

FECKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of 141st Ordinary Meeting held on 28th September 2006 postponed from 21st September

Present: D Hickman (Chairman) P Tricklebank
J Mathews J Vernall,
S Shaw J Hooker
Mike Chalk – Borough Councillor

1. **Apologies from:** P Lincoln-Lewis, S Hanley (Redditch Borough Council), A Pulsford – Borough Councillor.
2. **Welcome**
3. **Declaration of Interest in any item on the agenda - none**
4. **Approve Minutes of 140th Ordinary Meeting held 20th July 2006**
Line 9 of para 6 should read Judy stated this needs a meeting to discuss the issue. Proposed P Tricklebank seconded J Mathews.
5. **Matters arising from Minutes of 140th Ordinary Meeting:**
 - 5.1 Affordable Housing Email from Elaine Marks Discussion among councillors about letting policy. Parish Councillors have limited power. Power now with Housing Association since only they can build the houses. Councillors decided what criteria they are looking for from the meeting with Redditch Borough Council and the Housing Association. Once we have dates. Funds in the Precept for a newsletter twice yearly from the Council. Flyer was done for the Affordable Housing and distributed. Bill from Ian Bellion on the agenda later.
 - 5.2 Feckenham Register - Doug has the spare copies.
 - 5.3 Parish Council Grant Applications – Request for applications has not been printed yet in Feckenham Register but 2 applications have been received from the Church and the Register
6. **Update by Stuart Wingfield MRTPI Planning & Urban Design Officer from Redditch Borough Council on the conservation area appraisal.**
Email from Stuart Wingfield was read out apologising that he could not attend the re-scheduled meeting and providing a report on the conservation area appraisal.
7. **Parish Plan Survey** – Parish councillors got copies of long plan. Shortened version will go to the houses in the Parish in next couple of weeks with responses before November Meeting. Looking for interested parties and individuals willing to take issues forward. Some quick wins will be highlighted but group does not see it as their role to decide what issues to go ahead on.
When does Councillors want Alex Urka to attend a meeting? Next March.
Funds in Precept for Parish Plan issues.
8. **Calor Gas Village of Year** – carry forward to next agenda

Meeting was opened to the Public.

Complaint that the houses at 19 and 20 High Street open directly onto the street. Vehicle drivers who mount the footpath to overtake parked vehicles are a danger to pedestrians exiting these houses. Nursery school at the Village Hall also means problems for parents walking their children to school.

Potholes on High Street also raised complaints. Report the problem to the County Council. Bridge at Brook House still not repaired. Write to Director of Highways.

The Meeting was closed to the public

9. Flower Tubs on Corner of High Street

Chair has in the past organised this because he was Chair of Village Green. Judy asked if this could be referred to the Amenity Committee. Request to Barry that when he does village green tubs he does Parish Council ones. Chair organises this proposed P Tricklebank, S Shaw seconds.

10. White Lines at Ham Green

Write to County Council raising issue that Chair contacted Debby Debs 6 months ago but there has been no response.

11. Millenium Bench top of Cruise Hill.

Bench needs varnishing. Chair and Vice Chair to organise.

12. Deleted

13. Strategic Partnerships Representative

The Parish Council does not have a Strategic Partnership Representative and does not feel that they require one.

14. Code of Conduct and Declaration of Member Interests

Letter read. Clerk will send her copies of the information and confirm that there have been no changes. No outstanding questions but happy for Council Representative to attend a future meeting.

Letter to J Hooker about a Training day in Birmingham about Standards. She asked if anyone wanted to attend. Cost of day very high and councillors did not feel the expenditure was justified.

15. Report from County Councillor(s) None present

16. Report from Borough Councillor (s)

Report from Mike Chalk

Written report from Sue Hanley read out.

Kissing Gate still an issue. However it was felt that it would reflect badly on the Parish Council to push this issue further.

17. Financial Report: Clerk

17.1 Report on accounts

17.2 Clerk Salary and Expenses. Salary proposed by J Hooker seconded P Tricklebank, Payment of Expenses proposed by J Mathews and seconded by S Shaw Re-imbursment of Petty Cash proposed by J Mathews and seconded by P Tricklebank

17.3 Invoice for Feckenham News Flyers £16.00 Payment proposed by P Triclebank seconded by J Mathews

18. Correspondence received:

- 18.1 Copies of Newline
- 18.2 Restructuring of Highway Services
- 18.3 Rights of Way Improvement Plan
- 18.4 Papers for Meeting of Redditch Borough Council 7th of August
- 18.5 Central Networks Grant Fund*
- 18.6 Society of Local Council Clerks
- 18.7 Local Council Review
- 18.8 Local Environment Quality town and parish council guide
- 18.9 Bus Bulletin
- 18.10 Register of Electors
- 18.11 Free Guided Walks
- 18.12 Worcestershire CALC Annual General Meeting
- 18.13 Worcestershire Local Transport Plan

19. Correspondence sent:

- 19.1 Flyer for Feckenham News including meeting dates sent to Ian Bellion
- 19.2 Article and letter for Feckenham News
- 19.3 Letter to Redditch BC re Planning Applications

20. Planning Applications

- 20.1 Received and Reviewed
 - 19.1.1 Brickhouse Farm
 - 19.1.2 12 The Square

No planning application received for land at Merry Oak farm Moors Lane Hay Barn and stables Write asking why. Passed at meeting of 12 September.

- 20.2 Decisions Received

21. Items for next agenda

22. Dates of meetings for 2006/7

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

Meeting closed 10.20pm