

# **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 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.30 pm in Felbridge Village Hall

Cllr. Jeremy Clarke

Cllr. Joan Harwood

#### Present:

Cllr. Georgina Chapman (Chairman)

Cllr. Ian McBryde (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr. Bridget Huntington

Cllr. Lesley Steeds (County Councillor)

Cllr. Judy Moore (District Councillor) attended part of meeting

Mrs. Patricia Slatter (in attendance)

# 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. Alex Horwood and Councillor Jo King

## 2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

Cllr. Harwood did not take part in the discussions or decisions relating to planning application 2021/1690 since it is a neighbouring property.

# 3. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October were approved and signed

## 4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

(i) **Hedgecourt Lake ASB**: Surrey Police responded to the Chairman's update request. Officers are still regularly visiting the area and there have been no further reports or incidences of ASB.

## 5. FINANCE

## (i) Receipts and Payments for October 2021

Date	To / From	Description	Amount	Current Account	Deposit Account		
1 Oct		Brought Forward		£20272.99	£25043.33		
		Receipts					
29 Oct	TDC	Precept Payment 2	£12000.00	£12000.00			
		Sub-Total		£32272.99			
		Payments					
8 Oct	NEST	Pension Contribution	£165.13	-£165.13			
14 Oct	Wright	Bus Shelter Cleaning	£45.00	-£45.00			
14 Oct	HMRC	Tax and National Insurance	£281.69	-£281.69			
14 Oct	Nick Dance	A22 Pavement Clearance	£264.00	-£264.00			
14 Oct	Nick Dance	Grass Cutting September	£528.00	-£528.00			
14 Oct	Clerk	Office Expenses	£111.42	-£111.42			
14 Oct	Clerk	Payroll September	£850.77	-£850.77			
14 Oct	PFK Littlejohn	External Audit Fee	£240.00	-£240.00			
		Sub-Total	£2486.01	-£2486.01			
		Transfers	Nil				
		Carried Forward		£29786.98			
		Bank Balances		£29786.98	£25043.33		
31 Oct Available Funds - Current a/c plus Deposit a/c				£54830.31			
31 Oct	Allocated Reserves (traffic calming £2k, bus shelter £6k,						
	playground £15k, skateboard ramp £2k, grass cutting £1k)			-£26000.00			
31 Oct		e (Available Funds minus Alloca	£28830.31				
Current Account statement was circulated to councillors on 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2021 along with the above record of receipts and payments for transparency and confirmation of accuracy							

(ii) **Budget for Financial Year 2022-2023** The Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer presented a precirculated budget proposal. **Resolved:** Councillors approved the 2022-2023 budget. There will be no increase in the precept and any additional costs will be met from reserves. **Action:** Clerk to communicate to Tandridge District Council.

# 6. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

(i) **Grass Cutting**: All six cuts have now been completed. The first 2022 cut will be in March.

# 7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr. Steeds spoke about SCC's new 'Smart Highways' scheme being piloted on the A22 between Whyteleafe and Felbridge. Average speed cameras will be installed in a bid to improve the flow of traffic and wind turbines would also be positioned along the road. Cllr. Steeds asked if councillors considered there to be a suitable location in Felbridge for the 20's Plenty scheme to be introduced. Locations would need to meet certain criteria. **Action:** Clerk to liaise with Cllr. Steeds and circulate information to councillors.

# 8. <u>DISTRICT COUNCILLOR</u> REPORT

Cllr. Moore reported that she had joined a TDC committee which was considering the impact of the Gatwick Northern Runway proposal on Tandridge residents. She had been corresponding with a resident who was concerned about site clearance works in a field near his home and she would be raising that with TDC. Cllr. Moore confirmed that TDC had asked for more time to work on the existing Local Plan and acknowledged councillors' concerns about the viability of the existing plan and wider concerns regarding the Planning Department at TDC.

## 9. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS/UPDATES

Land near Kwik Fit: Cllr. McBryde reported that quantities of scaffold poles, boards and equipment was being stored on this land <u>Action</u>: Clerk to report to Planning Enforcement.

Damaged Verge on Copthorne Road: Cllr. Huntington reported damage to the grass verge facing the Abbey Homes development following the UK Power Networks roadworks. <u>Action</u>: Clerk to advise UK Power Networks of the need to reinstate the verge.

# 10. SURREY HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY:

Nothing new to report.

Cllr. Moore left the meeting.

#### 11. PLANNING

# (i) Applications in Felbridge

<u>Applications considered at the planning meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> October attended by Cllr. Chapman, Cllr. Clarke, Cllr. Harwood, Cllr. Huntington, Cllr. King and Cllr. McBryde</u>
Three members of the public attended to speak separately on applications 2021/1488 and 2021/1756 **2021/1488 Chester Lodge, Woodcock Hill, Felbridge, Surrey RH19 2RD** 

**Resolved**: Felbridge Parish Council support this application in principle while acknowledging concerns regarding encroachment of the hard standing, particularly at the north. This appears to form urbanisation alongside the road. Felbridge Parish Council would much prefer to see Grasscrete to minimise the impact. The alterations to the gate and vehicle movement are supported.

**2021/1756** Land Rear of Southern Water Compound, Merriwood Barn, Copthorne Road, Felbridge, RH19 2QG Resolved: Felbridge Parish Council object to this application on following grounds: The site is not considered sustainable in that it is reliant on car based transport for daily needs such as work and school and on weekly needs such as shopping. The site is remote from the 'built up area' boundary. The building density for more than a single unit would be too high when compared to neighbouring Domewood. The loss of a light industrial facility, when a need is included in the District Plan, would be a concern. It is questionable whether the suggested non-viability of the site has been tested over a long enough period to demonstrate a genuine lack of demand, particularly in a post-Covid market.

## 2021/1797/TPO Woodlands, Domewood, Copthorne, Surrey, RH10 3HD

**Resolved:** Felbridge Parish Council do not believe this application should have been validated. Sections on the form have been left blank; there is no site location plan; there are no photographs or other information. Felbridge Parish Council will comment once a plan and full information has been provided.

## Applications considered at the full Parish Council meeting:

## 2021/1629 Herons, Wiremill Lane, Lingfield, RH7 6HJ

**Resolved:** Felbridge Parish Council support this application as it offers a visible improvement to the Green Belt, creates no additional harm and supports a local employer.

# 2021/1690 Floreat, Mill Lane, Felbridge, RH19 2PF

**Resolved**: Felbridge Parish Council are concerned that this proposed application would potentially be out of keeping with neighbouring properties.

# 2021/1711 7 Wembury Park, Newchapel, RH7 6HH

Resolved: No Action

## (ii) Applications Received by Neighbouring Authorities

None which directly affect Felbridge.

# 12. PRESS & MEDIA POLICY

**<u>Resolved:</u>** Councillors approved the updated Press & Media Policy which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. **<u>Action:</u>** Clerk to update website.

#### 13. CONSULTATIONS

Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Project. <u>Action</u>: Clerk to circulate notes to councillors for a response to be approved at the Planning Meeting scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> November

# 14. CLERK'S REPORT

- (i) **Correspondence:** Multiple complaints about roadworks at Star Junction; Request by McIver Close resident to cut back overhanging tree branches from Village Hall grounds contact information for TDC provided; Person considering buying a property in Felbridge seeking advice on whether planning permission would be given for a larger extension in the Green Belt since the property was too small contact info for TDC Planning provided and told that at present the preadvice service was very limited; complaint about infrequency of road sweeping passed to TDC
- (ii) Basketball Hoop and Board to be installed at the end of November
- (iii) **Remembrance Sunday**: Royal British Legion Wreaths have been delivered. Cllr. Harwood will lay a wreath on behalf of Felbridge Parish Council at the service at St. John's Church. The other wreath will be fixed to the memorial bench on the Village Green. The Silent Soldiers will be put in place over the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> November.

#### 15. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING

Proposal to renew History Boards

# 16. DATES OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL AND PLANNING MEETINGS

A full Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and a planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

The meeting closed at approximately 2100.

Patricia Slatter Clerk to Felbridge Parish Council