

Minutes of the Meeting held 21 September 2017 at Feckenham Village Hall, Feckenham

Present: Councillors: Alan Smith (Chair), Slade Arthur, Erica Guise, Hugo Hammersley, Quintus Cary & Ian Bellion

In Attendance: 2 members of the public and S Arble (Clerk).

087 Apologies accepted from Cllr Pat Dormer.

088 No declarations of interest.

089 No dispensation requests.

090 The **Council resolved** to approve the **Minutes** of the extra-ordinary meeting held 22 August 2017 at Feckenham Village Hall, Feckenham.

091 **County Councillor & RBC Councillor Potter Report:** Cllrs Potter & Clayton offered their apologies. Cllr Potter provided updates via email which are minuted in Progress Reports.

092 The Chair suspended the meeting from 7:40-7:50pm for Open Forum. See notes at the end of the Minutes.

PLANNING

093 The Council is determining its response to 17.00878.FUL by delegation to the Clerk; however, no cllrs had an objection to the application.

Chair Smith left the room and did not partake in the resolution.

RBC Approvals

094 17.00552.FUL – no objections

095 17.00861.S73

096 17.00451.FUL – the Council originally objected, but the proposal was satisfactorily amended; no objections

097 17.00903.FUL – no objections

098 No reported RBC refusals.

RBC Pending

099 17.00647.FUL – no objections

100 17.00453 – the Council objected twice

101 No Appeals

Planning Enforcement

102 2016.313.FUL: WCC/RBC Cllr Potter reported the case has been reviewed and found to be in compliance. Matter resolved.

FINANCE

103 The Chair reported that he was asked by a parishioner as to why the Council has £27,000 in the bank. He offered a response that most of the expensive projects the Council carries out seem to be funded in the main by grants or contributions.

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

Ref	Cheque	Payee	Details	Total Payment	VAT	Net Payment	Chq Total	Date
20	1015	A Farnsworth	Aug Lengthsman	£180.00	£0.00	£180.00		21.09.17
21	1016	S Arble	Clerk Aug 17 Wage	£301.19	£0.00	£301.19		
21	1016	S Arble	Clerk Aug 17 expenses	£19.49	£0.58	£18.91	£320.68	21.09.17
22	1017	Feckenham Entertainment Comm	Great Get Together Donation	£206.12	£0.00	£206.12		21.09.17
23	1018	FVH	Smartwater Event	£35.00	£0.00	£35.00		21.09.17
24	1019	Smartwater	200 kits	£2,148.00	£358.00	£1,790.00		21.09.17
25	1020	Zurich	17/18 Premium	£285.60	£0.00	£285.60		21.09.17
				£3,175.40	£358.58	£2,816.82		

105 The Council noted the August 2017 Income & Expense Report.

106 Cllr Cary confirmed the August 2017 Reconciliation is correct.

add	Current Account balance			1755.33
add	Deposit Account balance			25827.59
less	Cheques paid uncleared:			
		#1000		400.00
		#1001		200.00
		#1013		180.00
equ	Balance C/F			26802.92

Opening Balance Deposit Account	25826.52
Add receipts for period	1.07
Less payments for period	0.00
Opening Balance Current Account	2157.27
Add receipts for period	0.00
Less payments for period	521.94
Less Uncleared Chqs from April-May	600.00
Less Chq cleared from previous period	60.00
Closing Balance	26802.92

NEW MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 107 The **Council resolved** to further investigate with RBC and the local police the feasibility of supporting a parish initiative to drop leaflets on illegally parked cars. **ACTION:** Cllr Arthur to discuss the matter with the police at the 14.10.17 Smartwater Event.
- 108 The **Council resolved** to write to the RBC Legal Department to enquire about 106 funding and how funds can be allocated to Feckenham. **ACTION: Chair Smith to draft a letter.**
- 109 The **Council resolved** to renew the Zurich insurance premium at a cost of £285.60.

CLERK'S UPDATE

- 110 Correspondence for Consideration – none
- Schedule of Correspondence Received (not already noted)
- 111 22.07.17 Pensions Regulator letter acknowledged the declaration of compliance for automatic enrolment duties. The Council is not currently responsible for providing or contributing to a pension fund for the Clerk. Matter resolved.
- Schedule of Correspondence Sent (not already noted)
- 112 10.08.17 letter to Feckenham Surgery; request information RE reduction of surgery times and an offer of assistance in achieving normal working hours. To date there has been no response, but it was reported that a new doctor was appointed.

PROGRESS REPORTS

- 113 **Lengthsman & Flood Prevention**
1. Ham Green Ditches #6264651: T Curwell of NWWM reported the issue to WCC Highway
 2. 355443 – drain outside 37 Droitwich Rd to be jetted; resolved
 3. 355445 – drain outside 39 Droitwich Rd to be jetted; resolved
 4. 355456 – drain just past 39 Droitwich Rd to be jetted; resolved
 5. 355463 – drain outside Ibrox Cottage to be jetted; resolved
 6. 355466 – drain Moors Lane reported
- 114 **NDP:** Survey distributed and some returns received.
- 115 **FVAT:** Some tree trimming recommended; one tree ultra sound tested showed 20% decay. Quote for work is £2200 and received a £2500 grant. Further expenditure expected for work near telephone kiosk and gravel road.
- 116 **Bollards at B4090:** Contractors stopped from installing the bollards. **ACTION: Cllr Arthur to request R Clewer to install the bollard.**
- 117 **RBC Planning Training:** Scheduled for 23 October at 7:00pm in the back room of the village hall.
- 118 **CALC Training:** The Clerk forwarded the schedule to cllrs on 14.09.17.
- 119 **Clerk's Contract:** Progressing.
- 120 **Website:** Cllr Cary suggested the WCC website provision may be a good choice. The Clerk stated the system is very limited and not suitable for the Council. **ACTION: Cllr Cary will further investigate.**
- 121 **VAS:** Installed and working, but not yet hooked up to an FPC electricity supply.

122 **Smartwater Event:** 06.09.17 Smartwater event went very well; ~120 parishioners received their kits. A second event is planned for 14.10.17 from 10AM-2PM in the Village Hall back room. A flyer should be in the Parish Magazine and T Smith will notify email group of the event.

123 WCC Cllr Potter reported via email that the white line down the centre of High St will be lifted and redone in its original location.

124 WCC Cllr Potter reported via email that she is investigating FCC noise.

125 **COUNCILLOR REPORTS & Future Agenda Items - none**

Date and Venue of Next Meeting

126 Parish Council Meeting at 7:30 on 16 September at Feckenham Village Hall.

086 The meeting closed at 8:50pm.

Signed
Chairman

Date

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME NOTES

1. A parishioner asked how Section 106 funding works. Chair Smith explained the process.
2. A parishioner asked how cars would be determined as illegally parked. Cllr Cary responded that seeing cars block pavements would be the evidence.

Minutes prepared by Sean Arble, Clerk to the Council, on 29 September 2017.