

# FENITON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015

**Councillors present:-** Cllr M Smith (Chairman), Cllr Ives (Vice Chairman), Cllr Blackmore, Cllr Gibbins, Cllr Withrington

**Also present:-** Bridget Floodgate (Parish Council Clerk), Cllr Bond (EDD), and 5 members of the public.

1. Questions from the public:- A resident of Salisbury Avenue spoke about his upset that we were still no closer to installing the pipework to link with the drain. Cllr Bond provided an update and confirmed that the process was moving forward, the costs involved were £4-5,000 to install. Keith Steel is having a meeting with Martyn Hutchings at DCC regarding the funding which could not be taken from the flood alleviation costs. Cllr Bond confirmed that the flood risk responsibility lies with DCC. The Resident pointed out that 10 properties were at risk of flooding until something is done about the pipe. Cllr Bond confirmed Keith would be attending with the finance officer this week and that she would continue to progress the situation on behalf of the council. The resident also suggested that the cutbacks at DCC affected the road clearance of weeds and debris and asked if the flower show could have an award for the best kept road to encourage residents to help keep them clear. The council felt the suggestion would not be popular with residents.

A resident spoke of her concerns regarding the foul smell affecting hers and surrounding properties adjoining the Wainhomes site. She asked if WH were connected to the mains. She had sent her e-mail to Martin Dunn at SWW to be investigate and was waiting for a response. Her concern was that a further tank had been installed in the past week and was wondering if that was a sewerage tank. The matter was discussed further and Cllr Bond agreed to allow Martin Dunn to respond before chasing the matter up.

2. Apologies for absence:- Keith Steel Senior Engineer EDDC, PCSO Steve Trail, Cllr Wright DCC.

3. To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015:- The Chairman asked those present if they were happy that they were a true record and those councillors were in agreement. The Chairman Initialled and signed the documents

4. Declarations of Interest or Pecuniary Interest from Members and Officers:- Cllr Gibbins declared an interest in relation to Colesworthy Farm and Higher and Lower Gosford Farm and a property in Coventry Close.

5. Police Officer's Report:- The report was read by the Chairman who noted one crime for the period 8<sup>th</sup> June until 9<sup>th</sup> July 1 x recorded crime of harassment

6. Keith Steel – Flood Alleviation Scheme:- **Feniton Flood Alleviation Scheme Update – 13.07.15 Fencing and access:** Fencing and access has all been agreed. Revised plans are still awaited from Phil Simcox for Plots 10 and 13. **Phase 1:** Phase 1 has gone out to Tender. This includes the ditch work at Gosford Farm and Metcombe and Sweethams Cottage ditches. Tenders are due back 31 July 2015. EDDC hopes to start work middle/end of August, but this will depend on land owner discussions. Patrick Woodford is still awaiting legal advice on the notice that needs to be served to enable the work to proceed before the land is acquired for Phase 1. **Phase 2:** Drawings have been sent through for Phase 2 works, which Keith Steele will look at the week commencing 20 July. This includes work at Iron Gate Lodge, Pines Cottage and the Oaks.

7. Flood Wardens Report:- Since the last Parish Council meeting in June, Feniton has suffered a couple of torrential downpours. The Rain Intensity Alarm sounded, and text alerts were sent out to all wardens. This coincided with Salisbury Avenue being flooded. Bill Knollman was out sweeping the drains which eventually took the water away. The Alarm sent out texts during the recent weather and is therefore working. The Clerk was instructed to source a further dumpy bag of sand for the allotment car park.

8. Neighbourhood Plan:- The Chairman confirmed that the Neighbourhood plan was making good progress. There have been a number of consultation exercises and the recent one at the Fun Day had over 150 people providing data. Most people have at least had opportunity for providing their views which have been collated and entered into spread sheets. The NP steering group were in the process of writing a draft questionnaire. The FPC have decided a smaller focus group

is needed to take the questionnaire forward and make sure the questions are relating to issues raised by the village and to ensure the questionnaire addresses them. The FPC will try and get the questionnaire ready submission to Tim Spurway the NP officer for advice. Hopefully the FPC can then progress to distribution. Then we will be in a position to pass to Stuart Todd who will take us through the rest of the process. There has been a huge amount of hard work done by the group. Thanks to Malcolm Armstrong who has taken us to the point of progressing to conclusion. Cllr Bond confirmed there were 3000 pieces of data generated towards it so it will be robust. The Chairman continued that the FPC is also able to have input, as a lot of matters have been brought to the council for resolution and these issues will be used to inform the questionnaire, based on the historic information. Funding had been agreed to £3,315 for the consultants work but the steering group had completed their work with no financial assistance so far.

9. Parishes together:- The Clerk confirmed that she was continuing to progress the scheme but was still struggling to source cost effective contractors. She suggested that a representative of the councils should meet as soon as the funding was available to try and progress the process and ensure that no group acts independently.
10. Car Park:- The Chairman confirmed that it was a tough job as the plainings were not the best quality. We had been lent the roller by C Plant and diggers from Dunns had been sourced through Spence Excavation. Spence Excavation also kindly supplied all the labour at cost and the overall cost was approx. £500 plus VAT. The Chairman knew all the hard work that had gone into the car park and was very pleased with the result they had managed to again. He also thanked the local farmer who provided the trailers FOC and removed the spoil. The Clerk was instructed to arrange for the handy man to remove all the surrounding low branches and to weed kill around the edges of the new surface.
11. Memorial tree:- The Clerk informed the meeting she had met with Mike Brown DCC and reiterated the councils request and preferred location for memorial trees. She is waiting for a response.
12. County and District Councillors' Reports:- Cllr Wright see Appendix A. Cllr Bond see Appendix B
13. Finance:- To authorise July and August payments – All payments were authorised
  - a) Bridget Floodgate Salary - £409.50 chq 2252
  - b) Alex Spry Salary - £228.85 chq 2253
  - c) HMRC – PAYE £41.40 chq 2254
  - d) Bridget Floodgate Expenses - £154.36 chq 2255
  - e) Zurich Insurance Annual cover - £414.90 chq 2256
  - f) Garden & Countryside grass cutting - £180.00 chq 2257
  - g) South West Water allotment bill £35.66 chq 2258
  - h) Spence Excavations Car Park works - £612.00 chq 2262
  - i) Bridget Floodgate Salary - £399.60 chq 2259
  - j) Alex Spry Salary - £107.50 chq 2260
  - k) HMRC – PAYE £19.00 chq 2261

To countersign new bank forms:- Forms countersigned and Cllr Blackmore agreed to pass to the bank

14. Correspondence:-
  1. E-mail from Val Jones – Foul smell in Green Lane etc Discussed in item 1
  2. E-mail from Jane Hembury & Mark Taylor 38 Ely Close – wishing to purchase council land at Ely Close play park. The council discussed the matter and were unanimous in their refusal to sell part of the play area. They also discussed the claim that the boundary fence was not in the correct position in relation to the deeds held by the residents and said before any decision could be made the deeds would need to be seen. The Clerk was asked to respond.
  3. E-mail from Vanessa Prettejohn – use of QEII grassed area for a bouncy castle/hiring the youth centre. The council discussed the matter in particular the need for 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability insurance and prohibiting other villagers using the space. The Council agreed that they would only consider the request if 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Liability insurance could be obtained and the Clerk was asked to clarify with Zurich if there would be issues with any further liability.
  4. Village Hall Committee – Passed thanks for the car park resurfacing work it was considered a massive improvement making more spaces available and was very much appreciated

15. Planning matters:- No new applications

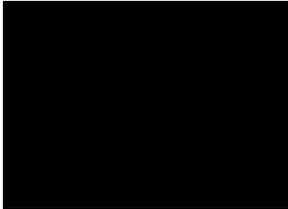
16. Village Handyman's Report:- Grass cutting 07/06, Bramble removal Ely Close, Grass cutting 05/07 3 hrs per job.

Ward issues: Throughout the whole of last month, I was dealing with fly problems right across the village, caused by the fly sheds on Green Lane. EDDC's Environmental Health Officer inspected the sheds and worked with the farmer to resolve the issue. She also collected sticky fly papers from residents who were monitoring the situation for her. Current situation is that this infestation is over, but should it recur, it's really important to contact the Environmental Health Officer on 01395 517456 or email [environmentalhealth@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:environmentalhealth@eastdevon.gov.uk) who will help.

Refuse & Recycling contract: Trial will start in Feniton on 9<sup>th</sup> September. Village will be leafleted by EDDC, large bags for storing recycling will be distributed. Recycling champions have come forward in the village and the village has been commended for being so enthusiastic and proactive.

Attenuation tanks: The Chairman noted that Devon County had taken the matter seriously and responded with a comprehensive supply. Cllr Bond asked how she could take it forward. The council discussed the matter and noted the assurances from DDC that the scheme was ok. The Chairman read the response to the meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk would forward the information to the consultant who wrote the report for his comments before deciding how to proceed.

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