

Faversham Lakes Residents Association Committee Meeting Minutes 17/04/2025

Attendees: Jacqui (Chair), Linda (Vice Chair), Trevor (Country Park Committee), Liam (Treasurer), Dean (Acting Secretary)

Agenda

1. Events Updates
2. Residents Association Updates
3. Management Company Updates

Events Updates

The Residents Association Committee reviewed the information available about the Easter Fun Day event and has the following statement of facts as we are aware of them:

Statement Begins:

It is our understanding as follows: the event was organised by West Kent Housing Association and was intended to be a small event for the residents of Faversham Lakes.

The Residents Association did not participate in communications about the event. A third party publicised the event to Faversham Town Council and this communication was then passed to Swale.

With the event more widely publicised, Andersons was made aware of multiple concerns about the intentions of some attendees and the potential impact on residents. The Residents Association was not involved in any decision to cancel the event.

End of Statement

The opinion of the Residents Association is:

The estate and the grounds of Faversham Lakes are private, not public and as such events need careful consideration and planning if they are to be held. That consideration requires the input of Andersons as the land owner of 'common areas' the Management Company as administrator of common areas. The Residents Association is available to be consulted as a voice for resident's concerns/support but has no direct ability to approve or deny events. Any future public events will need to be approved by the Management Company and have a full impact assessment regarding the impact on all aspects of the estate.

Residents Association Updates

The Residents Association acknowledges the resignation of Rob Crayford and thanks him for his input. There is no nominated replacement, and no interim appointment. The role remains available if anyone wishes to take it up.

Dean Ogden has been appointed as Residents Association Secretary (Acting) and will operate until a vote has been taken to approve/appoint another.

The recent events raised the need for a review of the 'Constitution' of the Residents Association. As the roles are all voluntary there needs to be a clear, concise set of articles of what the Residents Association is and is not for. These will be pulled together and presented for review before the next meeting, but the view is that the Residents Association needs to focus on:

- Ensuring proper management of the estate and by extension the Country Park and Heritage Hub
- Ensuring proper liaison with other agencies and groups (E.g. Anderson, West Kent Housing Association) where necessary
- Ensuring there is a common voice for all residents
- Ensuring there is a mechanism for encouraging the Faversham Lakes residents community involvement

Virtual/Future Meetings

The Residents Association has looked at options for virtual meetings and has an option to do this without incurring costs. We now need to consider a mechanism for registering for virtual meetings and managing virtual meetings:

- It is intended that residents will need to register and will be limited to one connection per household
- Questions will need to be submitted in advance to allow time to be managed
- Attendees will be on mute unless specifically asked to contribute.

The Resident Association intends to set up a website as a single point of communication. This may be rudimentary to start with but will allow for:

- Updates of Residents Association news (including meeting minutes)
- Periodic updates of Management Company information
- Contact details
- Virtual meeting registration.

Further details to follow for future meetings.

Management Company Updates

Transition to Anderson Estate Management has gone well and they are progressing with a works schedule. You may have met Alan and Gary who are on site each week and now have a rota for areas that they maintain.

The intention is to provide updates on works scheduled and works completed to all residents going forwards.

Next meeting

TBC