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Mr Mark Radford
Director of Corporate Services, Governance and Scrutiny
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Dear Mark

Faversham's Annual Town Meeting – 22nd May 2007

I enclose herewith a copy of the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held here in Faversham on Tuesday, 22nd May from which you will see that most of the comments raised by the few members of the public who attended were in connection with parking and traffic problems in and around the residential areas of the town. In addition, I also enclose a copy of a letter that I received on the morning of the meeting from Ms P Warren of 46 Park Road, Faversham.

In support of the comments made by Mr Clements and Mr McDonald, I enclose photographs taken by Mr Clements in the Fielding Street area between the 7th and 13th May of this year. Mr Clements supports these photographs by complaining that the traffic wardens and Police are taking no notice of complaints given to them by local residents!

You will see from the Minutes that it was agreed by the Members of the Town Council present at the meeting that all the comments raised should be passed to the Joint Transportation Board of Swale Borough Council which, I understand, has a meeting scheduled to take place during June. Faversham Town Council will, therefore, be pleased if these matters can be discussed at that meeting and I shall be glad to know the outcome thereof.

Yours sincerely

Susan Brockman (Mrs)
H.Cert.L.C.A.
Town Clerk

c.c. The Mayor of Faversham, Cllr T H Fentiman, Mr F McDonald, Mr M J Clements, Ms P Warren, Mr A Young and Mr J R Carey



AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF FAVERSHAM held in the Jubilee Room, Alexander Centre, Preston Street, Faversham on Tuesday, 22nd May 2007

Present: The Mayor, T H Fentiman (in the Chair), the Deputy Mayor, Cllr E J Wilcox and Councillors B Tovey, M S Gates, J N Coulter, J G Snoad, Mrs A J Walker, D H S Simmons and J R Winlow

Also present: Mrs A Price, Faversham Times and 5 Registered Electors for the Town of Faversham.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T Gates, Mrs C Davis and B Mulhern.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Faversham Annual Town Meeting held on 23rd May 2006, copies of which had been circulated to all those present, were agreed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

3. SWALE BOROUGH COUNCIL'S RECYCLING SCHEME

The Mayor introduced to the Meeting Mr Peter Chegwidden, the Recycling Officer of Swale Borough Council who presented to the meeting the plans of that Authority in respect of the new refuse collection scheme that will be implemented throughout the Borough during the course of the summer 2007. Mr Chegwidden commented that there are now problems with the 200 tonnes of waste that is collected each day in Swale, and in particular, the amount of non-degradable waste and the new twin bin system will ensure that more household waste is sent for incineration and recycling.

Mr Chegwidden confirmed that advice for the new scheme will be given, if requested by Swale Borough Council Officers and the assisted collection service currently offered to elderly and infirm householders will continue and will be more widely advertised. In conclusion Mr Chegwidden answered questions from the meeting.

4. MATTERS RAISED BY ELECTORS:

Mr A Young, 46 Luton Road, Faversham

Mr Young expressed concern at the 'over zealous' conduct of local traffic wardens, particularly in the early hours of the morning but complained that there are issues that such wardens do not pick up, particularly in respect of abandoned vehicles.

Mrs H Colebrook, 20 Abbey Street, Faversham

Mrs Colebrook raised the concerns of residents in Abbey Street and the hazard caused by cyclists using the footpaths instead of the road way and also the concerns that the new development at the bottom of Abbey Street is now creating more parking and traffic problems. She commented that traffic also speeds along the road and suggested that consideration should be given to the provision of traffic calming measures in Abbey Street.

Mr F McDonald, 16 Stonebridge Way, and Mr M J Clements, 28A Fielding Street, Faversham

Mr McDonald and Mr Clements complained to the meeting of the parking infringements that are constantly experienced by the residents in the Fielding Street area of the Town and which continue to be unchecked by the local traffic wardens and Police. At the commencement of the meeting Mr Clements had passed to the Town Clerk photographs that he had recently taken of such vehicles.

Mr J R Carey, 2 St Mary's Road, Faversham

Mr Carey expressed concern at the considerable amount of parking in the St.Mary's and St John's Road areas by commuters and business people which causes continuing problems for residents of those roads. He further commented that residents are also concerned at the increasing speed of vehicles using these roads and feels that the re-alignment of the traffic lights when the Tesco supermarket was developed has created a St Mary's Road/Institute Road 'roundabout'. He suggested that consideration should be given to the 'feeder' roads to St John's and St Mary's roads being given priority right of way which should slow down the traffic using the longer roads and that consideration could also be given to the creation of a 'one-way' system in this area. Mr Young of Luton Road considered that such measures would also help in the Cyprus, Westgate and Luton Road area.

In Conclusion:

The Members of Faversham Town Council present confirmed that the parking issues in and around the Town will be discussed at the June meeting of Swale Borough Council's Joint Transportation Board and agreed that all the matters raised at the meeting relating to traffic problems would be passed for discussion at that meeting. They further agreed that all these issues will also be raised by them at the annual meeting held by Faversham Town Council with local Police representatives and that all the members of the public present at the Annual Town Meeting would be invited to attend that meeting.

There being no further business, the Mayor thanked everyone for attending and closed the Meeting at 8.20 p.m.

46 Park Road,
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20th May, 2007

Town Council,
Alexander Centre,
Preston Street,
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Dear Sirs,

Road Parking

As you will be discussing roadside parking in St. Mary's Road and St. John's Road, please also bear in mind the fact that there is also a considerable increase in weekday roadside parking in Park Road. Some of the owners of these cars will have to move out after four hours but others do have parking permits, so they can leave their cars there all day. The wide range of the parking permit area allows cars to be parked much closer to the station or town centre from where they actually live.

The Recreation Ground car park also receives an influx of vehicles, i.e. cars and large vans (particularly white vans) from the opening time on week days. Although some of these move out later, many stay all day. There is little or no room for the use of park users except at weekends, which mean that parents with babies or young infants are often having to unload pushchairs from their cars by the roadside if they want to visit the park and its play areas.

I realise that the volume of car use has increased dramatically and a "Park and Ride" is probably not viable, so the Town Council has a very difficult problem to deal with. I hope you will find some way to sort this out.

Yours faithfully,



Ms. P. Warren

