

Minutes of the Fawkham Annual Parish Meeting 2024 Thursday 3rd April 2025 at 19:00.

1. Opportunity to review information displays and meet fellow attendees, with tea and cake.
Noted: various residents enjoyed seeing the new parish sign design and reading through the information boards available followed by tea and cake.
2. Welcome and Introduction, Laura Evans, Chair of Fawkham Parish Council
Noted: the Chair welcomed all to the meeting and thanked those in attendance.

Present: Cllr L Evans (Chair), Cllr J Cherry (Vice Chair), Cllr W Johnstone, Cllr K Wilkes and Cllr D Harker.
Dst Cllr Sean Malone and 7 residents attended.
3. Apologies for Absence
Apologies: Apologies were received from Jackie West (KCC Community Warden), Dst Cllr Lynda Harrison, Dst Cllr Emily Bulford, KCC Cllr David Brazier and PC Ashleigh Wilson.
4. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 4th April 2024.
Noted: It was proposed by the Chair that the minutes of the 2024 meeting would be agreed, and signed off by the Chair. All were in agreement.
5. Report on the work of the Parish Council during 2024/25
Noted: the Chair reported on the work of Fawkham Parish Council during the past year. Key items over the past year included the adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan; redesign of the Parish signs and securing a grant for various infrastructure items. Looking to the next 12 months, the Parish Council will focus on delivering projects arising from the Neighbourhood Plan and the development of SDC's Local Plan, mindful that recent changes to national planning law will make development on Green Belt land easier. The full report can be found [here](#).
Noted: the Chair also thanked Cllr L Sleeman and Cllr D Mansfield for their contributions throughout the year and their time as Councillors.
6. Reports from the following were available to read:
Noted: links to reports:
 - [District Councillors - Cllr Harrison, Cllr Malone & Cllr Bulford](#)
 - [Kent County Councillor - Cllr David Brazier](#)
 - [KCC Community Warden - Jackie West](#)
 - [FPC as sole trustee of Fawkham Village Hall](#)

- Reports were not received from Fawkham Primary School; Church of Saint Mary Church or PC Ashleigh Wilson.

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

Noted: A resident raised an issue with an ongoing water leak near to The Willows. The Chair suggested to let FPC know if the issue continues; Dst Cllr Malone also offered to help with this issue, if required.

Noted: The Chair noted that KCC Member David Brazier had provided his 20th and final APM report, and thanked him on behalf of Fawkham for his work over the years.

Noted: Cllr D Harker thanked Dst Cllr S Malone for his invaluable support throughout the year.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Date 2nd April 2026 (provisional), 19:00 at Fawkham Village Hall, Valley Road, Fawkham

Meeting closed: 19:53.