

Standing Orders suspended to hold Open Forum for up to 15 Minutes – see notes at end of Minutes.

PROGRESS REPORTS

- 09/10/08 **Landscaping at Swansbrook Lane & Astwood Lane:** S Edden updated H Rajwanshi on 16 Sept. D Pilcher stated that the developers have entered into an agreement with WCC for this area to be adopted after a maintenance period and a final safety audit. The final inspection date will be determined in the near future whereby WCC spell out exactly what work needs to be done to the area to meet the standards for adoption. Weed removal, grass seeding and hedge trimming may be required to foster pedestrian mobility.
- 09/10/09 **Parish Plan:**
- 09/10/10 **Plant Pots:** See FIG update.
- 09/10/11 **B4090 hedge/Access at Swansbrook & Astwood Lanes/ Large Vehicles Damaging Road Verge At Holly Cottage:** The Clerk emailed WCC Cllr Gretton on 17 Aug and at the meeting to request this meeting be progressed.
- 09/10/12 **Bank Mandate: ACTION: Cllr Smith to complete mandate and return to Lloyds sometime in Sept/Oct.**
- 09/10/13 **Grit Box:** The Clerk emailed D Pilcher on 30 June and requested an update. D Pilcher responded on 1 July. He will look into who is responsible at RBC for the car park grit box and a grit box on Moors Lane. No further update.
- 09/10/14 **Lengthsman:** No update
- 09/10/15 **Accounts:** The Clerk forwarded an updated Asset Register to include the parish notice board to Clement Keys. The posted the Notice of Closure of Annual Return on 25 Aug and no parishioners came forward with issues/question. Matter resolved.
- 09/10/16 **Improvement of Footpath Surface Between Coupass Cottages and Car Park:** Hedge on Droitwich Road clipped and fly tipping removed.
- 09/10/17 **Vehicle Bridge@Mill Lane: Cllr Chalk to investigate based on Health & safety issues. ACTION: Clerk to request an update from Cllr Chalk.**
- 09/10/18 **RBC & WCC Updates:** The Clerk emailed all reps on 17 August reminding them to provide updates for meetings. Cllrs Gretton and Gandy requested meeting dates which the Clerk supplied.

09/10/19 **B4090:** The Clerk emailed Co Cllr Gretton on 17 August and requested an update. Co Cllr Gretton responded on 19 August:
White lines: am I right in thinking that the whole idea is NOT to have white lines as the theory is the central white line gives drivers more confidence to speed in the face of oncoming traffic? Ditto white lines by the pavements?

Yes, the lack of a central white line on the carriageway helps control vehicle speeds. Drivers travelling in opposite directions and approaching each other are not able to quickly determine whether there is sufficient room to pass alongside the other vehicle safely. This results in the drivers taking additional care and reducing speed.

The edge of carriageway marking is a slightly separate issue. I had intended laying lines parallel to the kerb line, although the Parish Council were not in favour and they were omitted from the scheme. I do feel though there is a need to do some localised lining at the edge of the carriageway on each of the approaches into the village. I will be reporting this to the 'Feckenham Conservation Area Meeting' at Redditch on September 15th, to ascertain their views.

Gates: i.e. blocking one half of the carriageway with an obstruction at each end of the village. Is there any change to the professional view that such obstructions are nor appropriate to this sort of highway?

The problem with physically introducing a half carriageway is that it automatically introduces areas of braking and acceleration. There is always going to be the occasion where one vehicle will attempt to beat another one into the narrowing, with the probability that road traffic collisions will be introduced into an area where none currently exist. There is always the possibility of course that a late braking vehicle will lose control and veer to the nearside where pedestrians etc might be.

40mpg buffer zones: I recall these were being talked about. Cant find my copy of the speed limit review for this section. What are your thoughts?

These are under discussion at the moment. Because the Speed Limit Review considers the entire length of the B4090, we are still awaiting local member views for other sections along the route before going to full consultation. This is though imminent and we should be in a position to process the matter further.

Our intentions are to introduce a 40mph speed limit as a buffer zone on each of the B4090 approaches into the village. This, linked with the work already undertaken will greatly assist in controlling vehicle speeds through the area.

09/10/20 **Moors Lane Sign:** The Clerk emailed M Mead on 17 August and requested an update.
ACTION: Clerk to email M Mead and request an update on the two signs.

09/10/21 **Fly Tipping Behind #19 Turton Gardens:** The Clerk emailed C Felton on 17 August and requested an update. Her response of 23 August stated that the occupants have agreed to remove bricks. Builders items left on RBC land will be removed. Some no fly tipping signs erected.
ACTION: Cllr Pulsford to liaise with M Mead to aid in selecting best location for no fly-tipping signs on top of Turton gardens near playing fields.

CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

09/10/22 **TO CONSIDER 2011 MEETING SCHEDULE**
The Council resolved to meet on the following dates in 2011: 17-2, 17-3, 19-5, 16-6, 21-7, 15-9, 17-11 and 15-12. The dates are booked with B Robson. Matter resolved.

09/10/23 **TO CONSIDER RESPONSE TO REVIEW OF POLLING STATIONS**
The Council completed the review in the meeting.
ACTION: Clerk to forward review to RBC.

09/10/24 **TO CONSIDER CONDUCTING A RISK ASSESSMENT AND DRAFTING A 2011/12 BUDGET**
The Council agreed to direct the Clerk's Finance Group to conduct a risk assessment and draft a 2011/12 budget. The current members of this group are Cllr Roundell and Smith.
ACTION: Clerk to draft 2011/12 Budget then forward to Cllrs Roundell and Smith for comment.

09/10/25 **TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF A SIGN POST TO INDICATE WHERE THE CHURCH AND OTHER IMPORTANT VILLAGE BUILDINGS ARE LOCATED**
No consultations have taken place to date, but the suggested site is somewhere on the Square. Approximate cost is £1500 plus delivery and installation. More details outlined in the 2 September email.
After some debate it was decided that the Council would like the proposers to demonstrate a need and/or desire for such a sign.
ACTION: Clerk to email A Matthews with an update.

- 09/10/26 **TO CONSIDER ADDING CLLR VENABLES TO THE CLERK'S DELEGATED SCHEME FOR PLANNING**
The Council resolved to appoint Cllr Venables as a fourth member of the Clerk's Delegated Scheme For Planning. Matter resolved.

CLERK'S UPDATE

- 09/10/27 The Clerk will be on holiday from 20 October through 31 October.
- 09/10/28 The Clerk added the parish notice board to the Asset Register as required by the external auditor. The extra insurance premium is £16.40 per year.
- 09/10/29 **Schedule of Correspondence Not Yet Replied To**
- 09/10/30 **Schedule of Correspondence Received**
No Need For Nuclear newsletter
J&S Barrett: Fence off footpath along side of property next to new allotments – footpath 623
St Johns Church: three applications for grants
SMP Playgrounds: Brochure
PCC Feckenham Church: 22 July email requesting for sign to put posted showing where the church is
Cllrs Gandy & Gretton: Request for meeting dates which the Clerk provided
RBC – C Felton: 23 Aug email responding to 17 Aug email
BDC: Register of Electors Canvass poster
Involve
Newsline
- 09/10/31 **Schedule of Correspondence Sent**
PCC Feckenham Church - A Matthews: 25 August email responding to 23 July email requesting sign
P White/G Eason/ S Arble email thread
RBC & WCC Reps: 17 Aug email request for written updates when can't make meeting
RBC – M Mead: 17 Aug email requesting date Moors Lane sign will be replaced
RBC – H Rajwanshi: 17 Aug email requesting an update on landscaping issue at Swansbrook/Astwood Lanes
RBC – C Felton: 17 Aug email requesting update on fly tipping and sign behind #19 Turton Gardens and improvement of footpath surface between Coupass Cottages & Car Park
P Gretton: 17 Aug email requesting update on B4090
P Gretton: 17 Aug email requesting meeting between P Gretton, FPC member and Highways officer to discuss road issues
S Atkins: Updated Register letter
WCC: Winter Services response
Clement Keys: Notice of Conclusion of Audit

PLANNING MATTERS

- 09/10/32 **For Parish Council Consideration**
- 09/10/33 **RBC Approvals**
- 09/10/34 **RBC Refusals**

- 09/10/35 **RBC Pending**
2009/159/LBC Brook House Droitwich Road: Replacement of steel gates to the side entrance with a pair of cast iron gates. Deletion of the current gate posts and addition of stone caps to the brick piers, and electric opener to operate gates NO OBJECTIONS
- 2010/019/LBC** Pool Barn 14A High St: Single storey extension to form an entrance hall and shower room NO OBJECTIONS
- 2010/098/LBC** Lower Berrow Farm, Ham Green: Conversion of redundant stables and wagon shed to four holiday-let dwellings and associated site works NO OBJECTIONS
- 2010/201/LBC** Rose & Crown: replacement of six windows NO OBJECTIONS
- 09/10/36 **WCC Pending**
WCC 08/000061/CM Priest's Green Bridge Bradley Green: Application for retrospective planning permission for composting NO OBJECTIONS
- Mr Smith is appealing the refusal decision for 2009/225/FUL**

FINANCIAL MATTERS

09/10/37	Schedule of Invoices/Payments	
	Clerk Stipend & Expenses July & Aug	£469.98 LGA'72, 101,11,12
	HMCR Clerk tax July & Aug	£109.98 LGA'72, 101,11,12
	A Farnsworth July & Aug Lengthsman	£352.00 PHA '36 s259/60
	AON insurance	£463.69 LGA '72 sched 14 par 27
	Clement Keys 2009/10 audit	£158.63 A&A R 2003, 06
09/10/38	Schedule of Receipts	
	June interest	£0.65
	July interest	£0.65
	Aug interest	£0.67
	WCC Lengthsman May10	£190.05
	WCC Lengthsman June 10	£184.80

[Please see August Income & Expense Report emailed 13 September.](#)

COUNCILLOR REPORTS & Future Agenda Items

- 09/10/39 **A.** Grants in November
B. Co-option of M Roberts

Date and Venue of Next Meeting

09/10/40 Council Meeting 7:30pm 18 November 2010 at Feckenham Village Hall.

The Meeting closed at 9:40pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date

NOTES OF OPEN FORUM

- 09/10/41 A Weeway stated there is a serious traffic/speeding issues on Astwood Lane.
ACTION: Clerk to contact D Clee regarding speeding concerns in Astwood Lane.
- 09/10/42 J Roundell expressed concerns tarmacing High St. The level of the street has gradually risen to the point where his house is vulnerable to flooding and a further layer of tarmac will only worsen the problem. The pavement needs to be scrapped back before being repaved.
ACTION: Co Cllr Gretton to investigate the matter.