

FLADBURY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 2010/11

The 2011 Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Village Hall on Monday 18th April 2011 at 7.30pm

Present:	Chair W P Llewellyn	34+ Parishioners
	V/Chr I Southcott	
	Cllr T McDonald (WDC Cllr)	
	Cllr B Carter	
	Cllr G Mills	
	Cllr D Day	
	Cllr A Stephens	
	Cllr M Anderson	PC S Toms
	Cllr M Ounsted	Parish Clerk Mr R J Coles

1 Apologies for Absence – WCC Cllr E Eyre, Kath Boocock, John Blore & David Wynn.

2 Special Topics

a) Localism – V/chair Southcott gave a visual presentation indicating the coalition governments new Localism Bill which should become law by the end of 2011. It is based on Ethos, Decentralisation & Big Society. The main effect on Fladbury should be the requirement to migrate the current Parish Plan into a Neighbourhood plan, early indications are that this will be of the order of £17k to £63k without any real knowledge of where the funding will come from or what will be in these plans. The target is to have 380 plans up in five years with an expected total of 4000 out of 8000 possible. WDC will use an independent assessor to confirm compliance before a local referendum to adopt. Key rights being discussed are Build, Buy and Challenge. Your Parish Council will keep you updated as and when things become clearer.

b) Local Authorities – WDC & FPC Cllr McDonald gave an over view of the District Councils achievements and their compliance with coalition government target reductions and their workings will the local parishes.

c) Email circulation – Cllr Carter appealed for all to consider adding their email address to the current Neighbourhood Watch list which is currently used to put out West Mercia Police warnings and requests. However with the problems of last winter this list could easily be adapted for times of local problems or emergencies. A recent request in Fladbury Flyer had only produced one additional name.

d) Websites etc. – It was noted that there were issues with what information should be on the website and this will be reviewed in due course. It was also pointed out that not everybody and in particular many old and vulnerable people were not part of the e-community and this needed to be taken into account.

e) Moorings & Development on Flood Plane – V/chair Southcott reported that the original plans for 12 moorings had been scaled back to 5 with the same ancillary infrastructure. The current application was delayed due to flood risk assessment, flood pole design and wildlife surveys in association with the Environmental Agency (EA). The current timescale was indicated as not before mid-May. It was noted that although the EA issues were important and a potential show stopper there were many other equally important objections to the proposed development as indicated in the Parish Council's consultee response.

f) Glasshouse site development – V/chair Southcott reported that the Parish Council had been instrumental in getting the open day on March 19th to cover the proposed additional developments of an anaerobic digester and A44 roundabout which is being considered by County Council, not District Council in this case. The Parish Council would be responding in early May and the public should do likewise via www.worcestershire.gov.uk/publicaccess .

g) Pool Garden – V/chair Southcott, in lieu of Louise Bugg who sent her apologies, reported that the Friends of Pool Garden had recently received another £10k grant taking their total to £33,750 on the way to £35k. The Parish Council will be used as prime contractor with contract signature by end of April, 8-10 week build with the aim of having the new facility open for the 2011 walkabout.

3 Approval of the Minutes of the 2010 Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes had been distributed to all Councillors and copies were made available to those at the meeting. Dr Borchardt proposed, Mr Richardson seconded and it was AGREED that these be signed by the Chair as a true record.

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Cllr Carter raised the issue of the glasshouse not removing the excess soil from the site. This was now thought to be covered by the new planning application. V/chair Southcott agreed to follow up.

5 Approval of the Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31st March 2011(P)

Copies had been distributed to all Councillors and were made available to those at the meeting. Mrs Brown proposed, Mr Hawkins seconded and it was AGREED that the Receipts and Payments account be approved and were duly signed off by the Chair and RFO.

6. Chair's Report on the Past Year

- 1) 95% attendance at council meetings over the previous 12 months.
- 2) Every Councillor had worked hard clearing problems and completing on-going business for which he thanked them all. Thanks were due to WCC Cllr Liz Eyre and WDC Cllr Tom McDonald for their regular attendances, assiduous work for the parish and their subsequent reports on activities at County and District levels respectively and also the clerk for his continuous efforts
- 3) He noted that 8 of the 9 councillors had been re-elected unopposed with only Dr Ounsted standing down and he thanked him for his year of duty.
- 4) He thanked PC Stuart Toms and CSO Simon Hall for their help and presence in the parish.
- 6) He noted that the Parish Council had been formed in 1894, 117 years ago and had 30 chair's in its time with many old and famously local name in office of which he was the current and had held the office for 15 years, longer than anyone else.
- 7) He then announced his intention to stand down from Chair at the May meeting and thanked all present and past that had helped him in his position over the years.

7. Strategic Issues – Parish/Neighbourhood Plan & Conservation

The plan item was bypassed due to the subject having been dealt with before in the meeting. It was noted that a review of the Conservation Area had been announced by WDC but that it appeared to have been delayed by the lack of suitable resources in the current climate. WDC Cllr McDonald agreed to find out more.

8. Any Other Business

The following matters were brought to the attention of the meeting: -

- Conservation should be carefully assessed during a time of cut backs.
- The issue of a bus shelter should be reconsidered near the green after the harsh winter.
- What skills would be required of a Parish Council to carry out the increased duties presented by a Neighbourhood Plan under the Localism Bill?
- PC Toms was asked to update the meeting on the previous rise to 29 parish crimes last year. He noted that it had reduced to only 15 this year. It was also pointed out that the Wynns had recently planted new trees and the stakes had already been vandalised.
- The proposed speed reductions on the A44 had been made but nothing had happened and this was under investigation by WCC Cllr Eyre.
- The Parish Council was thanked for its efforts in introducing the speed activation light although this was not supported by everyone in the village! Speed counts had indicated some calming and most people were under or just over but there seemed to be a hard core of speeders and one or two candidates for Formula 1 racing.
- The Parish Council were thanked for supporting the Pool Garden upgrade and the Fladbury Flyer grant which would continue for 2011/12.
- An issue of Walkabout funding was directed to the Church and Walkabout Committees.

Just before the meeting closed Cllr Carter proposed a vote of thanks from all present and the rest of the village to outgoing Chair Bill Llewellyn and presented him with a silver tray suitably inscribed in recognition of his service as Chair. V/chair Southcott also presented him with a bouquet of flowers for the 'Lady behind the Man', Heather Llewellyn. Chair accepted the gifts with thanks and they were greatly appreciated.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.30pm