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Report on the Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 28th April 7.30pm by Zoom.

All councillors were present, but there were no representatives from either Canterbury or Kent councils. Considerable time was spent drawing up a list of issues that have been previously expressed, and gone unanswered about Canterbury City Council's response to the Romany Greenacre and Moat Farm sites, especially around the number of lorries that have caused danger and damage, and their content and purpose. These will be formally presented again to CCC, and taken to our MP. Work to remove the overhanging tree on footpath CB 62 will be under way soon. A post-covid cleaning programme is beginning with the School room. Work is progressing on the possibility of Residents' Parking. A noticeboard giving guidance on the use of the river and river bank should be completed and erected soon. Note was taken of the Denton Homes presentation to be made on 26th May in the church, and open to all residents. It was agreed that a Town Annual Meeting might be called later in the year. It is hoped that Fordwich River Tours will be ready to run a Summer season on the river beginning on June 1st. Kent Wildlife Trust are planning work to repair the river bank. A 'new' bin is going to be installed at the entrance to the river walk by the George and Dragon car park. The financial returns for the year have been audited and were signed off by the Council.



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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The new Steering Group has met twice under the chairmanship of Sue Thompson. The group include Debbie Connolly, Deborah Shaw, Mike O'Neill, Roger Green, Greg Jones David Enticknap and Richard Miller. Three working groups have been established to work on a. Building an

Evidence base. b. The Early Engagement of the residents. c. Funding. It was agreed they would establish a linked website.

Notes from the Mayor

Town Tidy up

The next date for help in keeping the town tidy is set for May 8th, meeting at the church gates at 10.0am. Please bring gloves, and possibly secateurs, so we could work on ensuring footpaths are clear, if we have enough volunteers, as well as litter-picking.

Delivery vans

It has been appreciated that Amazon have agreed to ensure only appropriate vehicles should venture down Spring Lane, and that certain supermarket delivery vans will not breach the law by crossing the bridge. If you have a chance to ask your delivery firms to be aware of the particular requirements when delivering to Fordwich, others might be persuaded to follow suit!

Food bank

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Sadly, there is still a great need for basic foodstuffs and items for personal hygiene. The box is waiting to be filled in the church.

Retirement of Rev'd Peter Cornish

Peter retires from his role on 16th May. A letter of appreciation has been sent from the chairman of the Town Council.

Fordwich United charities

Work has been completed on redecorating the Town Hall and ensuring the building is secure. Permission has also been granted to put a range of guttering in to prevent the erosion of the brickwork.

Website and Residents Facebook Page

As noted at the bottom of the page, please do take a look at the website. We are aiming to keep it relatively up to date, and it has an ever-increasing depth of historical information.

A reminder that the Residents Facebook page is available for those of us who live in Fordwich.

ELECTION DAY MAY 8th

Candidates for election as Kent county councillor

BUTCHER Jean Elizabeth, HARVEY Andy, MALTBY Gwilym Richard John, MARSH Alan.

Candidates for election as Police commissioner

COLLEY Graham David, OYEWUSI Lola, SCOTT Matthew.



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Dates for the Diary

Town tidy up dates: Saturday May 8th at 10am.

Friday 21st – Sunday 23rd FORDSWITCH – see later notes

Wednesday 26th May DENTON HOMES PRESENTS – An opportunity for the town to view their proposals for the Old Nursery Site – further details will be circulated to all residents by Denton homes.

Sunday 13th June: Fordwich open Gardens If you can volunteer to open your garden this year, please contact Roger Green.

Sunday 19th September: Fordwich Civic Service with Bishop Rose

Date of the next Fordwich Town Council meeting Wednesday 26th May 7.30pm in the Town Hall. This will include the AGM for the Town Council.

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Ford is coming to Fordwich!

On the Bretts' site

Ford is coming to Fordwich and is challenging us to switch to electric! For 3 days from Friday 21st - Sunday 23rd May, Ford will be bringing a fleet of its brand new, all electric, Ford Mustang Mach-E cars to our town to give us the chance to try it out (before anyone else!).



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Ford is on a mission to help people go electric and understands what a big transformation it might feel to switch vehicles. Ford is challenging us, as the smallest town in the UK, to take part in a large-scale switch to electric over the May weekend and has created bespoke driving routes around the local Kent area for you to choose from.



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What's more, you'll be some of the first to try it out, with the car just launching in the UK as this takes place.

If this sounds like something you would like to take part in, slots must be booked in advance via email at ukevents@ford.com or telephone on 01480 277 135.

You can register interest from today, but the booking email and telephone line will only be active from Tuesday May 4th – Friday 21st May. A member of the Ford team will contact you then to book you in. Please note that T&Cs apply*

When you arrive for your slot, the Ford team will be situated at Brett Quarry and will be on hand to tell you all about the

new Mustang Mach-E and set you up with your very own vehicle. We hope to see as many of you there as possible!

**T&Cs apply, drivers must hold a full driving license for a minimum of 5 years, with no more than 6 license points and be aged 28 or over.*



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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

PCSO Robin Todd

robin.todd@kent.police.uk

Download the **Country eye** app to report rural crimes such as fly tipping, simply, easily and effectively.

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