

**DRAFT SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF MAIN COUNCIL ON 7TH
OCTOBER 2025**

**FELPHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PROJECTS & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 6.00 PM.**

PRESENT:

Chair: Councillor Kirsty Halls
Councillors: Gloria Moss, Russ Parkinson, Dave Smart
Councillors: Russ Marsden-Sear, Pat Young (Ex Officio)

PR 27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE :

Councillors: Antony Bassett, Bob Budd

PR 28. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None

PR 29. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

None

PR 30. CLERK'S REPORT:

None

PR 31. CORRESPONDENCE:

None

PR 32. TO VOTE TO ACCEPT COUNCILLOR RUSS PARKINSON AS A MEMBER OF THE PROJECTS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE.

Councillor Russ Marsden-Sear proposed that councillors accept Councillor Russ Parkinson as a member of the Projects and Community Involvement Committee. This was seconded by Councillor Pat Young and unanimously agreed.

PR 33. FUN ON THE PROM 2025 DEBRIEF

Councillor Russ Marsden Sear advised councillors that the event was cancelled at 5pm due to bad weather. Councillors had monitored the weather leading up to the event and held a meeting a week prior with the children's entertainer to consider weather forecasts. It was agreed that the event would proceed as conditions looked changeable and not of sufficient concern to cancel. Contact was made the day prior to the event with the acts. Continuous monitoring throughout the event by the Principal Safety Officer using the weather station on site meant that the difficult decision had to be made to cancel the event's live entertainment and laser show due to worsening conditions and high winds.

The acts went into the Sailing Club which was open to all residents for the evening and was well attended by non-members. A successful insurance claim has been made for the costs associated with cancellation of the laser show.

Feedback from residents on social media was overwhelmingly supportive that Felpham Parish Council had decided to go ahead and had made the effort to try and hold the event for residents.

Unfortunately, the weather conditions meant that attendance was low and so vendors and stallholders' takings were poor. Breakdown of the event was made worse in the poor weather and councillors thanked volunteers for their assistance with this.

There were no accidents or incidents of any kind on the day.

Lessons learnt:

A new first aid gazebo that is easier to erect and break down will be purchased for next year.

An earlier date in August will be considered as in the recent past, winds have been a problem towards the end of August.

A change of venue was discussed with options to be explored.

PR 34. FREAKY FELPHAM

Councillor Kirsty Halls confirmed that the event will be held on Sunday 26th October and will have a Harry Potter theme. It will be held in the village and Felpham Village Memorial Hall as per previous years. Councillors discussed the potential of three sessions with the addition of a hall based pre school event 11am-12pm, and the usual 2-4pm and 5-7pm sessions. Nick Cook is also booked for the day.

Councillor Dave Smart proposed that councillors agree three sessions and associated funds of an additional pre-school session. This was seconded by Councillor Gloria Moss and unanimously agreed.

PR 35. MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE (WITH THE PRIOR CONSENT OF THE CHAIRMAN)

Councillor reviewed the budgets and considered budget setting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 14th October 2025 at 6pm

Signed:

Date: