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AN OVERVIEW OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30TH JUNE 2021

All Councillors were present.
Neither KCC or CCC Councillors were present.
7 members of the public attended.

A lively debate ensued regarding parking within the Town, and how we could ensure that residents who have no off-street parking can be catered for and how illegal parking could be kept to a minimum. After listening to Councillors and Residents views, the Town Council will approach Brett's, to see if they would be willing to provide an area that could be utilised for visitors parking. The Town Council will reassess the resident parking scheme that we were looking at implementing for those with no off-street parking. We will investigate if it will be feasible to install free parking bays to Brooklands Close, but also apply double yellow lines to all other areas to attempt to stop vehicles parking inconsiderately. We will approach Canterbury City Council with the view to ensure enforcement is carried out at peak times (especially weekends and during the summer holidays).

Planning matters were discussed. Byway House **CA/21/01454** – no objections were raised for the proposed garage, greenhouse, store, and replacement of single glazing to double. Sturry Relief Road **CA/0136/2021** – unanimously agreed to object as no different to previous applications, especially regarding the discharge of surface water onto a flood plain and the environmental impact it will have. Moate Farm **CA/20/01927** have appealed against CCC decision to refuse planning permission for the



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additional 37 units. It was unanimously agreed to object as no different to previous applications. All the above can be commented on by the public on the CCC website against the Planning application reference as highlighted via the below link.

https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20014/planning_and_building/232/search_and_comment_on_planning_applications

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to provide feedback on the Dentons proposals for the Tree Nursery. This has really helped the Town Council gauge the feeling of the residents and respond accordingly, especially regarding access, traffic, size of development, sewerage, power etc. Please note that formal planning has yet to be submitted for this site.

It was noted that Fordwich's parliamentary boundary alteration will mean that we fall into the West Thanet area, if the latest review is approved.

The Council will be writing to the Police Inspector responsible for the Fordwich area, to reiterate its displeasure in the lack of policing in our area, especially regarding the recent dog bites and motor bike usage on the footpaths.

Fordwich River Tours have unfortunately stopped operating and will not be renewing its association with us.

The Council have requested from UK Power Networks additional information as to why the Stodmarsh Road area have suffered so many power cuts over the last couple of years.



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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Steering Group is preparing to submit the grant application and hope to start the first early engagement with the community of Fordwich from mid-September. Early engagement is an essential first stage it is impossible to write realistic and deliverable policies for the community without first understanding that community... so we will be contacting you in September.

Notes from the Mayor

I am one month into my new role, and I would like to thank all those who have sent congratulations, it is most appreciated. Hopefully the Town Council report has provided an overview of everything that is happening in the town, if not please drop me an email or call me or any of the other Councillors. We are all here to listen to the views of the residents.

TOWN PICNIC - DATE 25TH JULY - TIME: 2PM ONWARDS

We have been provided with an opportunity to have a Town Picnic on the former Boathouse site that is accessed via the dirt track behind Brooklands House. I would like to thank Rosali and Greg for providing us with the opportunity. It would be great to see as many residents of Fordwich as possible for the afternoon. Please bring picnic blankets and your own food and drink.

I have reported the overgrown footpath leading from Canoe Wild to Westbere Lakes, KCC have 28 days to review and act so please contact me if come the 14th of July it is still overgrown.



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If any other footpaths are overgrown, please use the below link to report them, please also email me to let me know you have done this, so I can follow up.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/environment-waste-and-planning/public-rights-of-way/report-a-problem-on-a-right-of-way>

I appreciate that many of you who live on Fordwich Road, Marlow Meadows and Brooklands Close suffer at the weekends with inconsiderate/illegal parking. I am also aware that this may get worse as the summer holidays loom in July and August. The Town Council are looking at ways to improve the situation, please note the above, but this is not going to be fixed overnight. I have asked that, if it is safe to do, that residents take photos of the vehicles that are illegally parked and report them to CCC via the below link.

https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20062/parking_fines_and_restrictions/43/report_illegal_parking

Please also send me the photos, so I can log them and create a dossier to raise with CCC enforcement. If we don't report these vehicles on the above link, CCC enforcement will not attend Fordwich.

With regards to Canoe Wild, I have had ongoing conversations with Andrew. I can confirm that he has succeeded in getting additional parking on the Brett's driveway for his staff and customers. He will also be ensuring that his customers are made fully aware of the parking procedures. Andrew is also looking into toilet facilities and changing facilities at the Fordwich site but has also said that these will not be forthcoming till the off season. Please note, that not all issues are due to Canoe Wild customers, many



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people have their own canoes, boards etc and use Fordwich as their car park.

The below link is all about the Canterbury Local Plan. It provides an overview of Canterbury City Council's vision for Canterbury District. There is a lot of information to digest but gives you the opportunity to comment on the proposals. Again, it is your chance to have your say.

<https://localplan.canterbury.gov.uk/have-your-say/>

Fordwich Lakes are now fully open for the fishing season. I have had a request from CDAA, to remind all those who walk their dogs around the lakes to ensure that they are always kept under control, and to pick their "dog poo" up and take it home for disposal.

Fordwich residents are allowed access to the lakes, it costs £10 deposit for a key to the gates that are situated at the far end of The Drove. Keys are available from the CDAA office, 14 Mill Road, Sturry, CT2 0AF

I would like to say a big thank you to Max Kimber for opening her studio and allowing us to see her art/exhibits.

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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Fordwich United Charities

You will have noticed that Fordwich Town Hall is open to visitors with dates displayed on the notice board outside and on www.fordwichtown.org. We are pleased to have installed guttering on one wall protecting it from damp, along with drainage by the same wall in the garden. Flowers adorn the outside of the hall thanks to some diligent work by our wonderful volunteers. If you would like to become a custodian, please contact catherine.molin@hotmail.com. There are two grants available; coal (heating) grant and a book grant awarded to a student in Fordwich. Please do not be shy and apply to catherine.molin@hotmail.com.

Weddings continue to be celebrated at the hall throughout the year and we are proud to be working closely with Fordwich Arms who provide an excellent service to couples and their guests. For all enquiries, please write to sarah.fordwichevents@gmail.com who will be pleased to help.



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Dates for the Diary

FORDWICH TOWN PICNIC – SUNDAY 25TH JULY - TIME: 2PM ONWARDS

TOWN TIDY UP SATURDAY 31ST JULY - 10AM – MEET AT THE CHURCH – PLEASE LET PHILIP OR ADRIAN KNOW IF YOU CAN SPARE AN HOUR OR 2

KENT COUNTY SHOW 29th and 30th AUGUST QUEX PARK, BIRCHINGTON CT7 0BH open from 10-5pm. More info www.thekentcountyshow.co.uk

FORDWICH CIVIC SERVICE – with Bishop Rose SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

REDBOOK CONCERT IN ST MARY'S Monday 13th September at 7.pm

Redbook is an admirable creative act capable of creating a profound connection between lyrics and music.

Through a tangible, non-artificial, and evocative musicality, this London-based duo share stories and emotions with sincere expressiveness, and an ever-evolving sound.

Booking details to follow

**Date of the next Fordwich Town Council meeting
Wednesday 28th July 7.30pm in the Town Hall.**



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Contacting the police

In an emergency: **Phone 999**

If it is less immediately important: **Phone 101**

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

Or

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robin.todd@kent.police.uk

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