



Fordwich Town News



November 2020

**Report on the Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 28th
October at 7.30pm by Zoom**

The Fordwich Future sub-committee has met three times by zoom and are making progress on evaluating the problems we face as a town and on how best we can oppose the developments, whilst beginning to concentrate on just what we would like the town to be in 5, 10, 20 years' time.

The Town Council met with all councillors present and representation from KCC and CCC. There was a report from the Police forum, as a result of which, anyone interested in being trained to be involved with **Speedwatch** should contact Geoff Connolly. People are reminded that work on listed buildings requires planning permission, not to do so is a criminal offence. People concerned about Residents' Parking should contact Adrian McCarthy. It was reported that all departments in CCC are being required to make a 25% saving in costs to go towards a predicted deficit of £9 million. Disappointment was expressed about KCC not complying with their promise to put up signage or repair the pavement. Similarly, the lack of any road sweeping or gully clearance by CCC in the south side of the town was regretted. The electricity supply to the southern extremities of the town have been very disrupted. There are on-going talks with a range of outside agencies for support with our opposition to the developments. It is not too late to sign the petition, but so far there are just short of 200 signatures. We would love some more to really show the developers what we, as a town think!

Notes from the Mayor

It is really encouraging to see just how many have already signed the petition. Copies are available on the fordwichtown.org website. The total number gives a powerful message to developers. If, or when, their applications for building works are presented, we move to stage two and ask all who signed to write to the planners – but we are not there yet.

Kent Wildlife Trust have, along with several other organisations, been supportive of the town. They would like to include Fordwich in their national list of 'Wilder' towns – the smallest Wilder town! Your comments please!

The time has passed for calling an election to fill the gap on the Town council. The Council are therefore required and empowered to co-opt, in order to fill the vacancy.

Litter Picking and Town Tidy

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

Fordwich United Charities report that the Town hall railings are due to be repainted and work undertaken in the crane room. They have also been glad to host four weddings since the easing of lockdown.

Anyone wishing to be considered as a new trustee is asked to send their request to Philip Lewis.

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

Patrick and Fiona Heren

It is with regret that we have to inform you, that after 20+ years of living in Watergate House, Patrick and Fiona Heren are moving on to pastures new. They have been valuable members of our community, Patrick having served as a Cllr., Town Mayor, Mayor Deputy and Chairman of Fordwich United Charities. Fiona had the foresight to persuade some residents to adopt a planter to brighten up the Town. Her enthusiasm and skill as a garden designer led to her garden being approved by the N.G.S., and was opened twice a year, raising money for charity. We wish them well in their new home. They will be sorely missed. (V.Clark)

Dates for the Diary

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

Town Hall Curtain Project will recommence once government restrictions permit.

Wednesday 25th November 7.30pm Fordwich Town Council Meeting in the Town Hall – or by Zoom. Please contact the clerk before 6.00pm if you wish to join the meeting.

Saturday December 5th 10am Litter Picking Details above

Monday 14th December at 7.30pm in St Marys thisismytheatre present A CHRISTMAS CAROL. Book early to avoid disappointment as places are limited because of social distancing restrictions. Tickets from Thisismytheatre.com

19th September 2021 Fordwich Civic Service 2021

Bishop Rose has kindly agreed to be our preacher.

And finally

Social Distancing

Please remember that there are vulnerable people around. It is the responsibility of all of us to help people feel comfortable and feel safe. Do be considerate when passing on pavements or footpaths.

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

or

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