

- 05/12/17 **Councillor's Expenses** adopted at the December 2007 Meeting were noted. At the December 2007 Meeting the Council adopted the recommendations of the District Independent Remuneration Panel whereby Councillors can claim expenses whilst on Council business.
Travel allowance of £0.40 per mile
£10 maximum allowance for lunch
£15 maximum allowance for dinner
All other expenses as per invoice
All expenses must be agreed to in advance by the Council
- 05/12/18 **ACTION: Clerk to enquire if Mr & Mrs Fletcher want to continue as Footpath Officers.**
- 05/12/19 The Council appointed **Cllr White** as **CALC Area Representative**.
- 05/12/20 The Council appointed Chair Williams to the **Square Management Comm.**
- 05/12/21 No appointments made to the **Standards Committee**.
- 05/12/22 **Cllr Hawker** appointed **FIG Liaison Officer**.
- 05/12/23 The Council appointed **Cllr Atkins** as **Parish Lengthsman Liaison**.
- 05/12/24 The Council appointed **Cllr Hawker** as **Rep for Village Hall Comm.**
- 05/12/25 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
The Council resolved to approve the Minutes for the meeting held 19 April 2012.
- 05/12/26 **County Councillor Report:**
-sign to be straightened and clearing up work around ditch opposite Swansbrook/Astwood Lanes.
Would like FPC to request Lengthsman do work – will forward details.
- Berryhill Lane work being carried out.
-no dates for estate gates; N Churchill contact person.
- 05/12/27 **Borough Councillor Report:** Apologies offered by Cllrs Chalk & Clayton.

The meeting was suspended for Open Forum – see notes at end of Minutes

PROGRESS REPORTS

- 05/12/28 **Landscaping at Swansbrook Lane & Astwood Lane:** Work nearly complete.
- 05/12/29 **FIG:**
- 05/12/30 **Lengthsman:** Ditches along Cruise Hill, Norgrove Lanes need clearing.
Fly tipping at entrance of Poplars Lane; Ref 201205125.
- 05/12/31 **B4090:**
- 05/12/32 **Bridle Path 451 Surface Improvement:** No update.
- 05/12/33 **Flooding:** Chair Williams to update on who owns ditches along Brookhouse and Ham Green Lanes. WCC will grade levels.
The Clerk reported pooling on Astwood Lane; Ref #4723277. RBC requested land owner to maintain drainage ditch. The matter now rests with Wyre Forest DC (F Macintosh 01562 732 567). The Clerk spoke with Ms Macintosh on 8-5-12 and requested an update on the matter and for Feckenham in general. It would seem Wyre Forest DC is now the lead council (with RBC and BDC) in issues with water. Clive Wilson has come back from retirement to head the team.
- 05/12/34 **Estate Gates:** No date set as to when work will commence.
- 05/12/35 **Annual Return:** Internal Audit completed; no outstanding issues reported.
- 05/12/36 **WORCS Agreement:** **ACTION: Clerk to forward document to WCC.**

- 05/12/37 **Lengthsman Contract & WCC Agreement:** The agreement was posted to WCC and the Clerk received a signed copy of the Lengthsman Contract. Matter resolved.
- 05/12/38 **Wireless Broadband:** A central government grant of up to £300,000 has been offered and a draft Agreement is being prepared for submission and approval by the Consortium, once formally established. Chair Williams has been nominated to approve the draft and a Consortium Agreement is being prepared with Tibberton, Crowle, Stock & Bradley Green and Hanbury PCs for tabling before this Council very shortly. Tender documents approved by W CC will by now have been despatched to all service providers and the successful bidder is expected to roll out the service to the parishes before the autumn. The view of Committee is wireless will be the cheapest option. The likely cost to subscribing households will be in the region of £10-15 per month with a one off installation fee for a small wireless receiving dish mounted on the roof/aerial and a Router box of between £75-100. One resident in the village has already adopted a local provider commercially to install such a system and they report substantial improvement to signal strength and quality of service.
- After 15 May meeting (Chair Williams and the Clerk in attendance) there are two outstanding issues to be resolved. 1) Project Management & 2) PC power to engage in a contract to provide broadband network. Both issues are being researched.
- Two questions which arose are: where are masts to be erected and is there a listed building consent issue?

CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 05/12/39 **TO CONSIDER COMPLETEING THE 2011/12 ANNUAL RETURN**
Chair Williams covered all nine items of the Annual Governance Statement and each was marked as agreed except for #9; the Council does not manage a Trust Fund. **ACTION: When the May Minutes are complete, Clerk to forward Return to external auditor.**
- 05/12/40 **TO CONSIDER TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**
This item to be discussed at a later date.
- 05/12/41 **TO CONSIDER FORMING A NDP WORKING PARTY**
The Council resolved to form a Working Party with the aim of exploring the idea of creating a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). 12 volunteers formed a Party: Terry Smith, Marion Shute, George Picard, Ian Bellion, Chris Bristow, Lynn Wells, Chris West, Kathy Gee, Alan Jones, Fiona Hawker, Rhys Williams & Kevin White. The Party will organize its first meeting shortly.

CLERK'S UPDATE

- 05/12/42 **Schedule of Correspondence Not Yet Responded To**
WCC Waste Core Strategy – FPC has no comment
WCC: Str light energy charges – FPC has no objections/no need to comment
- 05/12/43 **Schedule of Correspondence Received**
M Bastick: 19-4-12 letter RE Littleworth Lane sign
- 05/12/44 **Schedule of Correspondence Sent** (not otherwise noted)

PLANNING MATTERS

- 05/12/45 **Parish Council Consideration**
- 05/12/46 **RBC Approvals**
2012/050/FUL Priest Bridge Farm Bradley Green: Outline planning permission for an agriculturally restricted dwelling utilising existing access to replace the permitted existing mobile home NO OBJECTIONS

2012/055/FUL Meadow Cottage Ham Green: Erection of a new entrance canopy, relocation of dormer window with alteration to ground floor fenestration and new first floor roof lights and balcony NO OBJECTIONS

05/12/47 **RBC Refusals**

05/12/48 **RBC Pending**

2012/109/FUL One Oak Cruisehill Lane Elcocks Brook: Rear extension to and change of use of existing garage to form ancillary accommodation for main dwelling NO OBJECTIONS

2012/092/LBC 41 High St: Internal repairs to plain plaster, floor boards, stair treads and bausters. External repairs to roof, gutters, dormer windows and brick chimneys NO OBJECTIONS

2012/075/FUL Land adj to Hillside Callow Hill Lane Redditch: Erection of a new building NO OBJECTIONS

2012/024/FUL 33 High St: Two storey front extension with single storey rear extension NO OBJECTIONS

2011/317/FUL Rock Hill Farm, Astwood Lane; Erection of 2 car garage NO OBJECTIONS

2012/019/COU Rock Hill Farm; Conversion of redundant stable to a single dwelling and erection of a two car garage NO OBJECTIONS

FINANCIAL MATTERS

05/12/49

Schedule of Invoices

A Farnsworth April Lengthsman	£181.50	PHA '36 s259/600
S Arble April stipend & expenses	£259.23	LGA'72 101,11,12
HMCR Clerk tax	£56.37	LGA'72 101,11,12
Botany Bay plants	£18.40	HA1980 s96

Schedule of Receipts

WCC Lengthsman	Feb 12	£184.80
WCC Lengthsman	March 12	£184.80
Interest April		£0.63
RBC 1 st Precept		£4150.00

COUNCILLOR REPORTS & Future Agenda Items

05/12/50

The Council resolved to make an **emergency decision to support Beacon on Berrow Hill in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee; will donate £65 towards insurance costs if required.**

Organizers of the Beacon are to be advised of RBC officer who may help defray costs.

05/12/51

Reid Paul Co-Option

05/12/52

Traffic Management Strategy

Date and Venue of Next Meeting

05/12/53

Parish Council Meeting 7:30 on 20 June 2012 at the Feckenham Village Hall

The Meeting closed at 9:00pm

Signed

Chairman

Date

NOTES OF OPEN FORUM

- 05/12/54 **ACTION: Clerk to report road damage to WCC.**
- 05/12/55 The Doctor's Surgery may be closed down due to health & safety regulations concerning handicap access ramp.
ACTION: WCC Cllr Gretton to explore possibility of using cllr fund to help purchase a ramp.
ACTION: Chair Williams to make enquiries with surgery and report back to the Council.
- 05/12/56 Estate gates are 100% funded and will be erected.

Minutes prepared by Sean Arble, Clerk to the Council, on 26 May 2012.