# NOTICE OF MEETING

## Feckenham Parish Council

## Feckenham Village Hall, Back Room

## Thursday 4th June at 7.30pm.

**In attendance:** Cllr Alan Smith (Chair), Cllr Jacqui Barrett-Meade, Cllr Paul Downes, Cllr Rob Oaten, Cllr Brandon Clayton (RBC).

**1. APOLOGIES:** Cllr Ian Bellion (accepted reason), Cllr Erica Guise (accepted reason), Cllr Karen Reynolds (accepted reason).

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:** None.

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 none.

Requests for dispensation must be made on an individual basis.

**3. MINUTES:** To consider the approval of the Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 14th May 26. The minutes were agreed as a true representation of the meeting.

**4. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT. None.**

**5. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.** Cllr Clayton updated the parish council on the changes at Redditch Borough Council as no one party had overall control at the recent elections. However, the conservatives, Reform and two independent councillors would take control. Technically labour and reform are in opposition. Similar results throughout the country. At Worcestershire County Council, conservatives formed coalitions with other parties including green A green councillor was elected leader of the council unless Reform vote him out.

The PC requested Cllr Clayton asks WCC Highways to attend the parish and pump out the drains from Dunstill court to Swansbrook Lane. The parish feel this work needs doing more frequently as it would help with flooding. If necessary, the parish would consider funding extra visits dependent upon costs. Cllr Clayton agreed to speak with Highways.

There is only 18 months until Unitary councils are established so there are unlikely to be elections next year. A decision on whether there is one or two unitary councils.

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**6.OPEN FORUM- One member of public in attendance but did not wish to raise any matters with the council.**

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.**

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**7. PLANNING.**

**Planning comments given since last meeting: None.**

**For Council Consideration**

**b. RBC Approvals:** 26/00038/PIP Land adjacent to Yeates Acre- Up to 2 dwellings.

**c. RBC Refusals:**

**d. RBC Pending:**

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

25/00628/FUL Grenergy 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.

26/00091/FUL Q21 The Cottage, Trickses Lane.

26/00395/FUL Old Yarr. Repair & alteration to stables.

**e. RBC Withdrawn:**

**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 parish council accepted the payments due and the reconciliation figures.

## 9. NEW AGENDA ITEMS

A. To purchase a replacement, wrap around tree bench for the village square and memorial for the late Mr Lionel Hill MBE as a thank you for his support and help for Feckenham. Agreed by council, it was noted James Barrett had provided the metalware around the trees the wooden seats only would need replacing.

B. To discuss a donation to Redditch First Responders training sessions for CPR / Defib training and agree on dates. The PC agreed to donate to the charity for defib sessions in the autumn.

C. Feckenham parish council Investment policy. (postponed from May 26). The PC are now required to have an investment policy. The PC adopted the model policy from NALC.

D. To adopt data protection policy and updates. The PC elected to adopt the data protection policy.

E. To update / adopt Risk Assessment Register. The PC agreed to update and adopt the policy and to remove Feckenham in Bloom when they become independent from the parish council. The clerk has recommended FIB have their own insurance and risk assessments.

F. To re-adopt revised Reserves policy. The reserves policies were updated with the likely drainage works were increased to £35,000. The PC adopted.

G. Councillors / Clerk Expenses Policy. Mileage increased to 55p per mile as government guidelines. Agreed to adopt said policy.

H. To re-adopt / update vexatious complaints policy. No changes suggested. Policy re-adopted.

**10. CLERK'S UPDATE**

A. Schedule of Correspondence for Consideration (not already noted).

B. Schedule of Tabled Correspondence Received (not already noted).

C. Schedule of Correspondence Sent (not already noted).

**11. PROGRESS REPORTS**

a) **Flood works and Highways.**
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) To open a higher interest account.**
**d) Winfield's site.**
**e) 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 on 26th June 26.
**f) Volunteer Parish Path Warden.**
**g) FVAT.**
**h) Project Gigabit.**
i) **Healthy Worcestershire.**
**j) Unitary Authority.**
**k) Boom Power BESS Facility.**
l) **Innova BESS scop application.**
**m) Feedback from Feckenham Energy Action Group.**

n) **Feckenham Emergency Plan.**
**o) Jislon Satellite and Milestone Islands.**
**p) Astwood Lane Community Speed Watch.**
**q) Arrow Valley solar. (Island Green Power IGP)**

## 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

**7:30pm 2nd July 2026 at Feckenham Village Hall.**

**All welcome to attend.**

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