

FENITON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2007

Present: Cllr J Horrocks (Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs B Powell, J Selmes, Mrs K Tomkins, P Privett, M Smith, G Preston

In Attendance: Cllr R Giles (DCC), PC C Vickery

Apologies: Cllr N Spence (EDDC)

112. County and District Councillors Reports

Cllr Giles produced a written report (attached) which covered the local health care cuts, proposed further building at The King's School, the current situation concerning the Napoli (beached ship at Branscombe), the possibility of the provision of toilet facilities at Feniton Station, the Feniton flooding problem (where work is hoped to be carried out in the 2007/8 financial year), Station Road resurfacing, and the sale of Exeter Airport. Cllr Giles left the meeting after making his report.

113. Apologies

Apologies were accepted and approved.

114. Police Officer's Report

PC Vickery reported three crimes in the month; a theft of a cycle, a break in at the sewage works where a motor vehicle was burnt out, and the theft of a satnav system from a motor vehicle. PC Vickery asked that publicity be given to encourage the public to remove portable satnav systems from their vehicles when parked as this crime was now overtaking the theft of mobile phones. PC Vickery was thanked for his report and then left the meeting.

115. Declarations of Interest from Members and Officers

No declarations were made.

116. Planning Matters

- a. **07/0401/FUL two storey side extension, 23 Wells Ave.** Members recommended refusal on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site as it was felt that because the adjoining property was a bungalow, with

the entrance at the side, a two storey wall on the plot boundary would be too dominant.

- b. **06/3283/FUL two storey extension, conservatory and car port, Eaton Villa, Talaton Road. Granted** by EDDC though the Clerk stated there was some confusion over the car port element of the application and he had contacted EDDC to ask for clarification.
- c. **06/3167/FUL two storey extension to the rear, 51 The Signals. Refused** by EDDC on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site.
- d. **06/3386/FUL first floor extension over garage 1 The Signals. Granted.**
- e. **06/3296/LBC renewal of pitched roof Feniton Cottage. Granted.**
- f. **Alexander Paul Antiques.** EDDC require the removal of the advertising signs on the old A30 at Fenny Bridges or the application for advertising consent.
- g. **5 Feniton Gardens.** EDDC require the removal of the advertising on the parked trailer or the application for advertising consent from Mr Christopher.

117. To set the date for the 2007 Annual Parish Meeting.

It was Resolved to hold the 2007 Annual Parish Meeting in the Village Hall Annex at 7.30pm on **Monday 16th April 2007** after the **April Parish Council Meeting at 7pm.**

118. Finance

The following cheque payments were authorised:

1486	P J Higginson	£283.68	Clerk's salary and expenses Allotment water bill and cost Of road sign
1487	Inland Revenue	£77.92	Clerk's salary
1488	A Spry	£128.00	Handyman
1489	EDDC	£611.00	Annual Maintenance
1490	J Horrocks	£21.99	Village Plan

119. To Consider the Provision and Siting of a Second Council Noticeboard

It was agreed that the current noticeboard near to the school was not the ideal site and a site near to the Spar shop would cater for the maximum number of parishioners. It was **Resolved** the Clerk identify a confirmed site in the Spar shop area as a first step, and it was noted that a suitable board would cost in the region of £350.00. The existing board would remain in situ.

120. To Consider the Actions Identified in the Parish Plan

After discussion it was **Resolved** to delay the formulation of a plan of action until the June Council meeting, (after the elections in May), but once the Plan had been printed, the Clerk was to write to the various authorities asking them to adopt the Plan where appropriate.

121. Village Handyman's Report

Members noted the bus shelter roof in Station Road had now been repaired.

122. To Discuss the Grassed Area outside the Spar Shop

Cllr Mrs Powell stated the condition of this area was becoming unacceptable and was being damaged by vehicles and individuals. It was **Resolved** that the Council would pay for a "post and chain" fence to be erected around the area (to reflect the area around the tree in the old village) and for the grassed area to be made good. As the area was owned by DCC the Clerk was first asked to raise this proposal with Cllr Giles.

123. Correspondence

- a. **EDDC Play Area QE11 Recreation Ground.** The Council was pleased to note that Feniton was now on the short list for the proposal by EDDC to provide 5 all-weather play surfaces in the District and fully accepted the provisos laid down by EDDC.
- b. **Mr A J Powell the Coronation Tree.** Mr Powell had provided further information regarding the planting of this tree in 1937 and the Clerk was asked to contact those named by Mr Powell with a view to obtaining and centralising any relevant information they might be able to provide.
- c. **Devon Countryside Access Forum.** It was agreed to send this letter to Mr Brain.
- d. **EDDC 2007 Meeting with Town and Parish Councils.** This was to take place at The Knowle on Wednesday 27th June 2007.

124. Late Entry Correspondence

DCC Proposed Diversion of Footpath No 7 and No 18 (Buckerell). Members took note; the letter will be passed to Mr Brain.

125. Council Website.

Cllr Selmes reported the Feniton Football Club now had a link, and that the Parish Plan would go onto the site at the time it was published in hard copy. Several of those present made reference to the favourable comments they have received concerning the site.

126. Individual Member Responsibilities

The Chairman reported the Village Plan was now in the process of being printed. Cllr Mrs Tomkins was asked to prepare a Press Release for when the Plan was ready for distribution.

Cllr Smith reported the celebrations of the 30th Anniversary of the Twinning with Louvigny were likely to take place over the weekend 12/13 May 2007 and would centre on a function in the Hall on the Saturday evening. It was **Resolved** to spend up to £500.00 from the Council's Twinning Fund on this event.

127. Date of Next Meeting.

Monday 12th March 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Annex.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2055 hrs.

**Signed this 12th day of March 2007.....Presiding
Chairman**