

# FENITON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2008

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

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

**In Attendance:** Cllr Graham Brown (EDDC), 3 members of the public, John Masters

**Apologies:** Cllr Roger Giles (DDC)

### **Questions from the Public**

Mr D G White asked the council to consider rejecting a planning application relating to Oak Tree Farm. The chairman stated that Feniton Parish Council had not received any application relating to this and as such were unable to pass any comment. Cllr Jolly suggested that East Devon District Council be approached so copies of applications which could impact Feniton Parish despite being outside the boundary could be sent to Feniton Parish Council for consideration.

Mr John Partridge asked if the Toddler Group could use part of the QEII Play Area for a bouncy castle on the 21<sup>st</sup> June.

The council agreed provided written evidence of the Liability Insurance could be provided by the company running the attraction.

### **180. To elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman**

Cllr Pete Privett nominated Cllr Martyn Smith as Chairman, Cllr Mrs Peggy Blackmore seconded.

Cllr Mrs Peggy Blackmore nominated Cllr Pete Privett as Vice Chairman and Cllr Mrs Brenda Powell seconded.

### **181. Apologies for absence**

PC James Tyrell and Cllr Roger Giles (DCC).

### **182. Minutes**

The amended minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman. The amendment related to an inaccurate cost of tyre disposal by the handyman and was corrected by the Chairman.

### **183. Declarations of interest**

No declarations were made.

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

A written report from PC Tryrrell detailed 1 crime during April, an attempted burglary. There were also 8 non crime minor incidents.

#### **185. County and District Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Graham Brown (EDDC) reported the ongoing matter of the Unitary Council Boundary Review and said EDDC's preferred option was to join with Exeter City Council and parts of Mid Devon and Teignbridge, although Cllr Brown thought it would be unlikely that this proposal would be successful.

Cllr Brown also commented with approval on the large turnout for the meeting regarding the playing fields on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

#### **186. Consideration of Planning Matters**

- a. **08/0487/FUL 5 Mount View** – extension.  
EDDC recommended approval.
- b. **08/0455/FUL 8 Greenacres Close**  
EDDC recommended approval.
- c. **08/0277/FUL 104 Wells Avenue** - extension  
EDDC recommended approval.
- d. **08/0593/FUL 19 Salisbury Ave** – extension  
EDDC recommended approval.
- e. **08/0747/FUL 1 Lincoln Close** –extension.  
EDDC recommended approval.

#### **186. Finance**

The following payments were authorised:

1561	South West Water	£12.28	Allotment water supply
1562	A Spry	£166.25	Village handyman
1563	David Brain	£91.37	Parish Paths Partnership expenses
1564	Alliance Insurance	£411.56	
1565	MNR Mowers Ltd	£266.02	New Strimmer for Parish Paths
1566	South West Countryside Contractors	£79.50	Replacing / installing styles and handrails on village paths

#### **187. Correspondence**

- a. **Vitalise** – Request for funding from a national charity - declined. The council agreed to donate money only to charities which directly benefit Feniton Parish residents.

- b. **Dog Waste** – A letter was considered from Mr Tom Green, a technical officer at Streetscene, EDDC. He stated that SITA, the contractors who empty Feniton’s litter bins were concerned about the health risks to SITA employees of dealing with dog waste thrown in to local litter bins.

The Parish Council were very pleased to note local residents had been following EDDC guidelines to bag and bin dog waste. The council agreed Feniton residents should continue to follow EDDC’s guidance and it was resolved to write to Mr Green explaining this.

- c. **Devon County Parish Paths** – A grant of £305 pounds was received from DCC to cover costs of the Parish Paths Partnership. Cllr Smith raised concerns that the council had spent more than this during the last month alone on the PPP and Cllr Privett said that the council should have money held in account from previous years’ grants. The Chairman pointed out the council was unable to check this as the accounts were away for audit.
- d. **EDDC Development Control questionnaire results**  
58 of the 67 councils responded. Analysis of the results showed communication between EDDC and Parish Councils could be improved.
- e. **EDDC Choice Letting Scheme**  
A letter from EDDC stated a new system of allocating council houses, with all available houses being advertised for bidding. Cllr Jolly suggested this could be a way to support local people getting local housing.
- f. **EDDC Unitary Bid**  
Members took note.
- g. **DCC Health and Social Care Devon Town Profiles**  
Members took note.

### **188. Late Entry Correspondence**

The Council received a letter from EDDC regarding the Gypsy and Traveller Issues and Options Report. A consultation paper was included which Cllr Jolly took to provide comments and pass round to members.

### **189. Report of the Playing Fields meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

Cllr Smith chaired the meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April and reported a good turnout and much enthusiasm from local people. The meeting resulted in a fund raising committee which requested support and advice from the Parish Council.

The Council agreed that a clear vision of how the Fields were to be maintained and managed in the future needed to be documented, agreed by and communicated to all interested parties.

**190. Village Handyman's Report**

Mr Spry's written report detailed extra time for grass cutting, which was approved by the council.

**191. Individual Member Responsibilities**

Cllr Privett and Cllr Mrs Blackmore reported they had interviewed all applicants for the position of Clerk. They recommended Mr John Masters for the role on a three month trial. Cllr Privett recommended and Cllr Mrs Powell seconded.

Cllr Mrs Tomkins reported local consultation was being organised regarding the Multi Use Games Area planned at the QEII.

**192. Parish Council Website**

Cllr Smith reported having difficulties with updating the website. The host company had relocated so it is anticipated that these issues should resolve themselves for the next meeting.

**193. Date of next meeting**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2008,**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.46pm.

..... **Chairman 9<sup>th</sup> June 2008**