

# FECKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of 138<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2006

Present:

D Hickman (Chairman)                      J Vernall  
J Hooker    P Lincoln-Lewis  
Mike Chalk – Borough Councillor  
Mrs A Pulsford – Borough Councillor present for second half of meeting

1.     **Apologies from:** S Shaw, P Tricklebank, S Hanley (Redditch Borough Council) and Mr P Gretton – County Councillor.
  
2.     **Declaration of Interest in any item on the agenda** – there were none.
  
3.     **Approve minutes of the 137<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> January 2006 :**  
Proposed by J Vernall and seconded by D Hickman , the minutes were signed as approved.
  
4.     Matters arising from Minutes of 137<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting:
  - 4.1    Kissing Gate and Sign – Letter has been sent to Miller Homes informing them that the wrong gate had been erected and providing info on the gate, requested by the Parish Council but no reply received. Email Miller Homes or send them another letter requesting action on the matter. Contact John Staniland to see if Kissing Gate is part of Planning conditions. Contact Footpaths Officer for the County about the Footpath Sign.
  - 4.2    Affordable Housing Update – Emailed twice since last meeting but no response. Contact again.
  
5.     **Claire Boylan, Enforcement Officer of Redditch Borough Council**  
– advise on measures to help avoid dog fouling in the Village. Did not attend.
  
6.     **Parish Plan Survey – Update**  
Parish Plan committee have the quantitative data analysed by Warwick now waiting for qualitative. At the moment they are pulling together headings and want to take something to Council and also village. They propose meeting with Parish Council early April. Feed back to community in May as discussion points to get further information from villagers and suggestions for possible solutions. Agreed that the analysed information and copies of original survey go to Parish Councillors to look at a week before the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> April in the village hall.

**7. Feckenham Register Update**

Brian Robson has provided the updated information for the Register. Clerk has typed it up and laid it out for printing. Draft copies of register handed out for proof reading in the village to ensure information is correct and no organisations missed out.

**8. Bus Stop Infrastructure Review**

No bus shelters in village. Clerk to write informing the County of this. Bus often parks in strange places and no bus to get to work in Redditch. Discussion followed on the lack of bus service from village.

**9. Report from County Councillor**

Not present

**10. Report from Borough Councillor (s)**

Mike Chalk now a backbench councillor so has little knowledge of what executive is doing.

Antonia Pulsford late but gave report on last night's council meeting on Conservation Plan. It was made clear that Highways are not responsible for parking. If villagers want greater parking restrictions they need the support of their county councillor. They are against speed bumps at county because of the high cost of maintenance. A Pulsford is advocating use of Dunlop Transcalm speed bumps but not confident of success. No collision history in village so unlikely to get traffic calming measures. D Hickman has had more complaints about speed of traffic on main road. Clerk asked to get in touch with constable to have presence in the village to deter speeders.

Parking on road slows down vehicles. Need to get pavements in High Street and Droitwich Road resurfaced. A Pulsford volunteered to try and get this. Need for Hedge beside Manor House to be cut back because it is restricting the view for drivers. Feckenham Conservation Area Draft Management Plan all amendments and the main document agreed at the Council Meeting.

Agreed that info go to Feckenham News on when next Parish Council Meeting is and also dates of all the meetings for the following year after the AGM.

**11. Financial Report: Clerk**

11.1 Report on 2005/2006 accounts \* J Hooker proposed J Vernall seconded. Agreed unanimously.

11.2 Invoices – Worcestershire CALC x 2\*, P Lincoln-Lewis proposed J Hooker seconded agreed unanimously Subscription Renewal\*, J Vernall proposed J Hooker seconded. Agreed unanimously.

11.3 Clerk Salary P Lincoln-Lewis proposed, J Hooker seconded agreed unanimously. Expenses J Vernall proposed, J Hooker seconded. Agreed unanimously.

**12. Correspondence received:**

12.4 West Mercia Constabulary Interim Business Case

12.5 Parish Council Vacancy- Chair Update. Jeff Mathews has volunteered. Not able to come to this meeting but will be co-opted at next meeting after signing Declaration of Acceptance.

- 12.6 Feckenham Conservation Area Draft Management Plan - Clerk distributed update on the plan, which was going to Redditch Borough Council on the previous evening. Comment on lack of consultation with parish councillors and community in the preparation of the plan..
- 12.7 RBC Consultation on Statement of Community Involvement -
- 12.8 Bromsgrove Council Statement of Community Involvement\*
- 12.9 Worcestershire Highways Partnership – Consultation\* - Consultation on the removal of highways partnership office at Redditch BC. Parish Council requests to County Council on highways matters not successful. Don't offer an efficient service unlike the previous situation. Still waiting for white lines in Ham Green. Suggestion of vote for "can do" culture mentioned in the document. Office between Redditch and Bromsgrove instead of one for Redditch. More difficult to get cash out of Worcester. Borough Councillors concerned at globalisation. Money from development for Feckenham lost by the County Highways. Village Hall got £8,000 from RBC for disabled access. HPU got limited budget no HPU means no budget. D Hickman will contact HPU unit.
- 12.10 Priest Bridge Sewage Treatment Works – Installation of Control kiosks
- 12.11 Minutes of the Meeting of Redditch Borough Council 30th Jan
- 12.12 Minutes of the Meeting of Redditch Borough Council 27th Feb
- 12.13 Newsletter from Community First
- 12.14 Notice of Meeting Worcestershire CALC
- 12.15 West Mids Regional Authority Speaking Out
- 12.16 Freecycle Posters – info emailed to web site and Feckenham News. Posters distributed.
- 12.17 Calor Village of the Year Competition - info emailed to web site and Feckenham News.
- 12.18 Bus Bulletin – Lack of bus service already discussed.
- 12.19 Request for donation from Vitalise – not allowed to give donations.
- 12.20 Worcestershire Mail – copies distributed
- 12.21 Proposal to close 2 Schools and open new First School Result of Consultation
- 12.22 Minerals and Waste Development Scheme Annual Monitoring Report\*
- 12.23 Local Council Review
- 12.24 12.21 Standards Committee RBC. Steven Skinner called asking for someone to attend Standards Meeting at 7pm on the 29th of March at Town Hall. Tel 534 009. A Pulsford will be attending as a Borough Councillor and was asked to report back to Chair if anything of interest to Parish is to be discussed.

### **13. Correspondence sent:**

- 13.1 Miller Homes Kissing Gate and Sign – already discussed
- 13.2 Letter of Thanks To Dawn as Clerk
- 13.3 Letter on Register of Electors

### **14. Planning Applications**

- 14.1 Received and Reviewed
  - 14.1.1 Re-siting Vehicular access Alcester Road/Moors Lane
  - 14.1.2 Berrow Hill farm – Agricultural building
  - 14.1.3 Brookside Farm - New stables and ménage

- 14.1.4 The Brook House – Restoration cast iron porch
- 14.1.5 Lower bean Hall – Re-instatement of outbuildings and stabling

14.2 Decision Received

14.2.1 13 High Street – Ground and 1<sup>st</sup> floor extension - granted

14.2.2 Dunstall Court – Conversion to dwelling - granted

14.2.3 Dunstall Court – Conversion to dwelling - granted

**15. Items for next agenda**

Meeting Dates in Feckenham News

**16. Date of next meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2006 AGM and Parish Council Meeting**