



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC) MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

The meeting was held at 4.30pm on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at the Guildhall in Faversham. Eight EC Members were present, Trevor Payne (TP) Ashley Sayewell (ACMS), Anne Salmon (AS), Andrew Osborne (AO), John Coulter (JC), Linda Harrison (LH), Willemien de-Koning (WdK) and Robin Sayewell (RS).

#### 1. WELCOME / APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

*(TP) welcomed 'everyone' to the meeting. Apologies had been previously received via (TP) from Julian Saunders (JS), who is away at the moment.*

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR EC MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023

*These were approved.*

#### 3. MATTERS ARISING

##### (i) Walks

*Previously, there was an FFG Sunday programmed walk on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (details and photos are on show within the FFG Website). Both Linda Harrison and Ann Ashton have continued jointly organising and running the walks programme, where a further walk at Conyer is likely to take place on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023.*

##### (iii) Website

*Nothing further to be reported at this meeting. Awaiting receipt from either (JS) or the Deputy Town Clerk of the finalised FTC Newsletter regarding the forms for 'Designation of Local Paths' as mentioned later in item 9.*

##### iv) Walking and Cycling provision in Faversham linked with future proposals for the Faversham Neighbourhood Plan

*Walking and cycling provision in Faversham – (JS) had previously advised there was an opportunity for funding for design to improve the junction of Priory Road with Priory Row, in contacting Councillor Eddie Thomas. The EC has agreed to this proposal where (RS) will be writing to the Councillor and also including the Brent and Davington Hill's junction.*

*Faversham Neighbourhood Plan - (TP) submitted his proposals of comments to, the FFG/EC. These were approved.*



*This asks that policy FAV15 (Faversham Creek Policy Area) be strengthened to include:*

- A requirement that Creekside paths created by developing a site must be linked to corresponding paths on adjacent sites.*
- State that the requirement for a Creekside path applies to any site with a Creekside frontage that comes up for development in the life of the plan.*

## *(v) Faversham Creek Bridge*

*(RS) No further developments and there was nothing further to report since the previous meeting.*

## *(vi) Creek Basin*

*The Group continues to monitor the situation over the Morrisons Store closure and the pending reopening late this year by Home Bargains Group that now has a Planning Application. (RS) will now write to SBC (Planning) over the concerns over the 'future' of the 'thirty-year old' Creek Path Link from Flood Lane to North Lane together with narrowing of the gate at Flood Lane to prevent illegal vehicle access.*

## *(vii) Vicarage Lane / Eastling Road*

*(RS) has written to Ted Wilcox and Derek Macey of Lorenden Parkland Trust to obtain interest and support from them over a possible resolution and scheme, they have replied and wish to have a meeting with the EC. (RS) will also continue to liaise with KCC. (TP) also to continue contact with David Simmons over the matter.*

## *(viii) Rail Crossings and other Footpath Issues*

*(ZR492) (RS) had written to KCC 'again' over this. They have 'again' replied saying they will contact Network Rail again.*

*ZR500 and its closure near the Thanet Way due to an illegal rubbish tip since 2017. KCC PROW have since replied advising with photos they have been to site and intend to take this further.*

## *(ix) Brenley Corner*

*(RS) continues monitor over a M2/A2 diversion from the roundabout. This is a National Highways issue.*

## *(x) SBC liaison with FFG issues*

*(JS) will continue to progress his concerns with SBC over a certain lack of liaison with FFG over the town's footpath matters especially with regards to new housing where he had previously indicated he still intended to write to SBC Planning Department about this.*



## (xi) Flood Lane

(RS) has pursued SBC and KCC over a No Through Road sign from West Street and has since heard from the lead Officer of KCC Highways (Simon Jones Corporate Director of Growth Environment and Transport, KCC) who has agreed to provide signage. This situation is being monitored as mentioned in (vi) in regards to the new Home Bargains site's future. It has subsequently been noted that as Morrisons have now vacated the site, where the clothing recycling bins in front the gate in the carpark have been removed and the gate is unfortunately wide open to traffic again.

## (xii) Augustine Camino Footpath Route

(WdK) continues to promote this alternative Pilgrims route from Rochester to Ramsgate that passes through Faversham. See also Item 10 regarding the AGM.

## (xiii) Ham Road Housing Development(s)

(LH) with support from the EC will continue to assist the residents over the Objections to the scheme over Footpath, Environmental and Wild Life concerns. In the meantime, with regards to Faversham Lakes Country Park, (LH) has heard from Councillor Peter Cook that FTC are in discussions with the Developer over a North West future link from the Park footpath to ZF1 at Oare Creek. (RS) commented that the 'flyer' (for support) recently received from the 'Save Ham Farm' Group had no telephone or addresses mentioned, and on contacting them by e;mail, they advised responses to the Secretary of State's Questionnaire was by electronic means only.

## **4. TREASURER'S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP**

As reported by (ACMS) :-

### **Balance of Accounts**

One statement has been received since the last meeting, the agreed closing balance being £1009.40 as at 5th September 2023.

### **Payments**

Outgoings	There are no outstanding payments at this time.
Income	£10.00 cash in hand has recently been banked but not in time to affect the above balance.
Bank Charges	These came to £5 (1 x £5 standard fee)

**2023 Members** We have 73 FFG members.

**2024 Membership Fees** It was agreed by the EC that there should be no increase to the fees for this next coming year.

**HSBC Bank** Nothing further to report at this stage.



## **5. WEST CREEKSIDE PATH ALONGSIDE FAVERSHAM REACH AND WATERSIDE CLOSE.**

*(AO) reported the KCC PROW team are continuing to make progress over the design of the ramps and slipway link.*

*The extended closure notice as advised by KCC PROW came into place on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 explaining that the creek-side footpath here is now open except for three short lengths where work has to be carried out to make them walkable (and to fully open the whole path). Members should note that this area is legally fully accessible via the entrance from the Upper Brents.*

## **6. ENGLAND COAST PATH**

*Provender Walk through to the Former Oil Depot Site As suggested by KCC PROW, (RS) has written to SBC Planning over the status of official incorporation of this path as a footpath, details of which was passed to FTC for them to also investigate. Unfortunately, SBC have not responded. FTC are after receiving a complaint are now also monitoring the Posillipo Restaurant's incursions onto the Creekside, which has we understand involved an Enforcement Order Notice to be raised.*

## **7. EAST KENT RECYCLING LTD (EKR) PLANNING APPLICATION**

*(RS) was previously advised by KCC PROW that the Bretts Scheme for diversion of ZF1 is now passing through the necessary Planning procedure to allow this company to commence construction.*

## **8. SWALE LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION - Reg19**

*The SBC Policy & Resources Committee meeting on the 19th November 2022 did actually 'pause' the Local Plan process and this was likely to be the situation until after the local elections in May 2023 As before, the FFG / EC through (TP) would continue to monitor the situation for any footpath implications.*

## **9. DESIGNATION OF LOCAL PATHS / NATIONAL LOST WAYS INITIATIVE**

*'Designation of Local Paths' (RS) and (AO) nothing further to report apart from the new Home Bargains site Creekside Path from Flood Lane to North Lane has been added to the two previous items (Tram Road and Abbeyfields). It is understood from (JS) as Town Councillor that this has been approved by FTC, and is to be added the latest Council Newsletter.*

*'Lost Ways'. No real contact from Kent Ramblers Association, The FFG will continue to review all of the district's Public Rights of Way where the cut off deadline is now 2031.*

## **10. AGM 2023**

*The date for the next AGM will be Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm to be held in the Guildhall. It was agreed at the previous EC Meeting that Andrew Kelly, the Administrator of the Augustine Camino be the speaker at the next AGM.*



*(RS) went on the recent Churches Ride and Stride Walk, with members of Davington Church to Ramsgate, where they met Andrew whilst visiting St Augustine's Church and he has confirmed he will attend.*

## **11. LOG OF ISSUES RAISED**

*(RS) continues to monitor current developments and update the Log as required.*

## **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

*The next EC Meeting will be held at the Guildhall at 4.30pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023.*

## **13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

*No 'any other business' items were raised or discussed.*