

# FENITON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2006

**Present:** Cllr J Horrocks (Chairman)

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

In Attendance: PCSO Jay Bowden and 2 members of the public

Apologies: Cllr N Spence (EDDC), Cllr R Giles

### **Questions raised by the Public**

Mrs Kellow raised her concerns over the application to extend 93 Acland Park. She was advised the Council had discussed the matter at the April meeting when it was agreed to recommend refusal of the application, and that the decision was now one for EDDC to make.

### **162. Election of Chairman**

Councillor Dr John Horrocks was unanimously elected Chairman for 2006/7.

### **163. Election of Vice Chairman**

Councillor Martyn Smith was unanimously elected Vice Chairman for 2006/7.

### **164. Apologies**

Apologies were accepted and approved.

### **165. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2006 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**166. Police Officers Report**

PCSO Jay Bowden reported two crimes in the month; theft of a cycle and theft from a motor vehicle. Reference was also made to a recent incident at the church and the PCSO stressed that all incidents of persons acting suspiciously should be reported to the Police using the 999 system.

**167. County and District Councillors Reports**

No County or District councillor was present.

**168. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Mrs Tomkins made a non-pecuniary declaration of interest with regard to the planning application for 48 Wells Avenue.

**169. To Allocate Individual member Responsibilities**

Allocations were Resolved thus:

Planning	All councillors
Allotments	Cllrs Mrs Powell, Tomkins
Finance	All Councillors
Highways	Cllr Preston
Website	Cllr Selmes
Twinning	Cllr Selmes
Play Areas	Cllr Mrs Tomkins
Flooding	All Councillors
Village Plan	Cllr Dr Horrocks
Car parks	Cllr Smith
Other matters	any Councillor

**170. Planning**

**a. Applications:**

**06/1100/Ful** Christow, Colestocks Road – Porch. Recommended for acceptance.

**06/0983/Ful** 48 Wells Avenue – 2 storey extension and garage. Recommended for acceptance.

**b. EDDC decisions:**

05/3255/Ful Feniton Playing Fields Association – football stand. Granted

06/0166/Ful 20 York Close – extension. Granted

06/0435/Out 9 Bath Close – dwelling. Granted.

**c. To review the Council’s handling of planning applications.** The Clerk advised Members on the “ideal” procedure for the handling of applications but recognised that the severe time constraints in which to consider applications and respond to EDDC caused considerable variations at town

and parish level. After discussion it was agreed to consider how the Council should handle planning applications at the July meeting.

**171. Finance**

a. **May payments.** The following payments were authorised:

Wicksteed Leisure	£1923.42	Ely Close Play area facility
Playsafety Ltd	£74.03	Play area inspection fee
P J Higginson	£242.07	salary, expenses, water
Inland Revenue	£77.92	income tax
A Spry	£224.00	Handyman (2 months)
Allianz Cornhill	£393.67	insurance premium
Feniton village hall	£175.00	annual use fee

b. **Consideration of an application for a grant by the Yeti Project**

It was Resolved **not** to make a grant for 2006/7 but to consider the application in the autumn for a 2007/8 grant.

**172. Village Handyman's Report**

Mr Spry had nothing to report. The Chairman stated the notice board roof was in need of repair and it was agreed Mr Spry be asked to repair it. It was also agreed to put the Village Handyman contract out to tender in the autumn for 2007, 2008 and 2009.

**173. Correspondence**

Members were advised that Mr Harvey had written further to express his view that the Precept for 2006/7 was too high, as were the reserves held by the Council and that he expected the 2007 Precept to return to a lower figure. Members took note.

**174. Late Entry Correspondence**

a. **Honiton Ring & Ride.** Cllr Preston kindly offered to put his name forwarded as a committee member and the Clerk would advise the Co-ordinator appropriately.

b. **Local Authority Byelaws Discussion Paper.** This was taken by Cllr Mrs Tomkins.

c. **EDDC Play Funding.** This was handed to Cllr Mrs Tomkins.

**175. Parish Council Website.**

Cllr Selmes advised that a map of the old village was now on the site as was a mail box for village "notices" on the home page. Mr Lanning was now preparing a page to cover the church. In response to a question by Cllr Mrs Powell, the point that the website should be developed to cater for the needs of the parish as a whole.

**176. Individual Member Responsibilities**

Cllr Mrs Tomkins reported that one tenant had erected a shed on their plot. This was contrary to the Allotment Rules and the Clerk would investigate and write to the tenant as necessary. Mrs Tomkins also raised the matter of trees on the edge of one plot and the Clerk advised this matter had already been dealt with. The tenant had been advised the trees were not to exceed 6feet in height.

The Chairman stated that the Village Plan work was now on hold pending the receipt from DCC of the data from the completed questionnaires.

**177. Date of Next meeting.** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2006 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Annex.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2035 Hrs.

**Signed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2006 .....Presiding  
Chairman**