill School), Gill Cramp (St Mary's Churchwarden).

3. It was proposed by the Chair that the minutes of the 2022 meeting would be agreed, and signed off by the Chair. All were in agreement.
4. Cllr Laura Evans reported on the work of Fawkham Parish Council during the past year. The full report can be found here: <https://fawkhampc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Annual-Parish-Meeting-2023-Chairs-report-1-1.pdf>
5. Reports were given in person by:
 - **District Cllr M Fothergill** (verbal report only)
 - **Kent County Cllr David Brazier.** To read this report please follow this link: <https://fawkhampc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/KCC-Cllr-D-Brazier-Fawkham-APM-2022.pdf>

Cllr L Evans then summarised the written reports that had been submitted via email:

- **District Cllrs Lynda Harrison & Emily Bulford.** To read this report please follow this link: <https://fawkhampc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Cllr-HarrisonBulford-REPORT-TO-FAWKHAM-PARISH-COUNCIL-AGM.pdf>
- **Jackie West – Community Warden.** To read this report please follow this link: <https://fawkhampc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Kent-Community-Warden-Annual-Report-2023-Edit.pdf>
- **Mandy Bridges Head Teacher of Fawkham Primary School.** To read this report please follow this link: <https://fawkhampc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Parish-Council-report-2023-Fawkham-CoE-Primary-School.pdf>
- **Kent Police.** To read this report please follow this link: <https://fawkhampc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Police-update-for-Fawkham-Parish-annual-meeting-April-5th-2023-updated.pdf>

Full copies of all reports received can be found on FPC's website under Annual Parish Meeting Documents: <https://fawkhampc.org.uk/document-category/annual-parish-meeting/annual-parish-meeting-2023/>

5. Opportunity for other village organisations or parishioners to address the meeting:

Noted: One member of the public raised a planning enforcement issue in a field located in Horton Kirby parish that had been raised to planning enforcement but had not got anywhere. Clerk to speak to HK/SD Clerk and email planning enforcement.

Noted: Two members of the public raised the flytipping/rubbish still in the field near Wilmay Copse. The Chair informed them that a letter had been sent to the landowner. It was agreed that FPC would contact Mark Ansdell of SDC flytipping team for further information.

Noted: A resident questioned if no mow may could take place on the footway verge along Valley Road but it was noted that KCC had advised this was not possible due to sightlines and had already been looked into. It was also noted that KCC regularly cut the grass close to the motorway bridge which was frustrating as they had agreed to manage part of that area as a Roadside Nature Reserve with conservation cuts only.

6. Date of Next Meeting

Date 18th April 2024 (provisional), 19:30 at Fawkham Village Hall, Valley Road, Fawkham

Meeting closed: 20:20.