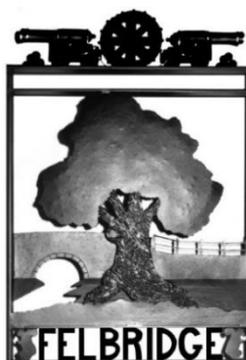


08/22



## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022** **at 7.30 pm in Felbridge Village Hall**

Present:

Cllr. Jeremy Clarke (Chairman)  
Cllr. Joan Harwood  
Cllr. Jo King

Mrs. Patricia Slatter (in attendance)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Bridget Huntington, Cllr. Ian McBryde, Cllr. Georgina Chapman, Cllr. Alex Horwood, County Councillor Lesley Steeds, District Councillor Judy Moore.

As both the Chairman and Vice Chairman had sent their apologies, Cllr. Jeremy Clarke agreed to chair the meeting.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> February were approved and signed.

**4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman to provide an update at the April meeting.

## 5. FINANCE

### (i) Receipts and Payments February 2022

Date	To / From	Description	Amount	Current Account	Deposit Account
1 March		Brought Forward		£24579.91	£25043.33
		<b>Receipts</b>		0.00	
		<b>Payments</b>			
8 Feb	Clerk	Payroll February	£1083.88	-£1083.88	
8 Feb	Clerk	Office Expenses (inc Laptop)	£895.27	-£895.27	
9 Feb	NEST	Pension Contribution	£216.22	-£216.22	
9 Feb	Wright	Bus Shelter Cleaning	£45.00	-£45.00	
14 Feb	HMRC	Tax and National Insurance	£398.68	-£398.68	
24 Feb	Classic Bench	Memorial Bench Deposit (CIL)	£300.00	-£300.00	
		Sub-Total	£2939.05	-£2939.05	
		<b>Transfers</b>	Nil		
		Carried Forward		£21640.86	
		Bank Balances		£21640.86	£25043.33
1 March	Available Funds - Current a/c plus Deposit a/c			£46684.19	
1 March	Allocated Reserves (traffic calming £2k, bus shelter £6k, playground £15k, skateboard ramp £2k)			-£25000.00	
1 March	General Reserve (Available Funds minus Allocated Reserves) – includes restricted use CIL revenue			£21684.19	
Current Account statement was circulated to councillors on 2nd March 2022 along with the above record of receipts and payments for transparency and confirmation of accuracy					

### (ii) Expenditure Approval:

**Resolved:** It was agreed to make a donation of £500 to St. Catherine's Hospice which provides services to the Felbridge area. **Action:** Clerk to prepare payment

**Resolved:** It was agreed to approve expenditure of £600 on a replacement basketball hoop and back board for the Play and Leisure area within Felbridge Village Hall grounds. **Action:** Clerk to liaise with Tandridge District Council.

## 6. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

(i) **Grass Cutting:** The first 2022 grass cuts will be scheduled in April. **Action:** Clerk to progress

(ii) **Temporary Toilet Hire: Resolved:** It was agreed to proceed with the provision of a temporary toilet for Felbridge Village Hall grounds as budgeted. **Action:** Clerk to get quote and report back.

## 7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr. Steeds submitted a report through the Clerk. The restructuring at Surrey Highways continues and she will work to progress issues such as the Star Junction and outstanding road projects within Felbridge. She confirmed that Surrey County Council's budget had been approved for a total precept increase of 4.99%.

## 8. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

None received.

## 9. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS/UPDATES

**Water Station:** Cllr. Clarke noted the disruption caused by Felbridge Village Hall grounds being used as a pick up point for bottled water for residents of nearby areas without mains water.

**Surrey Police County Lines Meeting:** Cllr. Jo King will attend and report back.

**Footpath 257** is closed due to at least one fallen tree.

## 9. SURREY HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/TDC :

**Roadworks:** Overnight closures for resurfacing the A22 by WSCC were scheduled.

**Damaged Trees:** TDC responded promptly to reports of two damaged trees. The first was leaning over the footpath between McIver Close and Felbridge Village Hall and was cut back. A chestnut tree at the Village Hall entrance was damaged by a bus. TDC responded and removed a branch.

Cllr. King suggested that the prompt service from TDC officers should be acknowledged. **Action:** Clerk to write a letter of thanks.

## 10. PLANNING

### (i) Applications in Felbridge

Applications considered at the Planning Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022:

**2021/2068 Former Stables, 56 Hobbs Industrial Estate, Eastbourne Road, RH7 6HN**

**Resolved:** No Action

**2021/2142 Land to the North of Walnut Marches, Crawley Down Road, RH19 2QJ**

**Resolved:** Felbridge Parish Council very strongly object to this proposal which is out of character with our rural village. It is not in keeping with local boundary materials and is a poor quality design. Felbridge Parish Council are not averse to gates but they need to be in keeping such as brick piers with post and rail fencing to the sides. Felbridge Parish Council also raise the issue that the entrance has not been built in accordance with plan 17-1167-PL1001 contrary to condition 1 of planning application 2019/2094 as the 'trees to be retained' marked on that drawing have all been felled.

Applications considered at the full Parish Council meeting:

**2022/74 St. Mary's, Woodcock Hill, Felbridge RH19 2RD**

**Resolved:** Felbridge Parish Council are concerned that while the structures may be sound, they may not be capable of being insulated to current building standards and energy efficiency without rebuilding. Felbridge Parish Council are also concerned that the narrow access may not be wide enough for Fire Engine access and are worried that the traffic using the track will increase with a move from 'infrequent car maintenance' to domestic use. The route along the length of the neighbouring property would have a detrimental impact upon the neighbour.

**2022/164 Orchard Hey, The Limes, Felbridge, RH19 2QY**

**Resolved:** No Action

**2022/243/PD Land to the rear of Mulberry Gate, Copthorne Road, Felbridge, RH19 2LJ**

**Resolved:** As discussed with Surrey County Council, there are now 421 dwellings either completed or nearing completion in the immediate area of Felbridge junction. The approved highways mitigations, or the mitigations assumed to be in place in their transport assessments, have not yet been implemented. The Highways impact assessment required by NPPF Para. 111 is therefore 421 plus the proposed two new dwellings in this application and not only an assessment of the two new dwellings on their own. Felbridge Parish Council strongly contend that the negative impact of 423 dwellings upon what is already recognised by SCC as a severe junction cannot be anything other than severe and therefore failing the requirements of the NPPF. Despite the junction already having been identified by SCC as severe, there is no impact assessment modelling of the A22/A264 Felbridge junction to support this application.

This site is in an area of development restraint and countryside protection and as such Felbridge Parish Council feel very strongly about protecting this diminishing green space providing valuable biodiversity. The application is weighted heavily upon the failure of MSDC to meet their housing targets. However, the latest figures presented as part of the DPD show MSDC exceeding their housing targets therefore removing the balance in favour of development of protected areas. The increase in vehicle movements generated by two domestic dwellings using the narrow track between 4 and 5 Mulberry Gate is likely to be detrimental to those properties. The design does not conform to the Approved Design Guide in terms of layout as an add on to the Mulberry Gate cul-de-sac.

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

None which directly affect Felbridge.

**(iii) TDC Planning Portal**

The Clerk has written to the Chief Planning Officer at Tandridge District Council raising concerns about issues accessing applications resulting in documents not always being freely available. There have been error messages or documents taking a very long time to download.

**(iv) Planning Enforcement**

It was noted that Felbridge Parish Council are not always being kept updated on the progress of reports made to officers.

**11. CLERK'S REPORT**

**(i) Annual Parish Meeting: Resolved:** It was agreed to defer the meeting due to lack of notice to secure speakers and promote attendance. The Annual Meeting will take place in May as planned.

**(ii) Correspondence:**

**Use of Drone:** Complaint by resident that a drone had been seen flying over a development off Crawley Down Road.

**11a Crawley Down Road;** Works to clear the site for the third MSDC development are starting. The Clerk has made contact with the developers and requested a copy of the Construction Management Plan and will provide local information on issues which should be addressed in the final version including avoiding school times and no parking on the Crawley Down Road.

**(iii) Sport & Leisure:** Table Tennis table has now been delivered and placed in the Village Hall grounds between the Shelter and Skateboard Ramp.

**(iv) Large Bonfires:** Resident has asked TDC Environmental Health to investigate large bonfires on which building materials were being burnt on a regular basis due to safety and concerns about hazardous materials.

**12. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Proposal to renew History Boards.

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

The next full Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April with a planning meeting scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> March.

The meeting closed at approximately 2100.

Patricia Slatter  
Clerk to Felbridge Parish Council

