

Notes on the Meeting of Felmersham and Radwell Parish Council held on

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011 in the Village Hall at Felmersham.

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2011 were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

The Chairman Peter Hartop read out a Statement, that in September the Mayor Dave Hodgson visited the meeting a number of matters were raised including the planning proposals for the field opposite the Hall and School, the problems of the overgrown hedge by the old cricket field. 20 mph speed limit, the lack of drain clearance and his experience in trying to get the Parish Councils views adopted in the Allocations and Designation Plan. The Mayor agreed to follow up these issues, A year on no communication or results have come about.

The final Draft of the Allocations and Designation Plan is now for consultation on the legality and soundness of the Plan . No changes have been proposed to the Village Settlement Area. The changes suggested by the Parish Council have not been recognized in the Plan, if no response is received the Chairman proposed that representations be taken to the appropriate Minister.

The Parish Council reported on planning. *felmersham.net does not publish details or report on planning.*

The Clerk explained the Governments proposals for councils to have Neighbourhood Plans which will be recognised in the Localisation Bill due to be passed in the Spring. Mrs Pipe gave details of the list of work to be carried out on the roads which included cleaning out of the drains. Concern was expressed once again about the water which ran across the road at Radwell which had dangerously frozen last winter, preventing the school bus to pass through the village. The Clerk would arrange for a highways officer to visit the village to discuss the problem. A new Salt Bin had been left on the verge where it had fallen over spreading the salt onto the road. White lines had been painted on Cooks corner but they had made it even more dangerous to walk along this part of the road.

Councillor Mc Murdo advised that the Ward Councillors Grant was available for applications to be sent to the Clerk.

A report was made on the need for a number of trees to be trimmed, advice would be sought from the Borough Council. The tree stump in the Burial Ground had been removed by the PCC contractor.

Information had been sought on charges made by other Parish Councils for their Burial Grounds, after discussion Mrs Keeble proposed that the charge for Burial be £200.00, burial of ashes £121.00 and for erection of a memorial £76.00 this was seconded by Mrs Pipe and agreed.

The phone box in Radwell had been damaged by a vehicle running into it, BT would be contacted. The decision on the public hearing report on the proposals for Twinwoods had been delayed.

Payments for the usual invoices was agreed, the half yearly precept payment from the Borough Council had been received. The Clerk gave a report on the comments that had been made in the External Audit and the recommendations were noted.

The Budget proposals for 2012/13 were circulated to the members. The proposals were discussed in relation to the responsibilities the council would face in the next financial year and proposed the precept be set at £15000.00, This would be the first increase for six years. Mr Just seconded the proposal it was then agreed.

The meeting closed. The next meeting will be held 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2012The report was accepted by the council.