

# FENITON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MAY 2007

**Present:** Cllr M Smith (Chairman)

**Councillors:** Mrs B Powell, P Privett, G Preston, Mrs K Tomkins, M Jolly

**In Attendance:** 3 members of the public

**Apologies:** PC Vickery

All Members completed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms and handed them to the Clerk prior to the start of the meeting.

### **1. Election of Chairman**

In the absence of the Council Chairman (Cllr Dr J Horrocks), Cllr Smith took the Chair for this item. Cllr Smith was unanimously elected Council Chairman for 2007/08 and welcomed all Members to this the first meeting of the new Council.

### **2. Election of Vice Chairman**

Cllr Privett was unanimously elected Council Vice Chairman for 2007/08.

### **3. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were accepted and approved.

### **4. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2007 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### **5. Police Officer's Report**

No Police Officer was present.

### **6. County Councillor's Report**

Cllr Giles was not present.

## **7. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations were made.

## **8. To Consider Filling the Vacant Seat by Co-option**

After inconclusive discussion, the Chairman invited all Members to identify suitable persons who may be approached to consider being co-opted onto the Council. The aim was to select a person at the June meeting.

At this stage, the Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Dr & Mrs Broom to comment on their occupation of land at Skinners Ash Farm, Fenny Bridges, which had led to correspondence from EDDC. Dr & Mrs Broom were advised to submit a planning application and to contact EDDC and Ottery St Mary Town Council. In the circumstances, they were advised it would be inappropriate for Feniton Parish Council to make any comment in advance of a planning application being made (note the land in question is in Ottery parish). Dr & Mrs Broom left the meeting and the Chairman called the meeting to order.

## **9. To allocate Individual Member Responsibilities**

Responsibilities were allocated as follows:

Planning	All Members
Allotments	Cllrs Mrs Powell and Mrs Tomkins
Finance	All Members
Highways	Cllrs Privett and Preston
Website	Cllr Smith
Twinning	Cllr Mrs Tomkins
Play areas	Cllr Mrs Tomkins, Cllr Jolly
Flooding	All Members
Car Parks	Cllr Smith
Other matters	any Member

## **10. Village Plan – To Produce an Action Plan and Agree the Way Forward**

It was **Resolved** to adopt the draft Action Plan as produced by the Clerk (attached) and to hold a special Council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> May to discuss the detail of how to proceed on each item. In the meantime, Members agreed to lead on items as follows: Cllr Mrs Tomkins 8,10,13; Cllr Mrs Powell 9, 11, 17; Cllr Privett 4, 16; Chairman 18.

## 11. To Receive a Report from Cllrs Mrs Powell and Tomkins regarding Allotments 16 and 17

Cllrs Mrs Powell and Tomkins reported they had inspected the pond constructed by the tenant of allotments 16 & 17 and had also spoken with the tenant. After considerable discussion it was **Resolved** that it was both dangerous and inappropriate to have a pond on any allotment and the Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Pardey accordingly and instruct him to remove the pond within 28 days.

## 12. Planning Matters

- a. **07/1071/TRE** Longmeadows Lodge, various tree works – no objection.
- b. **07/1159/FUL** 96 Wells Avenue, conservatory – no objection.
- c. **07/0623/FUL** 1 Louvigny Close, erection of 2 metre high close board fence. Granted by EDDC.
- d. **07/0430/FUL** Otteregia, Colestocks Road, erection of 2 storey rear extension. Granted by EDDC.
- e. **07/0637/FUL** 63 Acland Park, two storey extension for store and en-suite bedroom. Refused by EDDC.

## 13. Village Handyman's Report

The Handyman had nothing to report. The Clerk reported Mr Spry had been elected as a Member of Talaton Parish Council.

## 14. Finance

The following payments were authorised:

501	P J Higginson	£218.24	Salary/expenses
502	Inland Revenue	£77.30	Clerk's salary
503	Playsafety Ltd	£74.03	Play area inspection fee
504	D Brian	£39.73	Footpath co-ordinator expenses
505	MNR Mowers	£241.00	Footpath hedge trimmer/helmet
506	Feniton Youth Centre	£607	2006/07 Section 137 grant
507	South West Water	£14.34	Allotments water bill
508	DAPC	£16.70	Village Green
509	Allianz Cornhill	£394.99	Insurance premium
510	Feniton Village Hall	£300.00	Section 137 grant
511	Feniton Toddlers	£250.00	Section 137 grant
512	East Devon CAB	£30.00	Section 137 grant
513	TRIP	£150.00	Section 137 grant
514	Honiton Library	£30.00	Section 137 grant
515	Tale Valley Trust	£50.00	Section 137 grant

516	Victim Support	£30.00	Section 137 grant
517	WRVS	£30.00	Section 137 grant
518	A Spry	£131.25	Village handyman

**15. Correspondence**

- a. **Mrs C A Cousens – Fly Infestation.** The Clerk briefed members on the action taken to date by EDDC to combat the fly infestation. A report would be placed in the village magazine and on the website.
- b. **Mrs P Fordham – lay-by Feniton Gardens.** Members took note. It had already been confirmed by EDDC and the Police that parking in this lay-by was within the law.
- c. **Communities and Local Government – Model Code of Conduct.** A new Code of Conduct had been passed by Parliament and the Clerk would lay it before the Council for adoption in due course.
- d. **Devon Whells2work – funding bid.** It was agreed to consider this application in the autumn.

**16. Late Entry Correspondence**

- a. **DAPC – Nominations for County Committee.** No nominations were put forward.
- b. **DCC – Footpath 7 Diversion Order.** Members took note.
- c. **DCC – Exeter Unitary status application.** Members took note.
- d. **DCC – Minerals Policy.** The Chairman took the correspondence.
- e. **EDDC Dr & Mrs Broom – land at Skinners Ash Farm.** Members took note.

**17. Individual Member Responsibilities**

Cllr Preston reported that the property at Tool Gates Corner had made an entrance onto Green Lane and he was not aware of planning consent. The Clerk will report this to EDDC.

It was also reported that the parking lines outside the Spar Shop had faded. The Clerk will report this to EDDC.

**18. Date of next Meeting. Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2007 at 7.30pm (Village Plan only), and Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at 7.30pm.**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 2120 hours.**

.....**Presiding Chairman**  
11<sup>th</sup> June 2007