

FLADBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Fladbury Parish Council held on Monday 19th January 2009 at 7:30pm in the Sports Pavilion, Fladbury

1. **Present:** W P Llewellyn (Chair) 8 Parishioners
I Southcott (V/chair)
G Mills Clerk – R J Coles
T McDonald (WDC Cllr)
D Day
M Anderson

Apologies for Absence – Cllrs Worthington, Stephens, Carter and WCC Cllr Eyre.

2. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr McDonald indicated his neutral stance in any discussions on proposed wind farms in line with his WDC duties.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – Cllr Anderson proposed, seconded by Cllr Day, and agreed by the meeting that the minutes for the 15th December 2008 be accepted and signed by the Chair.

The meeting closed for ten minutes to allow parishioners to address the councillors.

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- a) Land Registry – Clerk will start the exercise in the next month.
- b) Pavilion Donors' Plaque - This item is put forward until 31/03/09.
- c) Affordable Housing – V/chair Southcott reported that due to glasshouse appeal pressures he would address by the next meeting.
- d) Highways & Butchers path resurfacing – Clerk reported on behalf of WCC Cllr Eyre that Butchers path was a 'wheelbarrow job' which would be carried out in better weather. Highways are meeting this week to progress the A44/Fladbury Cross drainage problem that has to be solved before cats eyes are addressed, not expected before May. February closure of Millbank will only be for jet patching, the full resurfacing through to Charlton will take place when weather and flood conditions allow.
- e) Pound rental – Clerk reported no interest to date.
- f) WCC/FPC website – Clerk will get together with Cllr Carter when he returns.

5. **PARISH PLAN** - V/chair Southcott reported he is due to meet with Mrs Brown this week to finalise.

6. **POLICING** - none

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

The Clerk reported on behalf of WCC Cllr Eyre that she was unavailable due to Childswickham Flood Defence meeting with the Environmental Agency. It is hoped that Council Tax will be set at a 3.5% rise at most in difficult circumstance due to support for vulnerable older people and safeguarding children. She is pressing hard for additional funding of rural roads and footways.

WDC Cllr McDonald reported planning work on the wind farm and glasshouse appeal. Flood grants of up to £5,000 per parish to kick off flood schemes will be sent out shortly. A number of flood schemes have been approved mainly for the towns and larger villages. The next tranche of monies will try to help smaller villages such as Charlton where a £700,000 scheme has been identified. Regeneration is taking a very high priority in the current climate with attempts to reduce closures and also support new retail outlets. The possible location of a major industrial firm to the edge of Worcester in Wychavon could create 1000 new jobs. The budget has to be looked at again due to falling interest on investments and poor revenue streams from planning and parking. It is intended to keep any rises in council tax to 2.5%.

8. **PLANNING**

- **W/08/00213/LUE – Ms C Bunn, Underwoods Farm, Hill Furze – Certification of Lawfulness for an existing use in breach of a condition** – No additional information was filed. Decision is awaited.

- **APPEAL APP/H1840/A/08/2074216/NWF W/07/02705/PN** – 48000M2 glasshouse and associated extensive infrastructures – Springhill Nurseries Ltd. The appeal took just over 3 days and a decision is indicated for mid March. V/chair Southcott wished it to be noted that Chair Nick Butler and Cllr Ed Cohen of Hill & Moor Parish Council and Cllr Mills as footpath warden had provided much appreciated support during the lengthy appeal process. Chair Llewellyn expressed the Parish Council and parishioners' thanks for the very professional performance carried out by V/chair Southcott in his lead representation at the appeal and in the use of his substantial experience and contacts.
- **W/08/02886/PN – Mr McSweeney OF Virginia Cottage, Church Street – FOR Proposed new dwelling @ Wallington, Station Rd (old Mrs Woodward's garden between 31 Butt Furlong/Bridge House and semi/Wallington, opposite the Rec on Station approach)** – An objection has been filed and a decision awaited.
- **W/08/03003/PN – Mr Bille, Springhill Farm – Infill extension to horticultural processing and packaging facility** – A no objection was filed and a decision is awaited.
- **W/08/03088/PN – Mr & Mrs P Stubbs, White House, Station Rd (Coach Drive) – Erection of one four bedroom detached house & garage (amendment to planning approval W/06/00036/PN)** – An objection has been filed and a decision awaited.
- **W/09/00005/PN – Mr & Mrs P Stubbs, White House, Station Rd (Coach Drive) – Renewal of planning permission W/06/00036/PN for one bungalow and garage - WDC reply required within 21 days of 08/01/09 (i.e. 29/01/09)** – It was agreed that there were no objections to this simple renewal.

The Wind farm (VVASP) in the Lenches was discussed. During the closed session above 8 parishioners represented opposition on the grounds of flooding, visibility and noise nuisances. It was suggested that some form of simulating the appearance in the village would be useful although exact siting is unclear. WCC Cllr Eyre via the clerk reported previous experience of fighting wind farms in Sussex and she was dismayed by attempts to place them in this area near the ANOBs. She was very concerned over their economics being solely dependant on government subsidies whilst there were far better technical solutions without destroying the countryside. In general, excluding WDC Cllr McDonald's independent position due WDC duties, councillors were opposed to this proposal.

It was proposed by Cllr Anderson, seconded by V/chair Southcott that the Parish Council write to Scottish Power Renewables, WDC (Ms Collin and Mr Hegarty) and other affected Parish Councils indicating that there were major concerns within the parish of the wind farm development nearby and wishes to be appraised at all times due to its direct influence on Fladbury residents.

9. FINANCE

- a) Cllr Anderson proposed, seconded by Cllr McDonald, and agreed by the meeting to approve the Receipts and Payments A/C up to 19/01/09 together with a late payment for street lighting to npower.
- b) Invoices for Payment –
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| 1341 66 g/h appeal mtg exp | 34.50 |
| 1342 67 Response Cleaning pav dec | 156.00 |
| 1343 68 g/h appeal legals gross | 2,070.00 |
| 1344 69 Clerk dec sal/int/all | 251.52 |
| 1345 70 npower lighting 3Q08/09 4Q08 | 652.51 |

10. **LIGHTING** – Nothing to report.

11. **FOOTPATHS** – Cllr Mills report that the Porter's path had been strimmed and would find out by whom.

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12. CORRESPONDENCE

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1	WCC	WoW magazine Aut/Win 08
2	WDC	WMRSS Phase 2 consultations
3	WDC	WDC Xmas car parking VAT related reductions
4	CALC	Report to area committee Sep 08
5	Bus shelters	Littlethorpe of Leicester
6	WCC	Footpath wardens reply letter
7	CPRE	Fieldwork Dec 08
8	Comm 1 st	Community Planning in Worcs
9	Worcs Partn	Newsletter Aut 08
10	Police	Your Police Service 2009 & beyond
11	WDC	Sports Recognition awards 2008
12	WDC	Sports Development Newsletter Win 08
13	WDC	Artworks Aut 08/Win 09
14	WDC McD	FPC meeting report 15/12/08
15	Defra et al	Improving Local Leadership for flood risk management
16	PHS	Newsletter Dec 08
17	NALC	LCR magazine Jan 09
18	WDC	Free WDC play area workshops 24/1, 14/2, 14/3

Plus any other information received after 12th January 2009.

13. OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- a) A problem with a burst tap spilling water into the road at the church opposite the monastery was reported and subsequently Mr Peter Lacey was dealing with.
- b) The clerk was asked to contact Steve Jordan with regards to the A44 flooding problems at the Sparrow's Nest culvert in the parish and further along at the far end of Wood Norton Hall northern carriageway drains.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

Monday 23rd February 2009 – 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 15th February 2008.

The meeting closed at 8:20pm.

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