

FECKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 21 July 2011 at 7:30pm

Present Councillors: Chair R Williams
A Pulsford
E Atkins
K White
P Eaton

In Attendance J Eaton, F Badger, L Wells & D Badger

Apologies and reasons:

7/11/01 **Declarations of Interest:**

7/11/02 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Council resolved to approve the 19 May 2011 Minutes as an accurate record. Under item 05/11/49 the minute was changed to "The Meeting closed at 9:05 pm."
The Council resolved to approve the 16 June Minutes as an accurate record.

7/11/03 **County Councillor Report:** Co Cllr Gretton reported the following:

1. J Little appointed Head of Feckenham 1st School.
2. Waste to energy plant in Hartlebury still to be decided by government.
3. New Leader of the Council to focus on economic prosperity, academic performance, children social care, health and well being & green agenda.
4. WCC to have stronger scrutiny role when health reform takes place.
5. 21 libraries are sorted by retained or at risk in Borough of Redditch. Two main libraries to be saved and Droitwich Library will be secured by including other services on site.
6. WCC is keen to involve local councils more.
7. £10,000 for each WCC Cllr to promote local initiatives.

7/11/04 **Borough Cllr Report:** Bor Cllr B Clayton reported the following:

1. RBC won an award incinerator at Abbey Stadium and has a chance to win European award.
2. Britain in Bloom judging to take place shortly. Webbs is a sponsor.
3. Local Plan in final stages. Council to decide 3000 houses in Redditch area until 2026. This is a cut of 1500 houses from the original proposal.
4. Localism Bill in final reading in House of Commons in October. Local Plan to go in force 1 April 2012.

See End of Minutes for Open Forum Notes

PROGRESS REPORTS

7/11/05 **Landscaping at Swansbrook Lane & Astwood Lane:** The Clerk emailed I Mackay, RBC enforcement officer on 6 July. No reply to date.

ACTION: Cllr Clayton to investigate.

7/11/06 **Fig Update:** Cheques for the planters etc were posted.

7/11/07 **Grit Box:** Awaiting WCC proposal.

ACTION: Cllr Gretton to investigate.

7/11/08 **Lengthsman:** A Farnsworth reported there is a blocked drain on Clayfields Lane.

7/11/09 **B4090:** Awaiting traffic survey results.

7/11/10 **Speed/Traffic on Astwood Lane:** Speed limit currently under review.

7/11/11 **Bank Mandate:** The mandate is complete. Matter resolved.

- 7/11/12 **Annual Return:** The Annual Return was posted to External Auditor on 5 July.
- 7/11/13 **Anti-social Behaviour in Turton Gardens:** The Clerk is to include this item in the next update of the Parish Magazine. Matter resolved.
- 7/11/14 **Gateway Features:** In a 7 July email D Degge reported that the gateway will be standard yellow backed road sign and road paint.
ACTION: Cllr Gretton to investigate.
- 7/11/15 **Management Comm. Reps Report:** Representatives to report at Trust Meeting. Matter resolved.
- 7/11/16 **Access at Swansbrook/Astwood Lanes:** D Degge emailed on 7 July to report that she has requested Development Control to push this issue forward. However, she is unable to give specific dates as to when the kerb work will be completed.

CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 7/11/17 **TO CONSIDER PARKING PROPOSAL TO CREATE EXTRA PARKING SPACES IN FRONT OF 56 HIGH ST & 14 THE SQUARE**
See Cllr Pulford's 10 July email The Council resolves not to approve this proposal for spaces in front of either property.
ACTION: Cllr Gretton to report decision to D Degge.
- 7/11/18 **TO CONSIDER THE FORMATION OF A TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**
The Council resolved to not make a decision on this matter.
ACTION: Chair Williams to conduct further research and make a proposal to the Council at a later date.
- 7/11/19 **TO CONSIDER SWITCHING INSURANCE POLICY FROM AON TO ZURICH**
See 17 July email for details of cover. The Council resolved to approve this proposal.
ACTION: Clerk to inform Zurich to commence coverage on 24 September.

CLERK'S UPDATE

- 7/11/20 *The Clerk will be on holiday 3 August through 15 August.*
- 7/11/21 **Schedule of Correspondence Not Yet Replied To**
- 7/11/22 **Schedule of Correspondence Received**
NEWSLINE
WCC: Home Composting
RBC: Standards Comm. Meeting 11 July
D Degge: 7 July email responding to 6 July email
WCC: Public Notices of Temporary Road Closures
- 7/11/23 **Schedule of Correspondence Sent**
I Mackay- RBC: 6 July email requesting update on landscaping at Swansbrook/Astwood Lane
D Degge – WCC: 6 July email requesting update on kerb work at Swansbrook/Astwood Lane & gateway decision-making

PLANNING MATTERS

- 7/11/24 **For Parish Council Consideration**
- 7/11/25 **RBC Approvals**
2011/135/CPL Rock Hill Farm, Astwood Lane, Astwood Bank: Application for Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed use or development – 2 Storey extension across the rear of the farmhouse, single storey extension to the side & an open porch extension on the front and associated alterations NO OBJECTIONS

- 7/11/26 **RBC Refusals**
- 7/11/27 **RBC Pending**
2011/164/FUL Lower Bean Hall: Demolition of existing single storey kitchen/utility, construction of split level kitchen/sitting room NO OBJECTIONS
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- 2011/117/FUL** Middle Bean Hall Farm, Church Road, Bradley Green: Construction of an all weather equestrian manege This application was discussed at the May Meeting. NO OBJECTIONS
- 2011/129/LBC** 43 High Street: Attached open glazed roof over rear courtyard NO OBJECTIONS
- 2011/144/FUL** Parklands Care Home, Callow Hill Lane, Callow Hill: Proposed second floor rear extension NO OBJECTIONS
- 2011/145/COU** The Priory, Alcester Road; Conversion of existing stables into a two bedroom dwelling NO OBJECTIONS

7/11/28 **WCC**
Mr Smith is appealing the refusal decision for 2009/225/FUL

7/11/29 **APPEALS**
 Appeal of **2010/227/OUT** The Tin House, Blaze Lane, Hunt End: Application for Outline Planning Permission with some matters reserved – Replacement dwelling. FPC originally objected due to the site being Green Belt. The Council briefly discussed this application and decided to further investigate. FPC SUPPORTS RBC'S REFUSAL OF THIS APPLICATION – letter posted 13 June.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

7/11/30	Schedule of Invoices/Payments	
	Clerk June Stipend & Expenses	£285.72 LGA'72, 101,11,12
	HMCR Clerk tax	£61.73 LGA'72, 101,11,12
	A Farnsworth June Lengthsman	£181.00 PHA '36 s259/60
	FVH rent thru July	£51.00 LGA '72 sec 111
	*A Farnsworth July Lengthsman	£186.00 PHA '36 s259/60

*Emergency Decision Making utilized

7/11/31	Schedule of Receipts	
	Interest June	£0.65
	WCC May Lengthsman	£369.60

COUNCILLOR REPORTS & Future Agenda Items

- 7/11/32 Cllr Eaton offered apologies for the September meeting.
- 7/11/33 Formation of a traffic management strategy.

Date and Venue of Next Meeting

7/11/34

Council Meeting at 7:30pm 15 September 2011 at Feckenham Village Hall.

The Meeting closed at 8:55pm.

Signed
Chairman

Date

NOTES OF OPEN FORUM

- 7/11/35 D Badger believes the proposed two extra parking spaces in front of 56 High St will create a dangerous situation because traffic will have to cross centre line.
- Cllr Gretton added that WCC officers believe parking on road slows traffic.
- J Eaton agrees that High St bends right and would necessitate crossing centre line to see on-coming traffic.
- Cllr Pulsford stated she has received representation against the proposed parking spaces in front of 14 The Square because large vehicles cannot pass.
- 7/11/36 J Eaton stated 44 ton lorries on Astwood Lane is unacceptable and traffic on the Saltway is too fast.
- 7/11/37 D Badger stated there is no good answer to calming traffic until Rock Hill Lane becomes a viable alternative.

Minutes prepared by Sean Arble, Clerk to the Council, 8 September 2011