

FECKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 20 June 2012 at 7:30pm

Present Councillors: Chair R Williams
E Atkins
K White
F Hawker (late)
P Eaton
P Hawkins

In Attendance L Wells, W Pool, D Barrett-Meade & A Jones

Apologies and reasons:

- 06/12/01 **Declarations of Interest:**
- 06/12/02 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
The Council resolved to approve the 17 May 2012 Minutes as an accurate record of events.
- 06/12/03 **County Councillor Report: ACTION: Cllr Gretton to investigate positioning of 30mph signs coming into the village across Moors Lane.**
- 06/12/04 **Borough Cllr Report:** No report.

No Open Forum Notes – See End Of Minutes

PROGRESS REPORTS

- 06/12/05 **Landscaping at Swansbrook Lane & Astwood Lane:** Headwall being installed. Chair Williams doesn't think kit necessary to search land registry for hedge ownership as there doesn't seem to be a problem.
- ACTION: Cllr Atkins to request Lengthsman to inspect opposite junction near farm.**
- 06/12/06 **Fig Update:** No update.
- 06/12/07 **Lengthsman: ACTION: Co Cllr Gretton to forward details of work for the Lengthsman. ACTION: Cllr Atkins to request Lengthsman inspect ditches along Cruise Hill and Norgrove Lanes.**
- Fly tipping at entrance of Poplars Lane; Ref 201205125.
- 06/12/08 **B4090:** No update.
- 06/12/09 **Bridle Path 451 Surface Improvement:** No update from P White on clearance of undergrowth.
- 06/12/10 **Flooding:** 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. **ACTION: Cllr Atkins to request Lengthsman to inspect area.**
- 06/12/11 **Estate Gates: ACTION: Clerk to request an update from D Degge.**
- 06/12/12 **Annual Return:** The Clerk forwarded the Return to the External Auditor on 7-6-12.
- 06/12/13 **WORCS Agreement:** The Clerk forwarded the Agreement to CALC on 12-6-12. Matter resolved.

- 06/12/14 **Wireless Broadband:** Since no specific powers exist which allow PCs to contract for the installation of broadband, WCC is considering delegating powers to PCs and taking on the role of Project Manager. It would seem the project will be delayed for some time.
- 06/12/15 **FNDP:** Cllr Hawker, A Jones & T Smith to meet with A Grimmett on 26 June at 1:30. It is intended that a meeting of the FNDP will be organized to select a Chair and decide next course of action.
- 06/12/16 **Doctor's Surgery:** Surgery to stay open. There is an existing access ramp. Matter resolved.

CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 06/12/17 **TO CONSIDER ADOPTING NEW WORCESTERSHIRE CODE OF CONDUCT**
 A considerable debate took place. The Clerk pointed out:
 1. All PCs are required to adopt a code which conforms to the Localism Act, but the penalty for failing to do so is unknown.
 2. Failure for a cllr to properly disclose interests is a crime.
- A few cllrs were unclear of which exact interests need to be disclosed and why spouses were included. It was pointed out by Chair Williams that disclosable interests are ones which could possibly be related to Council business. The Clerk added that in essence it is no different than now except that the interests need to be disclosed well in advance of meetings and that they will be a public record on RBC and FPC websites.
- The Council resolved to adopt the Worcestershire Code of Conduct including the Ten Principles of Public Life.
ACTION: The Clerk to forward Interest Forms when available.
ACTION: The Clerk to edit Code of Conduct into a single document.

CLERK'S UPDATE

- 06/12/18 [Chair Williams & Cllr Hawker attended Planning Training.](#)
- 06/12/19 **Schedule of Correspondence Not Yet Replied To**
External Auditor Appointment Consult: Comments due by 28 August
- 06/12/20 **Schedule of Correspondence Received** (not otherwise noted)
Cc A Bedford-Smith Letter to R Bamford
- 06/12/21 **Schedule of Correspondence Sent** (not otherwise noted)

PLANNING MATTERS

- 06/12/22 **For Parish Council Consideration**
- 06/12/23 **RBC Approvals**
2012/075/FUL Land adj to Hillside Callow Hill Lane Redditch: Erection of a new building
 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
- 06/12/24 **RBC Refusals**
- 06/12/25 **RBC Pending**
2012/140/COU & 141/LBC Listed Building application – conversion of redundant agricultural building (stables) to one residential dwelling. NO OBJECTIONS

2012/131/COU & 135/LBC Conversion and change of use of vacant office unit to two dwellings to let. NO OBJECTIONS

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

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

06/12/26 **Appeals**

COUNCILLOR REPORTS & Future Agenda Items

06/12/27 Traffic Management Strategy

FINANCIAL MATTERS

06/12/28	Schedule of Invoices/Payments	
	Clerk May Stipend & Expenses	£296.64 LGA'72 101,11,12
	HMCR Clerk tax	£56.37 LGA'72 101,11,12
	A Farnsworth May Lengthsman	£181.50 PHA '36 s259/60
06/12/29	Schedule of Receipts	
	Interest May	£0.70

Date and Venue of Next Meeting

06/12/30 Council Meeting at 7:30pm on 19 July 2012 at Feckenham Village Hall.

The Meeting closed at 8:45pm.

Signed Date

Chairman

OPEN FORUM NOTES

06/12/31 L Wells would like a grant to provide the Allotments Society with a new lawn mower.
ACTION: Clerk to forward grant application to T Smith.

06/12/32 D Barrett-Meade would like to join FNDP.
ACTION: Clerk to forward original email to dbarretmeade@muller-redditch.co.uk