

FECKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of 140th Ordinary Meeting held on 20th July 2006

Present: D Hickman (Chairman) J Vernall
J Hooker P Lincoln-Lewis
P Tricklebank J Mathews
S Hanley (Redditch Borough Council)
Mike Chalk – Borough Councillor

1. **Apologies from:** S Shaw, Mrs A Pulsford – Borough Councillor

2. **Welcome**

3. **Declaration of Interest in any item on the agenda – None**

4. **Approve Minutes of AGM as correct :**

Proposed J Mathews and seconded by P Tricklebank, the minutes were signed as approved.

Approve Minutes of Parish Meeting:

Proposed P Tricklebank and seconded by J Mathews, the minutes were signed as approved.

Approve Minutes of 139th Ordinary Meeting held 18th May 2006:

Proposed by J Vernall and seconded by P Tricklebank, the minutes were signed as approved.

5. **Matters arising from Minutes of 139th Ordinary Meeting:**

5.1 Kissing Gate and Sign: D Hickman has called Miller Homes about the gate, but no one has answered the phone. He will continue trying. Contact from Redditch Borough Council will contact Doug to discuss replacement sign. Sue Hanley will organise.

6. **Report on Affordable Housing by Elaine Marks from West Mercia Housing Association and Daniel Russell from RBC.**

Written report from Antonia Pulsford

Elaine Marks: The survey of Housing Need identified 16 applicants for the 10 homes and that 2 houses should be replaced by 2 2-bed flats. New plan provided and displayed to councillors. Only got it yesterday from the architect. Contracts to be exchanged on land in next few days. Further surveys still to be done.

Mathew from Redditch Borough Council provided update on info from Antonia Pulsford which was distributed to Councillors. Redditch BC want Parish Council input on letting policy. 4 sets of priority areas. Village first priority, Parish second priority, with Redditch itself as final priority. Doug stated no. Judy stated that this is not a new suggestion and it needs to be discussed. Pam said this has been discussed. Judy needs to be discussed in this meeting. Jeff has to have an order for letting. Judy Parish Council needs to be part of the discussion on letting policy. Doug comments on Redditch BC Housing staff telling young people from the village that no housing available in Parish. Jeff and Jim last resort before it will be available to everyone. Jim raised questions on the criteria, which included need to be on housing list. Jim has concerns that it has lost direction because of the need to have names on the housing list. Need for Redditch BC and Parish Council to work together to ensure that everyone who is interested has their names on the list. Include all Parish Council in a meeting with Redditch Borough Council. Question to Andrew about Parish Plan, how has this been covered in Parish Plan. Councillors agreed that a flyer be produced for inclusion with this month's Feckenham News updating the parish on the affordable housing and the need for all interested parties to apply to Redditch BC to put there names on the housing list. Clerk to prepare and email to Ian Bellion for copying and insertion. Nigel Potter an independent Housing advocate introduced himself to the meeting and advised the councillors he is available to provide independent advice. Date for Meeting to discuss Letting Policy set at 24th August 7.30 pm rear room of village hall. All councillors will be involved.

P Tricklebank raised issue on rain water flooding in the area which needs to be considered in the surveying of the land

Suggestion from Sue Handley that an advice session be organised to advise young people how they can get onto the housing list. Perhaps Housing Dept. can place an article in Feckenham News.

7. Parish Plan Survey - Update

Andrew provided a report. Information already sent out to Councillors but a summary doc needs to go out to the Parish. Has to fit into the grant time scale and info includes time scale and Parish Plan Committee need feed back from Councillors so final doc will be ready for Sept Parish Council Meeting. Parish Plan Committee will have completed their task once plan has been written and sent out. Request from D Hickman that the Committee come to meeting with 6 or 7 main priority items. Final document will include short term and long term priorities but also includes high cost and low cost priorities. Andrew suggested down to the Parish to set these priorities.

8. Feckenham Register –

Copies have been printed and Jane White has agreed to deliver with the Feckenham News. Need to deliver to Jane who will return what are not needed. Matters

9. Report from County Councillor

Not present

10. Report from Borough Councillor(s)

Mike Chalk – Borough Councillor now under new management, Mike is new Mayor. Council looking at all budgets, to see what must do and at what level it needs to be done. Should be finished by September and could have impact on next years budget.

Ongoing scrutiny committees. Housing will be discussed at length in planning committee to ensure that detailed planning applications meet need. Local highway unit being transferred back to Worcester so lost local budget. To be a meeting between Redditch BC and County to discuss links and how they are going. 106 monies for Traffic Calming not been used to provide traffic calming. Direct transfer of funds to County Highways. Mrs A Pulsford – Borough Councillor presented her apologies but provided written report to be distributed at presentation on affordable housing.

Sue Hanley reported changes to waste collection arrangements. 100% coverage for fortnightly collections including recycling on one of the weeks. Likely to come into operation in Feckenham spring/summer 2007. Offer that someone will give a presentation to the Council nearer the time.

Query from Judy about Dog Fouling. Chair has discussed with staff from Redditch Borough Council as agreed at last Meeting. J Mathews raised that this should have been covered under Matters Arising.

The Chairman opened the meeting to the Public and asked if anyone present wished to speak. David Meade Barrett raised issue of tree fallen on a footpath. Raised 18 months again growing from the stream next to Barretts field. Clerk to contact footpaths officer. Meeting closed again.

11. Financial Report: Clerk

11.1 Report on accounts – provided to councillors

11.2 Clerk Salary payment proposed by P Tricklebank seconded by J Hooker and Expenses payment proposed by P Lincoln-Lewis seconded by J Mathews.

11.3 Invoice for Feckenham Register payment agreed at last meeting so invoice paid.

11.4 Reminder for Insurance Payment – Insurance Company has not had payment cheque so cheque has been cancelled and a new one issued.

12. Correspondence received:

12.1 Copies of Newline

12.2 Waste Core Strategy

12.3 Charity Commission Online initiative

12.4 Papers for Annual Meeting of Redditch Borough Council 22nd May

12.5 Redditch Borough Council Adoption of Local Plan No 3

12.6 Parish Public Rights of Way Information Boards

- 12.7 Worcestershire Children and Young People's Plan
- 12.8 Future for Longbridge News Update
- 12.9 Charity Commission News
- 12.10 Worcestershire Parish Mapping Project - Invitation
- 12.11 West Mercia Police Authority – Report on restructuring
- 12.12 Worcestershire CALC Meeting
- 12.13 Feckenham Village Hall Accounts
- 12.14 Redditch Borough Council – housing strategy statement 2005 - 2009

Clerk asked to resend dates of meetings to Feckenham News and a piece asking for submission of Requests for Grants to Clerk by the end of October for consideration at the November Meeting. Plus flyer on affordable housing discussed earlier.

Clerk asked to send letter to Feckenham News asking that space be kept for Parish Council News to Jane as Editor.

13. Correspondence sent:

- 13.1 Insurance Payment
- 13.2 Village Hall Payment
- 13.3 Article for Feckenham News
- 13.4 Copy for Feckenham Register
- 13.5 Conversations with Bank and Insurance Co re lost cheque and issue of replacement
- 13.6 Copy for Feckenham News

14. Planning Applications

- 14.1 Received and Reviewed
 - 14.1.1 Land at Moors Lane – Stables and hay barns
 - 14.1.2 Grove Barn – Conversion of stable/store to single holiday let dwelling unit
 - 14.1.3 Land at Church road – New Field Access
 - 14.1.4 Brookhouse Cottage– Change of Use and Enclosure of Land

14.2 Decisions Received

J Hooker raised the issue that letter from Council with Planning Applications has reverted to replies should be received within 2 weeks. Clerk asked to write reminding Redditch BC that they had agreed to 3 weeks and include in letter that no information on the results of planning decisions being received.

15. Items for next agenda

- Calor Gas Village of year
- Flower tubs on corner
- White lines at Ham Green
- Millenium Bench

16. Dates of meetings for 2006/7

- 21 Sept 2006,
- 16 Nov 2006,
- 18 Jan 2007,
- 15 Mar 2007 and
- 17 May 2007 AGM.

Meeting closed 9.50pm