

## MINUTES OF 19 MAY 2009 MEETING WITH OFFICERS OF RBC

**Present:** C Gandy, M Brady, K Dicks, S Mullins, J Matthews, A Henson, T Smith, J Roundell & S Arble (Clerk)

**Topics Discussed:** Allotments, CAA, Redditch Partnership, Traffic Management

### TRAFFIC

1. Discussions with WCC have been on-going concerning speeding reduction measures in Feckenham. Because many "B" roads have pinch points the Council would like a justification from WCC as to why they won't be considered.
2. The Council would like formally drafted conclusions on traffic issues.
3. Proposed alterations on Rock Hill Lane most likely not feasible due to high cost of project.

### ALLOTMENT LAND

1. Representatives of the Council met with Mrs Byrd. It was decided that a valuation is necessary to continue discussions. **S Mullins is to gather background information on existing RBC agreement with Mrs Byrd.**

### PARTNERSHIPS

1. The longer term priority of RBC is economic development of non-manufacturing sectors. At the moment, The Borough of Redditch has been one of the hardest hit in the country with a 145% benefit rise. With a limited budget partnership schemes will not be the focus.
2. Neighbourhood Groups were designed to consult with residents. To date, for many reasons, these consultation processes have not worked well. Meetings tend to be issue driven with PACT agenda mainly ignored.
3. At the moment, it isn't clear how the interests of Feckenham are represented in partnerships. C Gandy offered the idea of Feckenham having a business representative in the Partnership. Additionally, RBC is seeking ways to create wider partnerships to bridge gap where Feckenham currently falls.
4. Feckenham can do much of the work representing its interests; however, parishioners would like the support by accessing the various channels RBC can provide. S Mullins stated there are several training sessions on offer. Code of Conduct and planning are two areas in which support can be provided.

### CAA

1. As of September 2005 RBC was assessed as fair. Special concerns are:
  - A. Health inequality: 12-18 year gap in life expectancy between parts of Redditch and Wychavon
  - B. Obesity, alcohol, infant mortality, education attainment, sex related crime, truancy and debt