

FECKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of 137th Ordinary Meeting held on 19th January 2006

Present:

D Hickman (Chairman)	J Vernall
P Tricklebank	S Shaw

1. **Apologies from:** S Hanley (Redditch Borough Council) J Hooker, P Lincoln-Lewis, Mr P Gretton – County Councillor and Mrs A Pulsford – Borough Councillor
2. **Declaration of Interest in any item on the agenda** – there were none.
3. **Approve minutes of the 136th Ordinary Meeting held 17th November 2005 :**
Proposed by J Vernall and seconded S Shaw, the minutes were signed as approved.
4. **Matters arising from Minutes of 136th Ordinary Meeting :**
 - 4.1 Public Footpath Sign by the Kissing Gate
P Tricklebank reported it was not a kissing gate as ordered and no sign to be seen.
Chair to ring Millars and contact RBC
 - 4.2 Planning Applications: Letter to Redditch Borough Council
Letter received giving 21 days rather than 14 days to give comment on planning applications.
 - 4.3 Affordable Housing Update Email in November confirming that negotiations with landowner ongoing. D Hickman to phone Alan Saunders or Elaine for a further update.
 - 4.4 Cheque Signatories. Change of signatories agreed at last meeting but Bank supplied wrong forms. Now got correct form completed which will be dispatched to bank.
5. **Claire Boylan, Enforcement Officer of Redditch Borough Council**
– advise on measures to help avoid dog fouling in the Village.
Sent apologies. Clerk to contact and invite to attend next meeting
6. **PC Richard Waterhouse West Mercia Constabulary** - advise on Traffic problems in village.
PC Waterhouse is the Local Beat Manager. Local policing high on the Agenda. Redditch has four police stations including Crabs Cross who look after Feckenham among other areas. 24hour service covers whole of Redditch. Beat Manager looks at one area and the particular issues involved. Public believe crime has increased but recorded crime going down. Lack of Public confidence needs to be targeted. Community policing will target local problems, with a beat manager that the public has access to. Integral position of schools recognised. People have influence on local priorities for the police and other agencies.

This system has already been rolled out in Redditch. PACT (Partners and Communities Together). PACT set up by police has panels including key people in the Community. Feckenham meeting will be held in Astwood Bank as a joint meeting in March. Already two done in the High School to involve young people.

Q. What can you do for the Parish of Feckenham? It lacks a Police presence and problems at the moment are Traffic related.

27 crimes in and around area. Beat Manager will provide a more visible presence. He has attended toddler group. Will attend Church coffee morning once a month. Looking to put info on village web site. Sending info to web master. Use existing Neighbourhood Watch members to look out for Crime going on in surrounding areas. Measures such as timer switches to turn on lights when it gets dark can discourage type of burglary happening at the moment. 08457 444888 call centre number for Police to report crimes. Reports graded in one of 4 categories. Beat Manager trying to reinvigorate Farm Watch.

Parking on Green Sunday Morning and speeding major local issues. PC Waterhouse doing speed enforcement Course so that he can do it himself. Can come to the meetings on a regular basis. Council will contact if we have a particular issue. Request that if PC Waterhouse gets common themes then they should be brought to the Council. Thanks to him for attending

7. Stuart Winfield Planning Dept. RBC - Boundaries

Introduce two documents which have yet to be formally adopted. These are policies and proposals for conservation area, areas for improvement and strategy for preservation and enhancement of appearance of the area. Includes an extension of the boundary by half a hectare to include two buildings that are already listed. Consultation period in February. Leaflets prepared and available in Town Hall Library and 16th Feb Public Meeting in Hall starting 7.30 with presentation and opportunity for written comments. Suggestion from Chair for fliers advertising Meeting to Jane White to be distributed with the Magazine. 893281 for Jane. Thanks to Stuart for attending

8. Parish Plan Survey - Update

Survey issued 350 copies with 75% returns. Gone to agency to be analysed should have results back end of Feb. Will have 2 fold feedback to Council and back to Community as they did last April/May, probably in April. Offering solutions proposed and encourage community to comment with further solutions. Results from meeting and details of the other activities will be collated into final plan document. Final draft document should be ready in April/May. Looking at framework for the document at the moment. Will need to have a special meeting at the beginning of April to discuss this rather than normal parish meeting. Steve Delaware has resigned from the group

9. Feckenham Register Update

Request to update the Register but a lot of work involved. Last done 2002. Should the Council undertake this update. Proposer D Hickman seconder P Tricklebank. Brian from Village Hall volunteered to start update using the info he has.

10. Report from County Councillor(s)

Not Present

11. Report from Borough Councillor (s)

Not Present but sent Note on the Conservation Area Boundaries. Council will wait for comments from Parishioners at Public Meeting.

The Chairman opened the meeting to the Public and asked if anyone present wished to speak. New residents spoke who wanted to come along and see what happens at meeting. Interested to hear about extension of conservation area. Their Solicitors were vague about whether their property was included in conservation area. Welcome to the village. Meeting closed again.

12. Financial Report: Clerk

- 11.1 Report on 2005/2006 accounts Still as at last meeting because of lack of ability to sign cheques.
- 11.2 Invoices Filing cabinet replace 2 drawer with 3 drawer. Cost of £40 Proposed S Shaw and Seconded P Tricklebank.
- 11.3 Precept Agreed unanimously with the amendment that the training budget be reduced from £250 to £150.

13. Correspondence received:

- 13.1 Feckenham Parish Precept Letter from RBC update Chair Already discussed
- 13.2 Parish Council Vacancy- Chair Update. P
Tricklebank reported that Jeff Mathews has volunteered to take up the post. He is on village Green Committee. J Mathews needs to write a letter to the Clerk saying he is prepared to serve and can be co-opted at next the next Meeting. This info will then be sent to Sue Mould at RBC.
- 13.3 Register of Electors. Apply for two copies.
- 13.4 Planning Applications letter from RBC Already discussed.
- 13.5 Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of Redditch Borough Council 30th Nov
- 13.6 Minutes of the Meeting of Redditch Borough Council 12th Dec
- 13.7 Newsletter from Community first (Parish Plan)
- 13.8 Consultation on changes to the West Mercia Police Authority Boundaries
- 13.9 Worcestershire County Council Transportation and Development Control guide CD
- 13.10 Recycling Posters
- 13.11 Local Council Review

14. Correspondence sent:

- 14.1 Vision Mapping Project
- 14.2 Planning Application for the Waldrons
- 14.3 Planning Applications for the Parish of Feckenham

15. Planning Applications

- 15.1 Received and Reviewed
 - 15.1.1 Gable House, Sillins Lane – Garaging
 - 15.1.2 Cruise Hill Chapel Cruisehill Lane – Conversion of redundant Chapel
- 15.2 Decision Received
 - 15.2.1 The Waldrons – New Conservatory Granted
 - 15.2.2 The Waldrons – Alteration and Extension to coach house Granted
 - 15.2.3 The Waldrons – New Storage and Garaging Granted
 - 15.2.4 Bredon Veiw Farm – Two Storey Extension Granted
 - 15.2.5 Stonners Farmhouse – Retrospective Application Refused
 - 15.2.6 Stonners Farmhouse – Retrospective Application Refused
 - 15.2.7 Badgers Cottages – Garage Storage and Store Granted

16. Items for next agenda

17. Date of next meeting – 16th of March 2006