

FECKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 19 July 2012 at 7:30pm

Present Councillors: Chair R Williams
E Atkins
K White
F Hawker
P Eaton
W Poole

In Attendance

Apologies and reasons: P Hawkins

07/12/01 **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Hawker for Feckenham Radio Station item

07/12/02 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
The Council resolved to approve the 20 June 2012 Minutes as an accurate record of events.

07/12/03 The Council co-opted Mr Wreide Poole as a member of the Council.

07/12/04 **County Councillor Report:** Cllr Gretton apologized for his absence.

07/12/05 **Borough Cllr Report:** Cllr Chalk reported the following:

1. Budget alterations with new administration; items such as free swimming and bus pass before 9:30 being retained.
2. RBC is currently working on Local Plan #4. Plan will probably come before Council in nearly 2013. The Plan doesn't call for any changes in development regulation for Feckenham. Conservation land, green belt and open space make up most of Feckenham.
3. Large development near Abbey Stadium & Waits Lane approved for outline planning.
4. Apologies for not being able to attend more meetings.

No Open Forum Notes

PROGRESS REPORTS

07/12/06 **Landscaping at Swansbrook Lane & Astwood Lane:** Lengthsman to inspect opposite junction, near farm. Headwall being built. Wildflowers are taking very well.

07/12/07 **Fig Update:** Considering streetlights. Will monitor planters.

07/12/08 **Lengthsman:** Co Cllr Gretton to forward details of work for Lengthsman. Ditches along Cruise Hill & Norgrove Lanes need clearing – landowners' responsibility. Fly tipping at entrance of Poplars Lane; Ref 201205125.

07/12/09 **B4090:** No update.

07/12/10 **Bridle Path 451 Surface Improvement:** No update from P White on clearance of undergrowth.

07/12/11 **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 and is working on a plan to help alleviate flooding.

07/12/12 **Estate Gates:** Work expected to be completed by end of September. A cheque in the amount of ~£1500 is to be sent to FPC by the Traffic Group to help pay for gates.

- 07/12/13 **Annual Return:** As requested by the External Auditor, the Clerk forwarded a copy of the Asset register and bank reconciliation through March 2102.
- 07/12/14 **Wireless Broadband:** WCC is considering delegating powers to PCs and taking on role of Project Manager. There are still issues with indemnification. It isn't clear why WCC doesn't act on behalf of PCs rather than require PCs to take on risk of repaying £300,000 grant if objectives aren't met. Final draft of tender approval to be completed by 23 July. Consortium Agreement needs to be approved by FPC.
- 07/12/15 **FNDP:** F Hawker, A Jones & T Smith met A Grimmett on 26 June. The following points were reported:
1. Discussed Dawlish, whose plan didn't pass a referendum
 2. #1 fear is about unbridled development in village. Some ideas about extended preservation of green spaces etc.
 3. RBC has no plans for development in Feckenham – plan runs through 2028. Green belt surrounds village to the north of B4090, centre of village is a conservation area, south of B4090 is an Open Space area.
 4. RBC is currently working on a Local Plan. This will go out for consultation in September. They invite FPC to consider their draft plan and contribute to it before it is completed and goes out for consultation. A Grimmett is prepared to let us have the draft plus all of the relevant policies - Green Belt, Open Space, etc to review. FPC needs to act quickly, by 3rd week in July, exact date not yet known.
 5. The FND met on 17 July, Cllr Hawker appointed Chair.
- 07/12/16 **Code of Conduct/Register of Interest Forms:** An edited Code was distributed to cllrs via email on 2-7-12. All cllrs except for Cllr Hawker have returned Register of Interests.
- 07/12/17 **Grant App Form to T Smith:** As per the request of L Wells, the Clerk forwarded an application to T Smith on 20-6-12. Matter resolved.
- 07/12/18 **D Barrett-Meade:** The Clerk forwarded original emails concerning the formation of FNDP. Matter resolved.
- 07/12/19 **30 mph Signs:** Co Cllr Gretton to investigate poor placement of 30 mph signs near Moors Lane. The Clerk reported the issue to R Fullee.

NO CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

CLERK'S UPDATE

- 07/12/20 **Clerk on holiday 8-19 August.**
- 07/12/21 **As per email correspondence, Cllr Hawker appointed FPC Rep for Standards Comm.**
- 07/12/22 **Schedule of Correspondence Not Yet Replied To**
External Auditor Appointment Consult: Comments due by 28 August
- 07/12/23 **Schedule of Correspondence Received** (not otherwise noted)
Newsline
S Knowles: request for donation – the Clerk forwarded a Grant Application
RBC: Standards Comm. 16 July @ 7pm
M Shephard 17-7 email: Knotweed in lay-by opposite Shurnock Court – matter in hand
- 07/12/24 **Schedule of Correspondence Sent** (not otherwise noted)

PLANNING MATTERS

- 07/12/25 **For Parish Council Consideration**
- 07/12/26 **RBC Approvals**
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

- 07/12/27 **RBC Refusals**
- 07/12/28 **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
- 2012/178/FUL** 33 High St: Single storey rear extension and two car parking bays NO OBJECTIONS
- 2012/181/LBC** Rose & Crown: Part demolition of existing boundary wall and rebuild NO OBJECTIONS
- 2012/024/FUL** 33 High St: Two storey front extension with single storey rear extension NO OBJECTIONS – APPLICATION WITHDRAWN
- 07/12/29 **Appeals**
2011/183/FUL & 184/LBC Development of single dwelling with ancillary accommodation within reconstructed listed barns. **ORIGINAL COMMENTS - NO OBJECTIONS - COMMENTS TO BE FORWARDED TO INSPECTORATE**

COUNCILLOR REPORTS & Future Agenda Items

- 07/12/30 Traffic Management Strategy
 07/12/31 Grants

FINANCIAL MATTERS

07/12/32	Schedule of Invoices/Payments	
	Clerk June Stipend & Expenses	£255.26 LGA'72 101,11,12
	HMCR Clerk tax	£56.37 LGA'72 101,11,12
	A Farnsworth June Lengthsman	£186.50 PHA '36 s259/60
	Village Hall Rent	£54.00 LGA '72 sec 11
	Chair Allowance	£52.34 LGA'72 sec 5(5)
	Chair Allowance	£10.00 LGA'72 sec 5(5)
07/12/33	Schedule of Receipts	
	Interest June	£0.84
	WCC Lengths	£190.58

Date and Venue of Next Meeting

- 07/12/34 Council Meeting at 7:30pm on 20 September 2012 at Feckenham Village Hall.

The Meeting closed at 9:00pm.

Signed Date

Chairman