

NOTICE OF MEETING 5th March 2026

Feckenham Parish Council

Back Room Village Hall.

In attendance: Cllr Alan Smith (Chair), Cllr Ian Bellion (Vice-Chair), Cllr Jacqui Barrett-Meade, Cllr Sue Eacock (WCC), Cllr Chris Hoyz (RBC)

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr Paul Downes, Cllr Erica Guise, Cllr Karen Reynolds, Cllr Rob Oaten.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary and nonpecuniary interests (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) which are to be with the clerk as soon as possible prior to a meeting.

c) TO CONSIDER GRANTING REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Requests for dispensation must be made on an individual basis.

3. MINUTES: To consider the approval of the Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 5th February 26. Minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting. All agreed.

4. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT. Cllr Eacock advised there had been complaints raised about speeding traffic on Sillins Lane. West Mercia Police are aware and have visited conducting speed checks. WCC have been made aware of a large solar farm in and around the area. Due to its potential size the planning application will be dealt with by the secretary of state.

5. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT. Cllr Hoyz said the Borough Council elections will now be going ahead in May. The Council has now set its budget with an increase of 2.99%.

6. OPEN FORUM

The Parish Council meeting will be suspended for 15 minutes. Residents are invited to give their views and question to the Parish Council on issues on this agenda or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chair.

Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting.

7. PLANNING.

Planning comments given since last meeting: 25/000018/CM Land off Saltway (Worcestershire Regulatory Services). The PC objected to the planning application. For full details please see the website of FPC or WRS website.

For Council Consideration 26/00091/FUL Q21 The Cottage, Trickses Lane.

b. RBC Approvals: 25/10437/FUL & 25/01508/LBC 10 High Street.



c. RBC Refusals: 25/01102/FUL Horse Walker @ Old Yarr.

d. RBC Pending:

24/01057/scop Innova Renewables Ltd. BESS scoping opinion.

25/00628/FUL Greenergy BESS.

25/00888/FUL Wheaten Hill. BESS.

21/00249/FUL. Land North of Droitwich Road.

24/00604/FUL 43 Alcester Road for a Domestic garage to front of main property and associated landscaping work.

24/00538/FUL Access on land south of Astwood Lane.

25/01232/LBC & 25/01231/FUL Old Berrow Farm.

26/00038/PIP Land adjacent to Yeates Acre- Up to 2 dwellings.

26/00039/PIP Land adjacent to Rockhill Farm- Up to 5 dwellings.

e. RBC Withdrawn: 23/00192/FUL. Cross Boundary application for W/23/00270/FUL, Roundhill Solar Farm.

23/01308/FUL. about the Land at Rockhill Lane, Astwood Lane. Roundhill Solar Farm.

W/23/00270/FUL. Roundhill Solar Farm (Wychavon Planning Authority).

f. RBC Appeals: None.

g. RBC Permission Required: None.

8. FINANCE

As the Parish Council now have accounts package you will find the latest figures added to the agenda / minutes which will show all payments and account balances. The PC accepted the reconciliation figures and all payments agreed as detailed on Scribe transactions report.

9. NEW AGENDA ITEMS

a. To consider further Local Government Review re-consultation on either one or two Unitary councils within Worcestershire. The PC felt there was insufficient information available to enter a formal response. Concerns were raised as to the role of the parish council post Unitary Councils. The PC felt if there was two Unitary Authorities, there seemed little point to change from what currently exists. All agreed.

b. Worcestershire Waste Local Plan: Early baselining and engagement consultation. The PC chose not to make a comment but to check with CALC.

- c. To adopt or offer changes to Model Standing Orders.** The PC agreed to adopt Model Standing orders but to keep secret ballots as part of the co-option procedure.
- d. To adopt a Data Retention policy in line with GDPR.** The PC agreed to adopt the data retention policy which will be uploaded to the website.
- e. To agree to adopt or offer changes to the model scheme of delegation to the clerk.** Agreed to readopt the model scheme of delegation to the clerk.
- f. To agree/adopt an Internal Financial controls & payment policy.** All in agreement to adopt said policy.
- g. Annual Parish Meeting.** After discussion it was decided to go ahead with the APM.
- h. To adopt GDPR policy in line with IT policy and Data Roadmap.** Adopted, all in agreement.

10. CLERK'S UPDATE

- A. Schedule of Correspondence for Consideration (not already noted). The clerk was notified of a potential grant application from Severn Waste Services Community Action Fund. Details have been sent to groups within Feckenham.
- B. Schedule of Tabled Correspondence Received (not already noted). Reports were made to the environment agency about a fallen tree on Bowbrook. The EA said they had assessed the risk and felt there was no raised significant flood risk to properties.
- C. Schedule of Correspondence Sent (not already noted). A report made to WCC about a small bridge in the field behind Winfield's had been received. The bridge has been closed until it is repaired.

11. PROGRESS REPORTS

- a) **Flood works and Highways.** The next meeting has been arranged for Friday 6th March, and it is hoped there will be more funding news mid-March.
- b) **Parish Neighbourhood Plan.** The PC has asked the planning department to consider adding Feckenham as a separate page to the New Local Plan using the report commissioned by the PC which has been sent to the Borough Council. A decision is awaited.
- c) **Housing Needs Survey.**
The housing needs survey has been analysed, and the results have been fed into the Parish Neighbourhood plan. Now available on the parish website.

- d) **To open a higher interest account.**
This will be done as soon as time allows.
- e) **Initial discussion on potential Community Project at the Winfield's site.** No updates.
- f) **WCC Highways- Planning Department to request HGV's and other large vehicles do not use the High Street for access.**
The PC have asked for the Highways planning Team to attend the next Highways / Flood meeting.
- g) **Website specific page on BESS /Solar information.**
The website developer has been asked to create a separate page.
- h) **Website specific page for FVAT (Feckenham Village Amenity Trust).**
i) The website developer has been asked to create a separate page.
- j) **Volunteer Parish Path Warden.** The clerk has been contacted with the details of someone who maybe interested. The existing path warden is happy to chat through the role.
- k) **Project Gigabit.** No update.
- l) **Healthy Worcestershire.** Cllr Eacock is hopeful Feckenham will be offered the dial a ride bus service from April.
- m) **Unitary Authority.** Decision awaited mid- June.
- n) **Boom Power BESS Facility.** No updates.
- o) **Innova BESS scop application.** No updates.
- p) **Feedback from Feckenham Energy Action Group.** No updates.
- q) **Feckenham Emergency Plan.** The group is due to have its first Zoom meeting mid-March.
- r) **Jislon Satellite and Milestone Islands.** To consider improving visibility of the satellites due to discolouration. It was agreed the PC would order the sleeves which will improve their visibility on Droitwich / Alcester Road. All agreed.

12. COUNCILLORS REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councillors may use this opportunity to report matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas.

DATE & VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

7:45pm on 2nd April 2026 at Feckenham Village Hall.

All welcome to attend.

Please note there will be an annual parish meeting at 7.30pm which may delay the start of the parish council meeting at 7.45pm.

Public Forum:

There were two members of public in attendance but did not wish to address the council.

It appears the post box is blocked from use. According to Royal Mail the post box will be able to take parcels. Whilst it is blocked there is a second post box as you leave the village by Astwood Lane opposite the houses before Winfield's. It is quite hard to see as it is in the hedgerow.

West Merica Police were in attendance and gave an update on recent burglaries which had improved in Feckenham with no reported burglaries. There was a recent reported theft of a stolen trailer from Astwood Bank industrial estate. West Merica Police have upgraded Tru cam speed cameras which are handheld but with a much greater degree of speed accuracy. ^{b.} numbers

They had received a complaint of the VAS machine on Alcester Road as the member of public felt it was too close to the reduction from 40 to 30.

The police are holding an event to raise awareness of rural and domestic crimes on Saturday 21st March.

Meeting closed at 9pm

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