

Minutes of the Meeting held 16 February 2017 at Feckenham Village Hall, Feckenham

- Present: Councillors: Alan Smith (Chair), Pat Dormer, Quintus Cary, Slade Arthur, Hugo Hammersley, Erica Guise & Ian Bellion
- In Attendance: S Arble (Clerk), Ian Joseph (Business, Rural & Cyber Crime Assistant – West Mercia Police ian.joseph@westmercia.pnn.police.uk), Mick Simpson (Project Manager – We Don't Buy Crime michael.simpson@westmercia.pnn.police.uk), Paul Downes (Redditch South West and Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team rswr.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk), RBC Cllr Brandon Clayton, FVAT Secretary Dawn Southwell and 1 member of the public.
- 268 No apologies.
- 269 No interests declared.
- 270 No dispensation requests.
- 271 **The Council resolved** to approve the **Minutes** of the meeting held 15 December 2016 at Feckenham Village Hall, Feckenham.
- 272 Smartwater presentation by M Simpson; I Joseph and P Downes participated.
- A. We Don't Buy Crime – goal is to prevent acquisitive crime
 - B. Immobilize.com; free and government backed, holds details of issues and reference #s
 - C. Work with 2nd hand shops
 1. Request shop owners to ask customers to prove identity and address
 2. Ask shop owners to check products with UV pen
 3. Use checkmend (same company as immobilize .com)
 4. Send emails concerning stolen property
 - D. Officers have torches to check UV mark (Smartwater of Selectamark – Smartwater police backed)
 - E. £8.90 per pack which contains unique marking fluid and registration form which must be completed
 - F. Police help distribute Smartwater and complete registration forms
 - G. Signs provided once enough houses in the parish have registered
 - H. PCC extra funding up to 50% of total cost to a maximum of £1000 if sufficient crime in the area and local support for Smartwater; don't know if funding scheme will be continued in new financial year
 - I. Social housing associations may also provide funding
 - J. Contact Clerk at Cleobury Mortimer about cuts to insurance premiums
 - K. Businesses charged about £140 per year for Smartwater
- 273 **County Councillor Report:** WCC Cllr not present.
- 274 **RBC Cllr Clayton Reported:**
- A. Local Plan 4 approved for 15 years; consultation still open for legal challenges only.
 - B. RBC budget

1. Bus pass only free after 9:30am
2. There will be a charge for Shopmobility
3. Funding withdrawn from Kingsley Pool; pool likely to close because school can't afford maintenance
4. WCC elections 4 May; 20.02.17 notification of candidates; suggest writing to new cllrs to request funding for Smartwater initiative

275 **FVAT Secretary D Southwell Reported:**

- A. Village Green and Allotments public liability insurance in place
- B. Trustee Indemnity cover to continue because committee members are covered; FVAT to pay premium

The Clerk stated that FPC Cllrs are covered by their own policy as a corporate body Trustee to FVAT.

276 The Chairman moved: The meeting is now adjourned to hold Public Question Time from 8:10 until 8:10pm; see notes at end of minutes for public comments.

PLANNING

277 No applications for Council consideration.

278 **RBC Approved:**

2016.279.FUL: By delegated decision to the Clerk the Council had no objections

279 No reported RBC refusals.

RBC Pending:

280 2016.359.LBC: Decision during December 2016 meeting; no objections

281 2016.347.FUL: Decision during December 2016 meeting; no objections

282 No reported RBC appeals.

FINANCE

283 **The Council resolved** to approve the Payment Schedule.

Ref	Cheque	Payee	Details	Total Payment	VAT	Net Payment	Chq Total	Date
34	987	S Arble	Dec Wage	£297.99	£0.00	£297.99		
34	987	S Arble	Dec Expenses	£19.49	£0.58	£18.92	£317.48	01.02.17
35	988	HMRC	Clerk PAYE Dec 16	£3.20	£0.00	£3.20		01.02.17
36	989	S Arble	Jan Wage	£297.99	£0.00	£297.99		
36	989	S Arble	Jan expenses	£42.10	£0.00	£42.10	£340.09	16.02.17
37	990	HMRC	Clerk PAYE Jan 17	£3.20	£0.00	£3.20		16.02.17
38	991	Alan Smith	Chair Allowance	£67.50	£0.00	£67.50		16.02.17
39	992	A Farnsworth	Dec 16 Lengthsman	£186.00	£0.00	£186.00		
40	992	A Farnsworth	Jan 17 Lengthsman	£186.00	£0.00	£186.00	£372.00	16.02.17
41	993	SaxoPrint	Flyers- emergency decision	£54.87	£0.00	£54.87		16.02.17
42	994	FVH	Feb Rent	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00		16.02.17
				£1,178.34	£0.58	£1,177.77		

284 Cllr Cary confirmed the January 2017 reconciliation is correct.

FPC Reconciliation for the Period: Date 01/01/2017 to Date 31/01/2017

	Credit	Debit	Total
Current Account balance	£2,650.36		£2,650.36
Deposit Account balance	£20,520.28		£20,520.28
Cheques paid uncleared:			£0.00
Balance C/F			£23,170.64

Opening Balance Deposit Account			£20,519.41
Add receipts for period			£0.87
Less payments for period			£0.00
Opening Balance Current Account			£2,650.36
Add receipts for period			£0.00
Less uncleared cheques			£0.00
Less payments for period			£0.00
Closing Balance			£23,170.64

285 The January 2017 Income & Expense Report was noted.

286 RBC acknowledged receipt of the 2017-18 £8300 Precept Request.

NEW MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

287 **The Council resolved** to organize two defibrillator training dates; one on a weekend and one a weekday at 7:30pm. **ACTION: Cllr Dormer to make enquiries about availability from M Dormer.**

288 **The Council resolved** to write a letter to the RBC Planning Department concerning the new entrance on Astwood Hill (B98 68G) opposite 10 Astwood Lane. The Council believe this is a highly dangerous entrance due to lack of visibility. Was planning permission granted/necessary? Was the entrance inspected by WCC Highways? **ACTION: Clerk to draft letter.**

289 **The Council resolved** to schedule a meeting on 20.04.17. ACTION: Clerk to book hall and inform T Smith.

290 **ACTION: Cllr Guise to conduct more research into the Smartwater project.**

CLERK'S UPDATE

291 No correspondence for consideration.

Tabled correspondence.

292 WORCS Mineral Local Consult – noted

293 WORCS Local Transport Plan – noted

294 WCC Public Notice: Berrow Hill Lane Temporary Closure Order – Commence 06.03.17 for anticipated duration of five days. Notice circulated via email group.

Schedule of Correspondence Sent (not already noted)

295 R Bamford 04.01.17 Wording of Local Plan 4: reply received 09.01.17 outlining the development of the wording concerning Feckenham.

296 Bollards on Corner of B4090 & High St: The Clerk requested guidance from WCC Cllr Cross on 21.12.16 and sent a follow-up email on 06.02.17. **ACTION: Clerk to request update.**

On 08.02.17 the Clerk reported the following flood prevention issues:

B4090

297 273525: outside Lavender Place

298 273528: opposite Moors Lane

299 273531: opposite Brook House

High St

300 273536: #53

301 273542: #64

Astwood Lane

302 273549

303 273554

PROGRESS REPORTS

304 **Lengthsman & Flood Prevention:** Ham Green Ditches #6264651: T Curwell of NWWM reported the issue to WCC Highways.

305 **NDP:** Increase in membership necessary. Survey is still in progress. Another meeting needs to be scheduled.

306 **Traffic Calming WP:** Cllr Arthur reported the following:

A. VAS to be erected by March; nearby homeowners were informed.

B. Crosshatch painting near bridge and Steppes across from Forest due to be completed.

C. Mr Coburn paid to remove hedge and replace stock-proof fence. Many trees removed and more planned.

C. Traffic lights for work will cost about £500-600.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS & Future Agenda Items

307 Smartwater for April meeting

308 Archaeology project for April meeting – perhaps invite a representative to explain current plan

309 **The Council resolved** to consider the Clerk's Contract at the April 2017 meeting

Date and Venue of Next Meeting

310 Parish Council Meeting 7:30 on 20 April 2017 at Feckenham Village Hall.

311 The meeting closed at 9:30pm.

Signed
Chairman

Date

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME NOTES

- A. A parishioner pointed out that the new signage is incorrect.
- B. A parishioner stated the work at Rockhill Lane was very good.
- C. Cybervan coming to the shop.
- D. Parking on pavement at High St & B4090 because bollard removed. The Chair stated this issue was reported to WCC

Minutes prepared by Sean Arble, Clerk to the Council, on 27 February 2017.

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