



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 December 2021 at 7.30 pm in Felbridge Village Hall

Present:

Cllr. Georgina Chapman (Chairman)

Cllr. Joan Harwood

Cllr. Ian McBryde (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr. Jo King

Cllr. Bridget Huntington

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, Councillor Jeremy Clarke and County Councillor Lesley Steeds

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

None in addition to those already disclosed.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 4th November were approved and signed

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

(i) **Gatwick Northern Runway Consultation:** Cllr. Chapman attended the Gatcom meeting at which this consultation was discussed. A response on behalf of Felbridge Parish Council was circulated and approved and has been submitted by the Clerk.

(ii) **Surrey County Council Budget Consultation:** Information about this consultation had come to the attention of Felbridge Parish Council by chance. No information had been provided by SCC. While the social media post contained links to a number of documents, the headline was that SCC are planning a 4.5% increase in their precept for the financial year 2022-2023. It was considered that residents would not be able to easily access this information and that communication had been poor.

Action: Clerk to include on the Agenda for the next Planning Meeting so a formal response could be circulated and approved. **Action:** Clerk to share information on the Parish Council Facebook page.

(iii) **Tandridge District Council Local Plan:** A further meeting is scheduled for January.

5. FINANCE

(i) Receipts and Payments for November 2021

Date	To / From	Description	Amount	Current Account	Deposit Account
1 Nov		Brought Forward		£29786.98	£25043.33
		Receipts		0.00	
		Payments			
8 Nov	Clerk	Payroll October	£850.37	-£850.37	
9 Nov	NEST	Pension Contribution	£165.13	-£165.13	
24 Nov	HMRC	Tax and National Insurance	£281.89	-£281.89	
30 Nov	Wright	Bus Shelter Cleaning	£45.00	-£45.00	
		Sub-Total	£1342.39	-£1342.39	
		Transfers	Nil		
		Carried Forward		£28444.59	
		Bank Balances		£28444.59	£25043.33
30 Nov	Available Funds - Current a/c plus Deposit a/c			£53487.92	
30 Nov	Allocated Reserves (traffic calming £2k, bus shelter £6k, playground £15k, skateboard ramp £2k, grass cutting £1k)			-£26000.00	
30 Nov	General Reserve (Available Funds minus Allocated Reserves)			£27487.92	
Current Account statement was circulated to councillors on 1 st December 2021 along with the above record of receipts and payments for transparency and confirmation of accuracy					

6. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

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

7. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr. Moore reported that she had received an email from a resident concerned about development of the MSDC SA19 site off Crawley Down Road and the lack of funding for the Star Junction.

8. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS/UPDATES

Beef and Faggot Trust: Cllr. Harwood reported that she had attended the annual meeting and that twenty people were to receive small grants this year.

Vehicle Activated Sign, Woodcock Hill: Cllr. King reported that the sign did not appear to be working. **Action:** Clerk to report to Surrey Highways

Football Club: Cllr. King has reported damaged guttering and car park issues to TDC

Pavements: Cllrs. Huntington and McBryde have conducted a survey of pavements along the A22 and provided information and photographs for the Clerk so a map can be prepared for contractors who will be asked to clear the worst areas. A similar survey will be conducted on the A264 and Crawley Down Road. **Action:** Clerk to progress.

9. SURREY HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY:

Nothing new to report.

Cllr. Moore left the meeting.

10. **PLANNING**

(i) **Applications in Felbridge**

Applications considered at the full Parish Council meeting:

2021/1903 Chester Lodge, Woodcock Hill, Felbridge, RH19 2RD

Resolved: Felbridge Parish Council are concerned about this latest application for Chester Lodge. Again the application drawings show a very small red area lined, yet the applicant is the same as that for the last applications. The area they stated they had an interest over on the previous application is not red lined in this application. This hides the overall scale of their site and the ever growing built form upon it. Whilst it is accepted that each application is for relatively small additions, there appears to have been no consideration by Tandridge District Council of the cumulative impact upon the openness of the Green Belt. The graphic below shows the built footprint changes from 2005 to 2021. This obviously does not show the significant increase in hardstanding or take any account of built volume which is the criteria used to control the cumulative impact of domestic properties extensions within the Green Belt. While Felbridge Parish Council supports rural businesses, there is also a responsibility to protect the Green Belt.



2021/2047/TPO 5 Evelyn Close, Felbridge, RH19 2PL

Resolved: Defer to Tree Officer

2021/1503 Glenmore, West Park Road, Copthorne, RH10 3EX

Resolved: Felbridge Parish Council consider there to be insufficient information provided to enable councillors to comment on this application. The Design and Access statement is misleading; there is reference to a small ground floor extension and no clear information on the proposed extension. Councillors are disappointed that an application of this poor quality should have been validated and would welcome the opportunity to consider this application at a future date should the required full documentation be provided.

2021/1958 Park Farm, Woodcock Hill, Felbridge, RH19 2RB (Listed Building Consent)

Noted: When the Planning Officer was asked why there had been a delay in determining this application, their response was that this was due in part to the Historic Buildings Advisor not yet responding. This notification, issued shortly afterwards, indicates that the Historic Buildings element to this application had not been progressed when the application was initially submitted.

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

DM/21/3734 Land to South of Snow Hill And Adj. to Ladymead, Crawley Down

50 bed Care Home including means of access and parking

(iii) **MSDC Playground and Sport:** An officer from MSDC has approached the Clerk regarding an expected planning application for 200 houses off Crawley Down Road which is supported by MSDC. Even though any such application would be opposed by Felbridge Parish Council, their funding system means that funding for facilities such as play and sport need to be included at the start of any application. **Action:** Clerk to respond on behalf of Felbridge Parish Council.

14. CLERK'S REPORT

(i) **Correspondence:** Further complaints from resident regarding the damaged road surface near 11a Crawley Down Road. Highways response to Felbridge Parish Council was that the works would be completed but were not considered urgent. The resident has not made a report to Surrey Highways.

(ii) **Meeting Dates for 2022: Resolved:** It was agreed that since the date for the June meeting coincided with a planned Bank Holiday, that meeting would be brought forward one week. **Action:** Clerk to upload meeting dates to the website and circulate to councillors.

(iii) **Precept 2022-2023:** Tandridge District Council have been advised of Felbridge Parish Council's decision not to increase their precept for the financial year 2022-2023

15. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING

Proposal to renew History Boards.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

16. DATES OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL AND PLANNING MEETINGS

The next full Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday 3rd February with planning meetings scheduled for 16th December, 6th and 20th January.

The meeting closed at approximately 2040.

Patricia Slatter
Clerk to Felbridge Parish Council

