

FLADBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Fladbury Parish Council held on Monday 17th January 2011 at 7:30pm in the Sports Pavilion, Fladbury

1. **Present:** W P Llewellyn (Chair) 0 Parishioners
V/chair I Southcott
D Day
G Mills Clerk – R J Coles
M Anderson
M Ounsted
T McDonald (also WDC Cllr)

Apologies received from WCC Cllr Eyre, FPC Cllrs Carter and Stephens.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

V/chair Southcott – Personal & prejudicial interest in wind farms.
Cllr Ounsted – Personal re Village Green Church ownership/Broadway Lane Traffic.
Cllr Day – Personal re W/10/02601/CU with regards to land ownership.
WDC Cllr McDonald – Personal re planning with WDC.

3. **Approval of Minutes** – Cllr Anderson proposed, seconded by Cllr Mills, and the meeting agreed that minutes for the 14th December 2010 be accepted and signed by the Chair.

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As there were no parishioners present the meeting continued.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- a) Parish Trees/Nursery – The clerk reported that due to illness of tree warden Cllr Stephens a proposed meeting with Jim Burgin and Sally Griffiths of WDC was put on hold.
- b) Old Rectory Green/Village Green ownership – Cllr Anderson briefed the council with regards to legal status concerning village greens. He will conduct a formal search with WCC with regards to the existing Green that is owned by some part of the church. Old Rectory Green is expected to be a separate and new issue.
- c) Traffic Speed Indicator sign – The clerk reported that following the bad weather the sign was now being rotated around the three official sites. The police have requested that a speed survey/count at pole position be repeated with the sign also in place to see what its effect is. The clerk is handling.
- d) Farm St/Broadway Lane traffic issues – The clerk reported that this had been followed up but was still outstanding at WCC.
- e) Pound – The clerk reported that he had written to the tenant who had confirmed receipt of the letter. Cllr Anderson has agreed to progress and report back next month.
- f) Playing Field – The clerk reported that having read the parish minutes the legal status was not clarified. He will now go through other papers to see if there is any information.
- g) Lengthsman – The clerk reported that he had sent a letter containing duties/responsibilities and contract with WCC to the lengthsman.

6. **PARISH PLAN (see WDC Cllr McDonald's comments below)**

7. **POLICING**

There are warnings out to the public to beware of telephone calls covering home security systems and computer viruses questionable sales techniques and legalities. Also door to door touting for roof cleaning services should be viewed very carefully and should in any case require additional quotations before any work is agreed to.

8. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

The clerk reported from WCC Cllr Eyre's correspondence. She reported that savings targets were being moved by government changing the rules continually. Winter gritting and recent reorganisation of grit bins had caused problems. Attempts to get farmers accredited to help the

villages were needed. Major bus cuts were under consultation and review. All major cuts were now being reviewed to cover unintended consequences.

WDC Cllr McDonald reported that he had dealt with some issues regarding fuel poverty and energy charges. Community schemes were needed to solve the problems of side road access in the recent poor weather. Wick Parish Plan has been adopted as a "local information source" which means it will be referred to in planning matters by WDC. Local Parish Plans may get more weight and should be continuously reviewed. The expected four year budget cuts were now due within the first half of the period. £35,000 has been set aside to help Community Bus Schemes. He thought that National verses local tensions would ramp up in the near future as more and more details of the cuts were announced and planned for. WDC had made significant changes including cutting 25% of senior management, other staff to obtain a £660k/year saving amongst other actions.

The Parish Council asked WDC Cllr McDonald to pass on their thanks for the very good waste collection service that covered the recent adverse weather conditions with very little inconvenience.

9. PLANNING

- **W/09/01922/LUE – Ms L Hyett, Whitsun Brook Farm, Hill Furze – Certificate of lawfulness (existing use) – use of land as the garden area to the farmhouse** – Concerns over the quality and detail of this application have been filed and a decision is awaited.
- **W/10/01074/PN – Ms V Turkington, Scottish Power Renewables, 4th Floor, 1 Atlantic Quay, Glasgow G2 8JB – Installation and operation of a wind energy scheme comprising 5 wind turbines and ancillary infrastructure for a period of 25 years, including external transformers, crane hard standings and lay down areas, control building and compound housing switchgear, onsite access tracks, turning heads and ditch crossings, permanent monitoring mast, site entrance, underground electric cables, site mast, site signage, associated ground works, tree felling and replanting** – Cllr Day sent a letter of objection on behalf of the Parish Council and the 27/01/2011 for a special single application WDC Development Control Committee has been announced. It has been published that the WDC officer has recommended refusal at this meeting.
- **W/10/02456/PP – Mr & Mrs Francis, Pole Position, Station Rd – Proposed detached garage** – Following consultations with WDC a no objection was filed and a decision is awaited.
- **W/10/02865/PP – Mr & Mrs Gough re Waterway House, Station Rd – Two storey front and side extension and single storey side and rear extension** A no objection has been filed and a decision is awaited.
- **W/10/02601/CU – Mrs W Crowe, Long Acre, Station Rd, Fladbury - Change of use of section of river bank for boat mooring and construction of stages and slipway - WDC reply required within 21 days of 30//12/10 (i.e. 20/01/11 – however delivery noted as a week late).** Early indications are that a major objection will be filed to include quality, accuracy and detail of the application together with footpath diversion, Millennium Wood and Canoe Club issues. It was agreed that V/chair Southcott would design a flyer for all to circulate in order that the whole village was aware of the potential local threats to the environment.

Wind Farm – Cllr Day reported as above application.

Glasshouse Liaison Group – V/chair Southcott reported that he had been the obstacle to an agreed date up to now. The issue of additional footpath connection from Springfield Farm south to the river forming a loop with the river footpath was noted for inclusion.

Lower Avon SSSI – V/chair Southcott reported he still had to follow up this issue with the Wildlife Trust.

10. FINANCE

- a) Cllr Anderson proposed, seconded by Cllr Mills, and the meeting agreed that the Receipts and Payments A/C up to 17/01/2011 be approved and signed by chair with the addition of a Severn Trent payment for pavilion water.

- b) Invoices for Payment from above approval £

1505	60 Pavilion clean dec	160.00
1506	61 npower pav	101.59
1507	62 CLPC Windfarm	50.00
1508	63 Clerk sal,all, exp dec	300.15
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1509	64 st water pavilion	183.43

11. LIGHTING

In the absence of Cllr Carter the clerk reported that the power problem with the light at 28 Butt Furlong had been fixed by EoN.

12. FOOTPATHS/TREES (WCC Wardens)

Tree Warden Cllr Stephens was absent. Footpath Warden Mills reported that he had almost completed his maintenance survey for WCC for the parish. He was inclined to rank all paths either A or B due to their importance to both parishioners and many visitors to the area. Complaints from Moor residents regarding the Porters appeared to have already been addressed by EVG who are thanked.

13. CORRESPONDENCE - none**14. OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION.**

- a) Issues from the recent poor weather were discussed. The clerk was asked to contact WCC Cllr Eyre to see if there were any registered farmers for highways work in the vicinity, and what was needed to get any necessary accreditations. The flow of information around the parish should also be considered. The clerk was asked to liaise with Cllr Carter and his neighbourhood watch scheme.
- b) It was noted that the 5 mile New Year riverside run had raised £1500 for the Pool Garden project and had proved a good interactive community event. Thanks are due to the Probationary Services for clearing the riverside footpath for the event and Cllr Mills for arranging the work.
- c) It was requested that the Pool Garden regeneration project be added to the next agenda following the public consultation exercise started today and continuing for the rest of the week.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s)

Monday 21st February 2011 – Parish Council Meeting will take place at the Sport's Pavilion at 7:30pm. Any items for the agenda and proposed corrections to the minutes must be lodged with the Clerk by Sunday 13th February 2011.

The meeting closed at 09:00pm.

Signed: **Date:**