

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 6th April 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present:

Mr. Jeremy Clarke (Chairman)

Mrs. Joan Harwood

Mr. Ian McBryde

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

Mrs. Patricia Slatter (in attendance)

Ms. Georgina Chapman

Mrs. Linda Hainge

Mr. Brian Apps

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Mrs. Bridget Huntingdon. Councillor Michael Sydney did not attend the meeting.

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

Mrs. Joan Harwood declared a pecuniary interest in Planning Application 2017/489 and did not take part in the discussion or decision made in relation to this application.

3. **APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 2nd March 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 look at options available and report back.
- b. Gullege Bridleway – Linda Hainge and Ros White have submitted an application for GACT funding to cover the cost of resurfacing the Gullege. Felbridge Parish Council will contribute to the costs of resurfacing the land which falls within the parish boundary. **Action:** Linda Hainge to report back.

(ii) **Leisure and Health Actions:-**

- a. Fencing between Village Hall Grounds and Copthorne Road. The Clerk has asked Surrey Highways to remove the barrier on the footpath now that the fence blocks access to the road in that location. **Action:** Clerk to monitor.

(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

The first cut took place w/c 27th March. It was noted that the Felbridge cut was done using trimmers rather than mowers which would have given a more even cut.

5. **FINANCE**

<u>RECEIPTS</u>				
<u>FROM</u>				
DATE				TOTAL £
	Nil			0.00
				0.00
<u>PAYMENTS</u>				
<u>TO</u>				
DATE		DETAILS	CHQ	TOTAL £
02.03.17	P Slatter	Clerk's Sal - February	36	297.60
"	H M Revenue & Customs	Clerk's tax - February	37	74.40
"	P Slatter	Office All'ce & Expenses January	38	50.00
"	B Wright	Bus Shelter Cleaning - February	39	37.00
"	SLCC	Clerk's Training	40	48.00
"	Jeremy Clarke	Chairman's Expenses	41	36.90
"	Briasn Apps	RFO's Expenses	42	13.39
"	Nick Dance	Replacement Village Hall Fencing	43	2232.00
16.03.17	1st Felbridge Brownies & Guides			
		Towards replacement marquee	44	300.00
"	Surrey Wildlife Trust	Towards completion of new broadwalks	45	500.00
"	Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance			
		Towards running costs	46	250.00
"	J C Technical	CCTV Upgrade at Village Hall	47	1500.00
"	Harry Stebbing Workshop	3 Replacement Noticeboards	48	3415.80
	TOTAL			8755.09
	SUMMARY			
	31.03.17			
	Lloyds Bank - Current Account			6770.30
	Lloyds Bank - Business Reserve			20002.11
	Less outstanding cheques			-4465.80
	TOTAL BALANCES			22306.61
	Less reserves for new Village Gates, , traffic calming, new bus shelter & CCTV Update & playground re-surface			-15000.00
	AVAILABLE FUNDS			7306.61

(ii) **Section 137 Payments**

No requests were received in this period

6. **COUNCILLORS' FEEDBACK**

- (i) **Bollards Outside Village Hall:** The wooden posts outside the Village Hall will be replaced with weatherproof bollards. **Action:** Clerk to request samples of materials and colours from Glasdon so councillors can decide on colour options and confirm continuity of supply.
- (ii) **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
- (iii) **Parish Council Leaflet:** For discussion at May meeting.
- (iv) **Defibrillator Training:** Will take place on Tuesday 11th April at Felbridge Village Hall. First Responder Sam Ford will provide training. Around 20 villagers are expected to attend.

- (v) **Non-Attendance of County Councillor:** David Hodge has responded to the Clerk's letter regarding the non-attendance of the County Councillor and is arranging for representatives from Surrey Highways and FPC to meet. **Action:** Clerk to arrange meeting.
- (vi) **Oak Tree at Rowplatt Lane:** Linda Hainge reported that the oak tree near to no. 47 Rowplatt Lane needed to be trimmed. Clerk has asked Surrey Highways to undertake the works. **Action:** Clerk to follow up.
- (vii) **Noticeboards:** Replacement noticeboards have now been delivered and are of excellent quality. **Action:** Clerk to ask Nick Dance for a quote for erecting the new noticeboards and removing and disposing of the old boards at Furnace Wood, The Limes and Mill Lane.
- (viii) **Cross Boundary Consultations:** Jeremy Clarke reported that he and Ken Harwood had met Charlotte Parker (MSDC Planning) to discuss cross-boundary consultations and improve communication. Charlotte has agreed that comments from FPC can be made direct to MSDC and they will receive the same consideration as comments from residents. **Action:** Clerk to investigate how information on new MSDC applications near the village border can be tracked.
- (ix) **Broken Glass after Recycling Collections:** Ken Harwood reported that due to a missing filter, broken glass had fallen from the recycling vehicle. He alerted the contractor who quickly took action.
- (x) **Street Cleaning Team at TDC:** Ken Harwood wished to put on record his appreciation of the fast and efficient action of the Street Cleaning team at TDC for the fast and efficient removing animal carcasses.

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 two applications were considered at the Planning Meeting held on Thursday 16th March attended by Ian McBryde, Brian Apps, Joan Harwood, Linda Hainge and Jeremy Clarke.

TA/2014/385 Samares, Domewood, Copthorne, RH10 3HD

Resolved: No action

TA/2017/179 Oakridge, Herons Lea, Copthorne, RH10 3HE

Resolved: No action

Ken Harwood and Joan Harwood left the meeting.

TA/2017/489 Dawn Cottage, Stubpond Lane, Newchapel, RH7 6HU

Resolved: Felbridge Parish Council are concerned about such a large building in the Green Belt and would prefer to see a much smaller building for the specified purpose.

Joan Harwood re-joined the meeting.

TA/2017/500 5, The Glebe, Felbridge, RH19 2QT

Resolved: Felbridge Parish Council strongly object to this application as it represents over-development by completely filling the width of the plot at two storey height and is out of character with the adjacent area.

TA/2017/461 Ebor Lodge, London Road, Felbridge, RH19 2QS

Resolved: Felbridge Parish Council object to this application. The buildings are too close together for the proposed height. The apex height is inappropriate in this area and should be reduced to be similar to the existing dwelling. We also object to the removal of boundary screening trees and bushes and the proposed replanting with trees (see proposed trees coloured orange on plan 4883-003 Ver A) which replace existing mature boundary screening.

TA/2017/314 – Felbridge Showground

Felbridge Parish Council strongly object to this proposal to construct an additional dwelling in the green belt. We understand the need for a dwelling adjacent to the site to meet the stated needs, but there are suitable unsold dwellings bounding the site and also non-green belt land adjoining the site that could be built upon to meet this requirement. Thus the very special circumstances for inappropriate development within the green belt are not met.

TA/2016/925 Land to rear of 64-70 Copthorne Road, Felbridge, RH19 2QQ

Resolved: Felbridge Parish Council consider that their original response was comprehensive and there is nothing more to add.

Ken Harwood re-joined the meeting.

9. **CLERK'S REPORT**

- (i) **Gate by Birch Grove:** Jeremy Clarke has been investigating options for a replacement oak gate. **Action:** Jeremy Clarke to report back when quotes have been received.
- (ii) **Tree Planting:** Two replacement trees along with a new tree donated by a resident will be planted within the next month. **Action:** Clerk to monitor
- (iv) **Developer/Contractor Vehicle Parking on Crawley Down Road** Despite considerable efforts on behalf of the Parish Council, contractor vehicles working on the Shanly Homes site on Copthorne Road continued to park on the Crawley Down Road near to the junction with the Copthorne Road are causing serious safety concerns. The Clerk and District Councillor reported these concerns to Surrey Police who have visited the site and will continue to monitor the situation. Anyone witnessing vehicles illegally parked within 10m of the junction is asked to contact the Clerk on clerkfpc@aol.com or call 101 to report the offence. **Action:** Clerk and Councillors to monitor.
- (v) **Damaged Dog Bin outside Village Hall:** Clerk has followed up with TDC who confirm it is on their repairs list but not considered urgent. **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. **Action:** Ian McBryde to report back.

10. **CONSULTATIONS**

(i) **Tandridge District Council Local Plan:** Proposals have been put forward for the creation of a single Garden Village at one of five locations. The nearest to Felbridge is the Blue Anchor site at Blindley Heath.

(ii) **Copthorne Village Plan:** Information is now available online. **Action:** Councillors to look at the plan content and circulate their comments.

12. **BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Planting new trees in the village
Replacement bench for Playground
CIL payments/projects

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

The next Parish Council Meeting (including the Annual Meeting) will be held on Thursday 4th May at 7.30pm, in the Committee Room. The next Planning Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 20th April at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at approximately 10.25pm.

Patricia Slatter
Clerk to Felbridge Parish Council

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