



FELBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month (except January and August)
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th May 2022 **at 7.30 pm in Felbridge Village Hall**

Present:

Cllr. Bridget Huntington (Chairman)
Cllr. Jeremy Clarke (Planning Chairman)
Cllr. Alex Horwood

Cllr. Ian McBryde (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr. Joan Harwood
Cllr. Jo King

Mrs. Patricia Slatter (in attendance)

Councillor Bridget Huntington signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman of Felbridge Parish Council for the year 2022-2023.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Georgina Chapman, County Councillor Lesley Steeds and District Councillor Judy Moore

2. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

None to add to those previously disclosed.

3. **APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 5th May were approved and signed.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Jubilee Walking Trail: Cllr. Huntington is taking the lead on progressing the trail.

5. **FINANCE**

Community Infrastructure Levy Update

The Clerk reported that the latest CIL revenue due to Tandridge District Council from developments in Felbridge would be in the region of £135K of which £20K would be allocated to Felbridge Parish Council. **Resolved:** Councillors approved a proposal for an application for CIL funds to be made to improve and extend the playground, including the provision of accessible equipment. **Action:** Clerk to progress and report back.

Precept: An IT issue at Tandridge District Council has resulted in late payment of the Precept.

6. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

- (i) **Grass Cutting:** The third cut is scheduled for late May/early June.
- (ii) **White Gate on Crawley Down Road:** Sign had been damaged. Clerk has reported to Surrey Highways and will look at getting a temporary repair made in the meantime.
- (v) **Table Tennis Table** Quote awaited for extended base

7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor Steeds has set up a meeting with MP Claire Coutinho and Planning Chairman Cllr. Jeremy Clarke to discuss the highways and infrastructure issues resulting from multiple MSDC developments on Felbridge facilities and the roads network, particularly the Star Junction.

8. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Nothing new to report

9. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS/UPDATES

Abandoned Car, Mill Lane: Cllr. Harwood reported that this car has now been removed
Advertising Sign, Crawley Down Road: Cllr. King had reported an advertising sign which had been fixed to a chestnut tree on the verge. The Clerk wrote to the company advising that the trees were protected, the land belonged to the council and there was a blanket ban on roadside advertising in Felbridge. The sign was removed.
Traffic Assessments: Cllr. Clarke continues to liaise with Surrey Highways regarding traffic monitoring and assessment in advance of potential further MSDC development in Felbridge.

9. SURREY HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/TDC :

Notice has been received of planned works to the A22 Eastbourne Road. No detail was provided.
Action: Clerk to update when more information is received.

10. PLANNING

(i) Applications in Felbridge

TA/2022/609 TPO 65 Crawley Down Road, Felbridge, RH19 2PP

Resolved: Defer to Tree Officer

TA/2022/136 Greengages, 2 Tithe Orchard, Felbridge, RH10 2PH

Resolved: Felbridge Parish Council do not object to this application but ask that a condition be imposed that it must be used only as an annexe to the main dwelling. There would be no support for approval which would allow the annexe to be split into a separate dwelling.

TA/2022/388 Oakcroft, Woodcock Hill, Felbridge, RH19 2RD

Resolved: Felbridge Parish Council object to the proposed building further into the open countryside and believe it will harm the Green Belt with the new access road encroaching on nearby woodland. While recognising that the volume increase is not substantial, the proposed construction is not in the same position as the buildings which are to be demolished. If Tandridge District Council are minded to approve this application, there should be a removal of Permitted Development Rights on both Oakcroft and the new building to prevent further development in the Green Belt.

TA/2022/413 Stub Pond Fisheries, Stubpond Lane, Newchapel, RH7 6HU

Resolved: No Action. Felbridge Parish Council note that Tandridge District Council won an appeal against concrete crushing at this location but enforcement wasn't pursued resulting in this CLUED.

TA/2022/501 Chester Lodge, Woodcock Hill, Felbridge RH19 2RD

Resolved: No Action

TA/2022/435 Wire Mill Hotel, Wire Mill Lane, Newchapel, RH7 6HJ

Resolved: No Action

TA/2022/473 Linchens, Herons Close, Copthorne, Surrey RH10 3HF

Resolved: No Action

(ii) **Applications Received by Neighbouring Authorities**

East Grinstead: Application for new crossover driveway on Copthorne Road

(iii) **Tandridge District Council Planning Department**

More applications now seem to be being validated although there is still a backlog of applications waiting beyond the standard eight week deadline for determination.

11. **CLERK'S REPORT**

Surrey Wildlife Trust asked for information on open spaces and green areas in Felbridge. Directed them to the SSS1; Wire Mill Lake; Common Land; Village Hall Grounds and Football field.

Warren Close have permission to close their road for a street party on 5th June

Gatwick Meeting: Information circulated regarding meeting on 31st May

Chestnut Tree on Crawley Down Road with damaged branch. Email from resident. Reported to TDC

Tandridge Befriending Scheme: Tandridge Voluntary Action are planning to extend their scheme. It was considered that as people could access support more locally, councillors did not consider there would be a benefit to Felbridge residents. **Action:** Clerk to respond.

12. **HISTORY BOARDS**

Artwork to be updated. **Action:** Cllr. Clarke

13. **BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING**

First Quarter Finance Update

14. **DATES OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL AND PLANNING MEETINGS**

The next full Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday 7th July. A Planning Meeting is scheduled for 16th June.

The meeting closed at approximately 2100.

Patricia Slatter

Clerk to Felbridge Parish Council