

FECKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 7 March 2019

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr Pat Dormer (Accepted reason) and Cllr Brandon Clayton (Reason Accepted)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

- a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda. See 2C.
- b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) which are to be with the clerk as soon as possible prior to a meeting. None

c) TO CONSIDER GRANTING REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Requests for dispensation must be made on an individual basis:

Cllr Alan Smith declared an interest in item 6B. It was decided Cllr Smith would leave the meeting and return after a voting decision was made.

3. MINUTES: To consider the approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2019: Minutes approved and signed.

4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR(S) REPORT: Cllr Potter advised as to the progress of the 5G broadband which is now being trialled at Worcester Bosch.

Work is underway on Worcester Park Way which will be south west of Worcester and will have direct trains to London whilst providing car parking for around 1,000 cars.

There is also the launch of electric trains at Bromsgrove station.

Cllr Potter reported WCC was one of few Councils to be using 'Alexa' (Assistive Technology) in Adult Social Care.

Local Matters: The Dragons teeth road markings, (funded by Feckenham Parish Council and Feckenham Charity) will be installed as soon as the weather improves. The white lines will be removed and SLOW will be painted along the roads. Recent speed analysis has shown the speeds to have been reduced from 37.6 to 31.8. Cllr Potter has requested for Moors Lane to also be checked for speeds. Cllr Potter has spoken to John Campion (Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia) for average speed cameras to be installed. The recent readings from Astwood lane shows average speeds to be 33 mph and Cllr Potter has requested a further VAS sign to be installed and has requested the resurfacing of the High Street and pavement to be completed as soon as possible.

Regarding the additional green grit bin, the school still feel this is much needed. It was agreed the Clerk would contact Winfield's to confirm if they were happy to have this on their land as it would not be permitted on public highways. **ACTION POINT: Clerk to speak to Winfield's.**

5. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR(S) REPORT: Cllr Warhurst reported the Borough Council had been in discussion with private companies regarding dog waste.

There has been a recent meeting looking at the regeneration of Redditch Town Centre where residents were encouraged to attend.

There are currently 67 homes being built which will be a mix of Council and affordable housing properties.

OPEN FORUM

The Parish Council meeting will be suspended for 30 minutes. Residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman. Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting. This was extended to include the discussions on both pre-planning potential developments.

6. PLANNING

A. For Council Consideration: Pre-Planning Discussion:

- 1) A small-scale housing development in the village (Land on Droitwich Road) by Mark Donald, H2 Land.

Mark explained the thoughts behind the proposed building on the land opposite The Manor House and next to The Juniper Tree property. The main concern of the Conservation Officer was not to upset the street scene. The pre-planning application has been submitted to Redditch Borough Council. The site is approx. half an acre and they are hoping to build two 4-bedroom barn-esque type properties sympathetic to Feckenham. The site is not in the green belt is central to Feckenham and would potentially bring more people to use the shop, pubs etc. There are constraints with the buildings due to the location, heritage and listed buildings. Highways have been consulted and are happy with the access.

- 2) A small-scale housing development in the village, currently belonging to Priory Barn, land behind The Juniper Tree, currently used as an agricultural / equine barn storage; Gary Moss from MSC Planning and Mr Elvins (Owner).

Gary explained the current Owner wished to downsize from Priory Barn as it would be difficult to adapt, and he felt in need of a life time home nearer to his land. This would release his current property to the village for sale and provide additional bungalows which would bring social and economic benefits to the village. Gary advised the land was outside of the green belt and in a brown fields site.

Q: Cllr Smith enquired as to where the contents currently stored in the barn would be relocated too or would there be a further application for another barn?

A: Gary advised there may be only one dwelling and the other areas used as storage or there may be two or three. No explanation was given if three dwellings were planned as to the storage issue.

Q: Cllr Hammersley asked what would the barns be made of as currently they are metal?

A: Gary advised they may be clad with wood and would be in keeping with the barn design.

Q: Cllr Hammersley asked about access by foot and vehicle?

A: Gary advised the public footpath via The Forrest of Feckenham and by vehicle down Moors Lane.

Q: A member of the public asked how much would the barns cost?

A: Information not yet available.

Q: A member of public asked if the footprint of the barn would be extended?

Another member of public was concerned as this was the first time she had heard about the possible development and thought the open Countryside may be spoilt?

Cllr Smith explained the process: If the barn had been solely agricultural it MAY qualify for a prior notification submission; full planning permission would not have been needed as it would have had automatic prior approval. As the barn is part equine and agricultural, full planning permission will be required.

Q: A member of public whose land borders some of the current area spoke of the previous applications and how the barn would look with garden and parking areas with concerns as to the footpath and vehicular access?

A: Gary advised the condition of the footpaths were the responsibility of WCC and his Client advised he had cleared the footpath. Any concerns would be looked at and considered.

Q: The member of Public asked why last year there was an application to extend the barn and now a change of use? Would this also mean more buildings?

A: Gary explained the reasonings would be included in the submission to the Planning Officer.

Q: A further question was asked as to the construction of the building and whether it would be brick?

A: Gary thought the building may be timber or zinc style cladding but would be in the style of a barn and not a new dwelling.

Add receipts for period	£0.00
Less uncleared cheques	-£277.49
Less payments for period	£0.00
Closing Balance	£27,878.56

Accounts emailed to Finance Committee prior to March 2019 meeting.

10. NEW AGENDA ITEMS

- A) Proposed cuts to Worcestershire archive and archaeology service: Judy Underwood & Jen Cary. Feckenham Moated Manorial Site Community Archaeology Project.

Judy said the cuts were still proposed but Cllr Potter had reassured the group the work would still go ahead. All the reports are completed, and the archaeology Officer will have completed a plan by the end of March 2019 which will list what is needed doing urgently, less urgently and nice to have. Judy advised going forward it may be necessary to involve RBC, FPC and the public to take better care of the Medieval Manorial Moated site and be prepared to support the on-going remedial works to allow the site to be properly maintained and managed for future generations.

- B) Grant Application from Marion Chute: 'Feckenham Past, Present, and Future' Photographic Archive from event on 25th November.

The grant application for £1,000 was discussed and agreed upon. Proposed by Cllr Cary and seconded by Cllr Bellion. All in favour.

- C) Parish Council Elections 2019. Reminder of Area Calc meeting 13 March: **A Meeting of the Bromsgrove Area of the Worcestershire County Association of Local Councils is to be held on Wednesday 13 March 2019 at 6.00pm in the Parkside Suite, Parkside, Market Street, Bromsgrove, B61 8DA. All potential Candidates are welcome to attend.**

The meeting will be attended by the Clerk and Cllr Guise.

11. CLERK'S UPDATE

- A. **Schedule of Correspondence for Consideration – as emails. (CPRE, Lengthsman equipment).** The Lengthsman has decided he will purchase his own equipment but thanked the Parish Council for their offer of buying them for the Village. There will be a CPRE on the 12/3/19; it was discussed this would be a useful meeting to attend but unfortunately no one was available. Apologies to be sent with a note asking for their updates.
- B. **Schedule of Tabled Correspondence Received (not already noted).** Invoices received from T Smith in order to host and maintain the website. IT costs only. All in favour of payment. Grant application form requested for Feckenham Wake (issued by Clerk). Informal notification received of plans to extend and make over the cricket club house and parking.
- C. **Schedule of Correspondence Sent (not already noted).** Letter of thanks set to Ringway for the mini makeover.

12. PROGRESS REPORTS

- A. **Doctors Surgery update:** The Parish Council had been advised the Surgery has now applied for formal closure of the Feckenham Surgery. This matter will be discussed at the next PCC meeting on the 13/3/19. Cllr Hammersley will compile a response to this decision. This will be available to residents upon request to the Clerk.
- B. **Traffic Improvement Programme:** This matter is on-going and will hopefully be improved by the addition of the Dragons Teeth.
- C. **Green bin for Swansbrook Lane:** The Clerk will speak to Winfield's about the possibility of locating a green bin on their land
- D. **Data Protection and Transparency:** On-going.
- E. **Standing Orders update and amendments:** The Clerk is currently updating these which will be circulated to the Council and hopefully adopted at the next meeting.
- F. **Dragons Teeth:** These have been ordered and will be implemented as soon as the weather has improved.
- G. **Smartwater: Next Steps:** These may possibly be made available to residents in other areas such as Astwood Bank.
- H. **Precept Request for 2019 and Budget:** The precept request has remained the same as last year at £8,300, payment will be received in April and October.
- I. **Defib training / updates.** The Clerk is still compiling a list of volunteers who wish to update or learn these skills. The training will be in the village hall from a local charity. www.cshf.org.uk
- J. **Recent Break in's and CCTV:** To investigate the possibility of CCTV to public areas to discuss the problem of dog waste and underwriting a scheme to design, prepare, purchase signage for the parish. There are further signs supplied by RBC regarding dog waste and the Feckenham school children are being invited to design some suitable signs.

13. 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.

The Council will be discussing the upcoming election on 2 May 2019. All those who wish to stand should download the nomination pack from the Redditch Borough Council Electoral Services site and ensure the forms are returned by hand to the Borough Council by 4pm on the 3rd April.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

14. DATE & VENUE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 18 April at 7.30pm.

Feckenham Village Hall: Back Room.

Signed:

Dated: