

## Minutes of the meeting held 19 February 2015 at Feckenham Village Hall, Feckenham

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- Present: Councillors: R Williams (Chair), P Eaton, E Atkins, P Dormer, S Arthur, K White & A Smith
- In Attendance: S Arble (Clerk), 1 member of the public, WCC Cllr P Gretton and RBC Cllr J Potter
- 219 No apologies.
- 220 Cllr Smith declared an interest in Planning Application **2015.018.LBC**: 19 The Square – Removal of an internal wall
- 221 The Council resolved to approve the **MINUTES** of the meeting held 18 December 2014.
- 222 **WCC Cllr Gretton** reported the following:
- A. 1.94% WCC tax increase, but budget is balanced.
  - B. Superfast Broadband will cover 95% of county. In early March bids will be evaluated; in April upgrade areas will be announced. Airband will not have an effect on the decision-making.
  - C. E Pickles mentioned WCC in Dispatches for not setting a 0% increase in Council tax.
  - D. WCC will be replacing gullies on Astwood and Swansbrook Lanes; rods not yet closed for work.
- 223 **RBC Cllr Potter** reported the following:
- A. Feckenham NDP Area Application approved by RBC.
  - B. Notes of public meeting with J Lumley MP were forwarded to the Clerk.
  - C. Notes of Football Ground Public Meeting follow-up read out loud.
- Waiting for legal to get back to me to confirm the date for the first draft of the operating agreement for partners to review. We have also tried to contact Malcolm Hawkes to arrange to meet him this week to review what has been discussed and the planned proposals.
1. DW has emailed Dave Thombs from league to ensure that the correct post code is added to the website and a special circulation is sent to all teams to ask them to ensure correct post code is added to their sat nav systems.
  2. In light of emails from the parish council relating to parking (or removal of trees/hedgerow to existing parking) this has been put on hold as the parish council are looking alternative sites for more substantive provision
  3. Parish Council investigating options for parking - DW/JB will work with the parish council (Cllrs Smith & Arthur) on the feasibility of providing parking on suggestive sites eg. security, suitability of surface, layout, dimension, planning etc.
  4. Awaiting contact details from colleagues for English Heritage, however, it is likely English Heritage would prevent this.
  5. JB discussed with officer at Worcestershire Regulatory Services regarding monitoring noise and the response was that this was not something they would get involved in as it is seen as normal noise levels. However, the FA code of conduct stipulates that teams should behave appropriately and this includes use of appropriate language and noise during matches/games. Officers will speak to the leagues to ensure this code of conduct is embedded into their constitution and communicated on a regular basis to teams.

6. Potential to increase time slots for the one day, week night usage to ensure the junior activity is sustainable. We will be meeting with the football club to discuss the practicality of achieving this in more detail.

7. Fees and charges will be in line with the council standard terms for football and events for use of the land

8. Note: discussions with the club will review potential for an agreement on how they carry out their current maintenance programme on the site which may off-set some of the hire cost.

9. The information from the meeting and proposals has been submitted to legal and awaiting first draft of the operating agreement for stakeholders to review.

D. Local Plan 4 is with the Inspector; Sustainability Assessment to be redrafted into one area of the document.

**Chairman moved: The meeting now adjourned to hold Public Question Time, notes of which are at the end of the minutes.**

## **PROGRESS REPORTS**

224 **FIG:** No update.

225 **Lengthsman & Flood Prevention**

**A.** Ditches need to be cleaned #6264651. Issue passed to Land Drainage.

**B.** #6439355 – reported 13.11.14: 33 (Meadow View) B4090 – drain needs cleaning; can't open. Scheduled for piping.

**C.** #6439354 – reported 13.11.14: 53 High St – drain needs to be cleaned; scheduled for piping. Work ongoing.

### **Footpaths Report**

226 The Clerk reported the rail on the bridge (at end of Mill Lane) on FH 542 is badly damaged; #6353229. **ACTION: Clerk to request an update.**

227 Cllr Atkins reported that there was a complaint about the state of the bridle path from Mill Lane to Berrow Hill Lane. The matter was discussed; in the winter bridle paths are expected to be muddy and difficult negotiate. No details of the parishioner were recorded. Matter resolved.

228 **Walking Map Brochure:** The Clerk reported that RBC/WCC does not have maps of paths in Feckenham via Choose How You Move initiative,

229 **Feckenham Manor Community Archaeology Project:** No update.

230 **Superfast Broadband:** See Minute 222B.

231 **NDP Update:** See Minute 223A.

232 **Overweight Lorries on High Street:** The Clerk forwarded a copy of Approval Decision for 2007.061.FUL to cllrs; there is no mention of conditions placed on HGVs. The Clerk attempted to obtain an electronic copy of the Highways comments, but only a hard copy exists at RBC offices and the planning officer declined to scan and email it the Clerk. **ACTION: Cllr Smith to investigate.**

233 **£500 Grant for War Memorial Refurbishment:** It is likely the project will not go ahead this financial year. The Clerk requested Mr Hunter to formally request a deferral of the grant to the 2015-16 financial year so the Council could budget accordingly. To date, there has been no deferral request. No update.

- 234 **Speed Survey:** No update.
- 235 **VAS:** Issues such as cost, location, permits and insurance to be investigated by cllrs Arthur & Williams. To date, no response from manufacturer. No update.
- 236 **RBC Notice Board on Turton Gardens:** On 08.01.15 and 09.02.15, the Clerk requested J Boreham to deliver the keys to the Clerk; she is currently investigating the matter.
- 237 **Playing Fields:** See Minutes 223C & 252.
- 238 **Precept Request:** The Clerk emailed the precept request to RBC on 14.01.15; matter resolved.

### NEW AGENDA ITEMS

- 239 The Council resolved to engage R Fletcher as the 2015 through 2017 Internal Auditor at a fee of £110 per year. **ACTION: Clerk to obtain signed Engagement Letter.**
- 240 The Council resolved to donate £400 to the Feckenham Senior Youth Club for the purpose of purchasing a ping pong table. The Council acknowledged the resolution would result in the Council not adhering the Donation Budget. **ACTION: Clerk to forward Grant Letter and cheque.**

### CLERK'S UPDATE

- A. **Schedule of Correspondence for Consideration**
- 241 **1. K Round 12.01.15 email:** RE Council taking over BHF grant to install a defib at Football Club would cost ~£1025.  
The Council resolved to use the grant if possible and to write a letter to Ian Bellion to request permission to install the unit at the back of the Village Hall near the car park.
- B. Schedule of Tabled Correspondence (not otherwise noted) - none

### PLANNING

#### FOR PARISH COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

- 242 **2015.018.LBC:** 19 The Square – Removal of an internal wall – emailed to cllrs 18.02.15  
APPROVE

#### RBC APPROVALS

- 243 **2014/238/FUL:** Elcocks Brook Farm – Construction of traditional style summer house/garden room, approximately half way own the garden; removal of section of existing post and wire fencing at front of property an replacement with solid wooden fencing NO OBJECTIONS
- 244 **2014/289/FUL:** Astwood Hill Farm, Crofts Lane – Agricultural building for livestock housing APPROVE

#### RBC REFUSALS

#### RBC PENDING

- 245 **2014.366.FUL:** Bean Hall Mill - Creation of wildlife pond on floodplain at confluence of Brandon and Bow Brooks APPROVE
- 246 **14/228/OHL:** Electricity Line from Feckenham to Great Alne – Overhead line upgrade, including increase in height and thickness of cabling SUPPORT
- 247 **2014.374.FUL:** 53 Alcester Rd - Demolition of detached garage and construction of two storey side extension SUPPORT

**APPEALS**

- 248 **2013/228/OUT:** The Paddocks, Astwood Lane – Outline application with some matters reserved – 8 no dwellings providing mix of 4x2 bed, 2x3 bed and 2x4 bed, one of which will be a replacement dwelling **SUPPORT** Appeal was refused.

**FINANCE**

- 249 The Council resolved to approve the February 2015 Payment Schedule with one amendment. Cheque #907; £400 grant for the Feckenham Senior Youth Club was added to the schedule.
- 250 Cllr Eaton confirmed the accuracy of the January 2015 Reconciliation as listed in Appendix B of the February 2015 Agenda.
- 251 The Council noted the January 2015 Income & Expenditure Report. The Clerk reported that the Council is forecast to be over-budget in two areas.
1. ~£73 over-budget for the Parish Lengthsman. This is due to a landfill site charge and under-budgeting.
  2. ~300 over-budget for Clerk's salary due to 13 pay periods reported in the financial year.

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Councillors may use this opportunity to report matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas.

- 252 Cllr Smith reported that it was agreed to increase training hours on Tuesdays to 5:30-8:30. Football on Saturdays, only one game on Sundays. The agreement between RBC and the Feckenham FC needs to be signed.
- 253 Cllr Smith reported that the Cricket Club is planning to hold a two day FeckFest of live music and licensed bar. There was some discussion over the issue, but no conclusion.
- 254 Cllr Smith reported that the bench on The Square can easily be repaired. Using emergency powers which allows expenditure of up to £400, the Clerk and Chair Williams resolved to repair the bench. **ACTION: Chair Williams to arrange repairs.**

**DATE & VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

- 255 Council Meeting at 7:30pm on 16 April 2015 at Feckenham Village Hall.
- 256 The meeting closed at 8:25pm.

Signed .....

Chairman

Date .....

**OPEN FORUM NOTES**

- A.** A parishioner expressed concern about
- money spent on Berrow Hill Lane when Rock Hill Lane by-pass is far more important
  - pot holes in local roads
  - white lines on Astwood Lane need repainting.

**ACTION: At April meeting the Council to consider best methods to lobby for improvement of traffic flow in village and road conditions.**

**ACTION: Clerk to invite David Clure to a meeting to discuss HGV traffic and road conditions.**