



# Fordwich Town News



December 2020

**Report on the Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>  
November at 7.30pm by Zoom**

## **The Fordwich Future Sub-committee**

The group has worked through the initial stages of getting to know one another, recognising the problems of the town and is beginning to focus on the tasks ahead. This has involved Sue Clayton being much involved in discussion about Conservation Area Appraisal. Through direct contact with Bretts, it has been learnt that there is no immediate thought of selling the estate. They are aware of the significance of the land and have a track record in ensuring conservation and environmental issues are properly dealt with. Work has begun on creating a more dynamic, user-friendly approach on the website, and consideration given to the advantages of Facebook, Instagram and Twitter as means of communication within the town, including linking them to the website. One major breakthrough has been achieved when it was discovered that the search engine had been locked, so it was almost impossible to find the site. That has now been rectified and the site has risen markedly in the rankings! Winter is the wrong time of year to conduct ecological surveys at the Old Nursery Site. Opposition to the Moat Farm application has been taken seriously by group members.

**The Town Council Councillors** Green, McCarthy and Lewis were joined by CCC councillors Louise Harvey Quirke, and councillor Alan Marsh from KCC. Ben Fitter-Harding, leader of Canterbury City Council was

present as a guest. His priorities as the new leader were to tackle waste, housing, enforcement and to drive forward the local economy, explaining how Canterbury has been doubly hit by the pandemic. He also emphasised the significance of the work currently being done on the new Local Plan, in which infrastructure is at the core. He gave time to respond to questions raised about the planning application for Moat Farm, about services to rural communities - gully clearing, bin collection waste bins, repair to bollards, protection of historic buildings. CCC will roll out their in-house waste management beginning on 1<sup>st</sup> February, replacing SERCO. Alan Marsh, in explaining the negotiations to determine which tier Kent should be in, said that enforcement against the pandemic was too weak, too little and too late. That was the theme for discussion around enforcement generally.

It was a unanimous decision and pleasure to accept the application from Matthew Edgley of Little Monks to become a new trustee of Fordwich United Charities.

The Council also agreed unanimously to co-opt Sue Thompson of Brooklands House as our new councillor on the Fordwich Town Council.

Both appointees were welcomed and congratulated.

Anyone joining the council in objecting to the application to grant retrospective permission for 37 new mobile homes at Moat farm, is encouraged to write directly to the planning department of CCC quoting planning application CA/20?01927. The application for a dormer window to be added to The Island, The Drove, was accepted.

## **Notes from the Mayor**

### **Litter Picking and Town Tidy**

The date of the next litter pick is Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December, meeting at 10.00am by the church gate.

## **Fordwich United Charities**

People walking to the quay will have noticed that there has been a good deal of work going on, with repainting of woodwork and the railings. Work on the crane at the river end of the Town Hall is in the planning stage.

### **The History Of Your House**

So many houses and corners of Fordwich have special stories to tell. It would be lovely to be able to bring them together. If you have any ideas of the history of where you live, and are prepared to share them, please be in touch with Philip Lewis

### **Dates for the Diary**

**Friendly First Friday Coffee Mornings** will recommence once government restrictions permit.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December, meeting at 10.00am by the Church Gate** Litter Picking and Town Tidy

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in St Marys Church.**

Thisismytheatre Company present A CHRISTMAS CAROL. Book early to avoid disappointment as places are limited because of social distancing restrictions. Tickets from [thisismytheatre.com](http://thisismytheatre.com). Please watch government guidance, but as of 26th Nov the show goes on! Ticket fees will be returned if the show has to be stopped because of tier 3 restrictions.

**FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER at 6.00pm** FORDWICH CAROL SERVICE - by Zoom Do join us for a short Carol Service – a chance to sing carols together with others in the safety of your own home! For joining details contact [sharontanton1@gmail.com](mailto:sharontanton1@gmail.com)

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm** Fordwich Town Council Meeting  
Please contact the clerk before 6.00pm on the day before if you wish to join the meeting by Zoom.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm in the Town Hall – or by Zoom**  
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**19<sup>th</sup> September 2021** Fordwich Civic Service 2021.

Bishop Rose has kindly agreed to be our preacher.

**Power Walking?** Norman Phillips of Wheatcroft, King Street. is keen to encourage people to join him. norman@nphillips.co.uk

**And finally**

**Do have a really Happy Christmas, but please remember those around you who cannot be with family this year.**

**May your Christmas be joyous, safe, and considerate of others!**

**Contacting the police**

**In an emergency phone 999**

**If it less immediately important phone 101**

**If it is a local matter contact: [www.kent.police.uk/contactus](http://www.kent.police.uk/contactus)**

**or**

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