

Faversham Lake Residents Meeting Minutes

Date: 29th May 2025

Format: Virtual Meeting

Chair: Dean Ogden (Acting Secretary)



Future Meeting Dates (Confirmed):

- 28th August 2025
 - 27th November 2025
 - 6th January 2026 (AGM)
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Key Points & Agenda Summary:

1. Opening & Acknowledgements

- Dean Ogden welcomed attendees as Acting Secretary.
- Jacqui Chart extended thanks to Dean for organising the virtual meeting and updating the residents' website.

2. Website Update

- Dean provided an update on website implementation, emphasising the intention for it to be the one stop for community communication moving forward. Link is:
- www.favershamlakesresidents.co.uk
- Please contact favershamlakesresidents@gmail.com if you have any group details you'd like to add to Events & Groups page or any other low maintenance ideas, or if you'd like to help maintain the site.

3. Committee Updates & Events (Jacqui Chart)

- Updates on previous and future community events.
- Easter event was cancelled due to protection of new planting near the Scout Hut.
- Suggestion to organise community walks or informal gatherings (e.g., to the local pub).
- Residents encouraged to suggest new community event ideas.

4. Country Park & Estate Issues

- **Scout Hut Area:**

- New planting carried out by Scouts; further planting planned.
- Concerns about foot traffic damaging new planting.
- **Safety by the Lake:**
 - Need for signage to warn about deep water.
 - Looking into subtle but effective safety signage.
 - Potential planting of thorny bushes to deter access to back gardens.
- **Traffic & Roads:**
 - Junction at Serpentine and Bethel Rd lacks markings – ongoing discussions with Andersons.
 - Speeding concerns addressed; new signage installed, further traffic calming under review.
- **Parking:**
 - Discussion on designated bays – previously covered.

5. Estate Management

- Concerns over illegal electric scooter use (both residents and visitors).
- Residents advised to call 111 or liaise with local councillors about enforcement.

6. Council Tax Banding

- Dean shared personal experience of appealing Council Tax banding.
- Process involves appealing and potentially going to tribunal.
- Offered to assist residents interested in challenging their banding; contact via email or group message.

7. Meeting Administration

- Future virtual meeting dates confirmed (see above).
- Residents encouraged to provide feedback on the virtual meeting format.
- Minutes to be published on the residents' website.

8. Closing Remarks

- Thanks extended to Dean, residents, and guest John from West Kent Housing.
 - Emphasis on building a vibrant and engaged community.
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Action Items:

- Publish minutes and meeting feedback form on the website.
 - Continue safety and planting measures near the lake.
 - Maintain dialogue with Andersons regarding estate roads.
 - Coordinate resident interest for Council Tax appeal assistance.
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