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AN OVERVIEW OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28th

September 2022

Councillors Thompson, Connolly, Lewis, and McCarthy.

Apologies were received from Councillor Green, CCC Mrs. Harvey-Quirke, CCC Mrs. Glover and KCC Mr Marsh. Three members of the public attended.

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Prior to the meeting beginning the Council were addressed by Trevor Cox the Canterbury Fire Brigade Station Chief. He has confirmed that the fire hydrants in Fordwich all work, there is an issue with one where it has subsided, and this repair work will be carried out by the water board. He will chase this up. It was quite reassuring to listen to how the Fire Brigade react and how they manage the supply of back up water if required. One question was raised to confirm if the Town Hall has sufficient protection and whether its fire alarm has a direct link to the Fire Brigade. The Town Council will contact Fordwich United Charities for comment.

A question was raised regarding allotments and their availability, The Council will contact the Allotment Secretary for an update regarding this, fees, and the length of the waiting list.

Following the summer months, we are looking at improving the slipway into the river adjacent to the bridge. We are conscious of the erosion to this area and aware that we are not going to stop access to the river, so believe a floating pontoon could be a solution. We would also look to ensure that vehicles do not park on this area to unload as well.

Minor work has been carried out to repair the wall in the High Street.

We have been told that PC Robin Todd, our Police Liaison Officer will no longer serve our area and a new PCSO will be allocated in due course.

The Neighbourhood Plan is in full swing, but we still need residents to get involved to discuss the outputs of the surveys that were carried out. Please contact Sue Thompson if you would like to contribute.

Following our late Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the Town Council received a grant and with part of that money purchased 4 trees to plant in the Town. A

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position has been proposed and the Landowner contacted to seek permission.

Two handmade quilted and applique curtains have been completed by a group of residents lead by Natalie Miller. The curtains are waiting to be hung in the Town Hall to cover the lift door and the proposed screen. We will liaise with FUC for date when this can be done.

Sustrans, the Company employed to improve Cycle Route 1, are still in its consultation stage, but they did carry out a walk and talk along the route for residents and discuss the issues which are lighting, access, and the environmental impact.

Planning: 37 Fordwich Road – the Council saw no reason to oppose this application.

And finally, I would like to thank Councillor Connolly for taking on the responsibility, at short notice, to host the Minutes Silence of Remembrance for Queen Elizabeth. I was unfortunately unable to attend but the turnout was amazing. May She rest in peace.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We are recruiting some more members to help on the Steering Group. The role of the Steering Group is to help prepare the plan to submit to FTC. Once prepared FTC will then submit to CCC to make sure it is legal and has been prepared using evidence to support the plan. The Neighbourhood Plan is then presented to the residents of Fordwich who will vote on whether to accept the Neighbourhood Plan. We expect this to take place towards the end of 2023.

We are continuing to work on our vision and objectives for Fordwich in 5 areas: Housing and Development, Historic and Natural Environment, Community, Traffic and Transport and Design and Design Codes. We are conducting resident workshops to explore your views. If you are interested in taking part please e mail us info@fordwichnp.org

WE NEED YOUR HELP AND VIEWS

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Dates for the Diary

Monday 24th October 2-4pm The Old School Hall. Monday Mix . A cup of tea or coffee and biscuits in the warm .. no charge

Tuesday 25th October 7.30pm in The Old School Hall David Reekie presents Edith Swan-Neck, wife of Harrold Godwinson, King of England until The Battle of Hastings 1066

Next Meeting Fordwich Town Council Wednesday 26th October 2022 at 7.30pm The Town Hall, Fordwich

FOOD BANK – we are still collecting for those less fortunate, so a box is situated in the church for basic foodstuffs and items for personal hygiene. If you can afford to give, please do



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If it is a local matter, contact: www.kent.police.uk/contactus

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