

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 2nd March 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present:

Mr. Jeremy Clarke (Chairman)

Ms. Georgina Chapman

Mrs. Joan Harwood

Mrs. Linda Hainge

Mr. Ken Harwood (District Councillor) attended part of the meeting

Mrs. Patricia Slatter (in attendance)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Mrs. Bridget Huntingdon, Mr. Ian McBryde and Mr. Brian Apps. Councillor Michael Sydney did not attend the meeting.
2. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**
There were no additions to those already disclosed.
3. **APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**
The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 2nd February 2017 were approved and signed.
4. **ONGOING ITEMS**
 - (i) **Community Consultation:**
Transport/Environment and Green Issues: –
 - a. Welcome to Felbridge White Gates: In order to secure the best price for equipment and installation, FPC are now working direct with suppliers. **Action:** Georgina Chapman to investigate and report back.
 - b. Gullege Bridleway – Linda Hainge and Ros White are submitting an application for GACT funding to cover the cost of resurfacing the Gullege. It was agreed that Felbridge Parish Council would contribute to the costs of resurfacing the land which falls within the parish boundary and fully support the efforts to improve access to the Worth Way for Felbridge residents.
 - (ii) **Leisure and Health Actions:-**
 - a. Fencing between Village Hall Grounds and Copthorne Road. Works have now been completed to a high standard and the footpath cleared by Nick Dance. **Action:** Clerk to ask Surrey Highways to remove the barrier on the footpath now that the fence blocks access to the road in that location.
 - (iii) **Hub Project:** Dates for Urban Cuts have now been agreed and Rural Cuts are to be confirmed. **Action:** Clerk to check that the works are undertaken as scheduled. The dates below refer to the complete Hub area so the Felbridge cuts may be a week later and all are subject to weather.

w/c 13th March

w/c 26th June

w/c 10th April

w/c 24th July

w/c 8th May

w/c 4th September

w/c 5th June

5. FINANCE

(i)

RECEIPTS FROM

DATE		TOTAL £
20.02.17	Donation	150.00
		150.00

PAYMENTS TO

DATE	DETAILS	CHQ	TOTAL £
02.02.17	P Slatter Clerk's Sal - February	029	297.60
"	H M Revenue & Customs Clerk's tax - February	030	74.40
"	P Slatter Office All'ce & Expenses January	031	126.28
"	B Wright Bus Shelter Cleaning - February	032	37.00
"	Felbridge School Section 137 Donation	033	500.00
"	East Surrey Museum Section 137 Donation-New Fencing	034	50.00
"	Information Commissioner Data Registration	035	35.00

TOTAL

1120.28

SUMMARY 22.02.17

Lloyds Bank - Current Account	11755.99
Lloyds Bank - Business Reserve	20001.00
Less outstanding cheques	-696.40
TOTAL BALANCES	31060.59
Less reserves for village gates/traffic calming, new bus shelter	-
notice boards, CCTV Update & playground re-surface	22416.00
AVAILABLE FUNDS	8644.59

(ii) Section 137 Payments

A request for a donation was received from Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance. **Agreed:** It was agreed to donate £250 towards the work of the organisation which covers the Felbridge area.

6. COUNCILLORS' FEEDBACK

- (i) **Bollards Outside Village Hall:** The wooden posts outside the Village Hall will be replaced with weatherproof bollards. **Action:** Clerk to circulate colour options.
- (ii) **CCTV in Village Hall Grounds:** The CCTV upgrade has now been completed.
- (iii) **Damaged Footpath Sign:** The damaged sign directing walkers along footpath 257B has been repaired
- (iv) **Parking at Junction of Rowplatt Lane and Crawley Down Road:** There has been some improvement although builders are now working nearby. **Action:** Councillors to continue to monitor.
- (v) **Road Sign on ground at A264:** Jeremy Clarke reported that the road sign warning of the junction between the A264 and Furnace Wood was lying on its side in the verge. **Action:** Jeremy Clarke to follow up.
- (vi) **Surrey Highways Road Programme 2018:** Michael Sydney reported in November that Surrey Highways intended resurfacing Mill Lane in the 2018 programme. Joan Harwood responded that this road had been repaired. Councillors suggested that the available resources would be better used to repair the carriageway at the A264/A22. Clerk wrote to Michael Sydney on 20th February to follow up and is awaiting a response. **Action:** Clerk to monitor

- (vii) **Parish Council Leaflet:** For discussion at April meeting.
- (viii) **Police Proceeds from Crime Funding:** Ian McBryde reported that funding was available from the Police to help make communities safer from crime. He suggested that FPC could apply for funding to cover the cost of the planned upgrade on CCTV for the Village Hall and grounds. **Action:** Ken Harwood to investigate.
- (ix) **Defibrillator Training:** It was agreed to arrange defibrillator training with First Responder Sam Ford. **Agreed:** FPC would cover any costs up to £50 and the Village Hall would be asked to provide the venue. **Action:** Joan Harwood to discuss with Village Hall Committee and report back.
- (x) **Hedgecourt Boardwalks:** John Wells is to attend the Annual Meeting and give a short presentation. **Action:** Clerk to liaise with John Wells.
- (xi) **Non-Attendance of County Councillor:** Clerk has written to David Hodge, Leader of Surrey County Council. The letter has been acknowledged. **Action:** Clerk to monitor
- (xii) **Oak Tree at Rowplatt Lane:** Linda Hainge reported that the oak tree near to no. 47 Rowplatt Lane needed to be trimmed. **Action:** Clerk to ask Tree Officer to add to the schedule for his next visit.
- (xiii) **Cross Boundary Consultations:** Jeremy Clarke reported that he and Ken Harwood had met Charlotte Parker to discuss cross-boundary consultations and improve communication.

7. **SURREY HIGHWAY REPAIRS:**

- (i) **A264/A22 Junction at Star Inn:** Councillor Sydney reported that there was no progress on funding for improvement works to this junction. **Action:** Michael Sydney to report back.
- (ii) **Meeting with SCC to look at Felbridge Issues:** Following the Clerk's letter to David Hodge regarding outstanding issues, Surrey Highways have offered to meet representatives from FPC. **Action:** Jeremy Clarke to provide Clerk with a full list of issues for discussion. **Action:** Clerk to arrange meeting.
- (iii) **Road Sign Cleaning:** Michael Sydney acknowledged the statutory requirement to clean signs but funds were not available. **Action:** Michael Sydney to review and report back.
- (iv) **Footpath Between Doves Barn and Furnace Wood:** Overhanging vegetation has been cut back and works at ground level are to follow. **Action:** Clerk to monitor.
- (v) **A264 Resurfacing:** WSCC have resurfaced an area of SCC land near to the Crawley Down Garage. The finish was poor and uneven. **Action:** Michael Sydney to follow up.
- (vi) **Star Crossroads** Jeremy Clarke reported that a potential developer was advised by SCC that there was no capacity issues with the Star Crossroads. Michael Sydney agreed that this was not true. **Action:** Michael Sydney to investigate and report back.
- (vii) **Footpath on A22:** Ian McBryde reported that this footpath remains overgrown and impassable in places. It has been reported to Surrey Highways. **Action:** Clerk to monitor.

Ken Harwood left the meeting

8. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

The following application was considered at the Planning Meeting held on Thursday 17th February attended by Joan Harwood, Brian Apps and Jeremy Clarke.

TA/2017/134 1, Purley Cottages, West Park Road, Copthorne RH10 3EX

Resolved: No Action

Planning applications considered at the Parish Council meeting.

TA/2017/141 Oakridge, Herons Lea, Copthorne, RH10 3HE

Resolved: No Action

TA/2016/2280 Woodside Cottage, West Park Road, Copthorne, RH10 3EX

Resolved: No Action

TA/2016/2430 Aros Shona, 20 Copthorne Road, Felbridge, RH19 2NS

Resolved: Felbridge Parish Council are concerned about the loss of the soft edge between the built up area boundary of the Village and the open Green Belt. The proposed house would generate views of a close boarded fence/ house compared to the trees/hedge at present when viewed from the open green belt to the north. Felbridge Parish Council are not adverse to development at depth as the community consultation preferred this to green belt loss but consider the building to be too large for the subdivided plot allocated and would prefer to see a property which was smaller than a five-bedroomed house again in accord with the Community consultation which identified a local need for smaller dwellings.

Ken Harwood re-joined the meeting.

9. CLERK'S REPORT

- (i) **Gate by Birch Grove:** Crawley College Carpentry Department report that the gate is too badly damaged for repair and is made from pine rather than oak. They have offered to construct a replacement gate to a simpler design. **Action:** Jeremy Clarke to check the options available and report back.
- (ii) **Tree Planting:** Two replacement trees along with a new tree donated by a resident will be planted in a location to be agreed in the New Year. **Action:** Clerk to monitor
- (iii) **Dog Bin, Bridle Path, Kennels Cottages** The new dog bin has now been installed.
- (iv) **Developer/Contractor Vehicle Parking on Crawley Down Road** Contractor vehicles parking on the Crawley Down Road near to the junction with the Copthorne Road are causing serious safety concerns and creating problems for parents at the school. The Clerk has spoken to the developers and reminded them that it is illegal to park within 10m of a junction. The developers have been asked to make space within the site for more vehicles and to look for other parking options nearby. Their representative said he was keen to find a solution and would investigate alternative options. **Action:** Clerk and Councillors to monitor.
- (v) **Damaged Dog Bin outside Village Hall:** A resident has asked again for this bin to be repaired. It was reported damaged by the Clerk in the summer but is still damaged. Clerk has followed up with TDC. **Action:** Clerk to monitor.
- (vi) **DfT Public Consultation on UK Airspace/Airports National Policy** Ian McBryde will attend this conference in Brighton on behalf of FPC.

12. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING

There was no additional business for the next meeting.

13. DATES OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL AND PLANNING MEETINGS

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 6th April at 7.30pm, in the Committee Room. The next Planning Meetings is scheduled for Thursday 16th March at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at approximately 9.40pm.

Patricia Slatter
Clerk to Felbridge Parish Council

Copies to:- Parish Councillors, District Councillor, County Councillor, Felbridge School, Surrey Police