

FLADBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Fladbury Parish Council held on Monday 20th July 2009 at 7:30pm in the Sports Pavilion, Fladbury

1. **Present:** W P Llewellyn (Chair) 3 Parishioners/visitor
I Southcott (V/chair)
A Stephens WCC Cllr E Eyre
B Carter
G Mills
T McDonald (WDC Cllr)
C Worthington
M Anderson Clerk – R J Coles

Apologies for Absence – Cllr D Day

2. **Declarations of Interest** - none
3. **Approval of Minutes** – Cllr McDonald proposed, seconded by Cllr Stephens, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the 22nd June 2009 be accepted and signed by the Chair.

The meeting will closed for ten minutes for parishioners/visitor to talk to councillors.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Pavilion Donors' Plaque - Clerk reported that the plaque was ready for mounting.
- b) Affordable Housing – V/chair Southcott reported that the exercise was on schedule for the autumn. The clerk indicated that Kate Stephenson, affordable housing officer WDC, had departed and WDC Cllr McDonald advised that Elizabeth Dyde was probable the best contact currently.
- c) Highways & Butchers path resurfacing – It is noted that works are still due on Butchers Paths and were being progressed but was a complicated issue due budgets, responsibilities, history etc. Fladbury Cross drainage needs complex improvements and ideally some form of testing which will probably delay full resurfacing by a year at least.
- d) Pound rental – Clerk reported that contracts had been exchanged and payment presented to the bank for the next twelve months from July 14th.
- e) BT payphone – Clerk reported that BT had refunded the outstanding £300 and cancelled the contract, as they should not have indicated to the parish council that they had approval from WDC to remove the service.
- f) Rec football pitch – Clerk/Chair reported that over a third of a ton of soil had been used to dress the goalmouths and seeding was included.
- g) Simms and Woods tub funding – Clerk reported that the outstanding sponsorship from 2008/09 was still outstanding and would have to be chased yet again.
- h) Tennis Club 'Greenfield' lease condition – The Tennis Club Chair, Michele Protherough, had indicated to councillors that multi use of court 3 was unacceptable to the committee and many members. This raised the issue of play area requirements for over 12's being an outstanding issue as indicated in the Pplan. Cllr Anderson agreed to approach Mr Head and his son to ascertain their ideal needs for the next meeting. The Tennis Club are still due to put their termination proposals to the parish council.
- i) Parish Trees – The clerk reported this was still on his 'to do' list.
- j) Anchor Inn frontal changes – The clerk reported that WDC enforcement had requested a listed buildings planning application from the owners.
- k) Dog bags – Chair reported that he had approached Five Alive to publicise the withdrawal of dog bags by WDC which had already resulted in increased fouling of the recreation ground. WDC Cllr McDonald was tasked to report how much was being saved by such a measure at £450/100,000 bags. In the meantime the parish council is recommending Tesco nappy bags at 70p/300 as a very good alternative and noted with interest how they were cheaper than WDC bulk buying!

5. PARISH PLAN

All councillors were tasked to attend the next meeting prepared to discuss the way forward for the implementation of the actions identified in the Pplan.

6. POLICING

It was reported that there had been a spate of activity over a short space of time resulting in a vehicle stolen from the Chantry and set on fire at the Mill Bank meadows bend together with a small truck stolen from Stroud. Two vehicles had been broken into at Woodward Parks, and a suspicious vehicle reported and recognised as a potential problem immediately by the police. All parishioners should be vigilant and take down vehicle numbers if possible, however it was noted that local crime was generally very low and had not involved any violence.

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

WCC Cllr Eyre reported that she remains in Cabinet with responsibility for Children and Young People 12-19, slightly modified from previously to allow her to participate in local activities. Strategic steps are in place on this increasing activity which will be hampered by expected financial settlements. Children's Trust will involve all – NHS/Police/Volunteers/District and County Councils – following government guidelines. Elgar Technology College has been agreed for closure and approval for a new Academy in Worcester given. A world leading £50 million PFI Library and History Centre in Worcester is nearing approval. Gas works are due immediately on the A44. The A44 speed review is imminent. (It was noted that the yellow 'bikers beware' signs that have appeared are due to a partnership initiative although they are unsightly and do not appear to be of an approved nature).

WDC Cllr McDonald provided an update on Swine Flu planning and timescales. Wychavon, Worcester City and Malvern Hills are going to request deferment of at least in the SWJCS (South Worcs Joint Core Strategy) due to a lack of information, infrastructure and a review of the Regional Spatial Strategy.

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.
- **W/09/00640/PN – Springhill Nurseries Ltd – Re-siting of glasshouse and access track to that approved under planning permission w/07/02705/PN** – An objection response has been filed and a decision is awaited. It was noted that two sets of additional information had been circulated and that the decision date at the full WDC Development Committee on Thursday 25th June was legally questionable. Chair Llewellyn, suitably briefed by V/chair Southcott, attended the meeting and by casting vote of the Chair of the WDC Planning Development Committee the decision was delegated to the officer concerned and his decision is awaited. (Permission granted 21/07/09)
- **W/09/01011/PP – Mr & Mrs P Tullett, The Hollies, Coach Drive – Extension to bungalow to include rear extension and extension to garage. First floor extension to garage. Three dormer windows to front elevation. Alterations to access.** A no objection response has been filed and permission has been granted.
- **W/09/01343/PN – Mr & Mrs P Stubbs, The White House, Station Rd – Erection of a detached one and a half storey cottage and ancillary garage. Resubmission of W/08/03088/PN** – An objection to anything larger than the currently approved bungalow has been filed again and a decision is awaited.
- **APPEAL - W/09/00292/PP – Mr I Buchan, River Mead House, Mill Bank – Proposed single storey garden room with lantern roof** – Following a no objection response and an apparent granting of permission it would appear that concerns expressed by the conservation officer have resulted in the decision going to appeal.

V/chair Southcott reported on wind farm activity. Doctors' views on health issues were generally unavailable; other experts in the specific wind farm field are being processed. There have been some concerns over the parish council supporting nearby parish councils on this issue. To date financial support of up to £750 has been approved with regards to obtaining information that is totally lacking and therefore does not allow the parish council to carry out its duties for which it was duly elected. Scottish Power have totally ignored the parish council's request for information of how the turbines will appear to Fladbury residents. Hopefully the planned 'balloon exercise' will give some indication on these multiple 425 feet high moving structures.

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Parish councillors have been notified of an amended plan for a detached house at Wallington, Station Rd which will be received in due course. WDC had advised against a bungalow on the site. Additional information has been lodged with V/chair Southcott.

9. FINANCE

a) Cllr Stephens proposed, seconded by V/chair Southcott, and the meeting agreed to adopt the Receipts and Payments A/C up to 20/07/09 for signature by chair with the late addition of one payment for pavilion towels.

b) Invoices for Payment from above approval – £

1392	29	Pavilion engraving thanks	47.85
1393	30	npower pav	115.00
1394	31	Limebridge x 3 mowings jun	380.65
1395	32	NALC review mag	13.50
1396	33	npower lighting 2Q09 - 1Q09/10	638.62
1397	34	playground hedge cut	50.00
1398	35	Clerk sal/all/exp jun	280.82
1399	36	Pavilion towels (late)	16.10

10. LIGHTING

Cllr Carter reported that he was still trying to ascertain what the maintenance contract covered. He also requested that now the status of the light outside the Moorings, Station Rd was finalised by WDC Enforcement that the clerk go ahead with any lamppost paintings required.

11. FOOTPATHS

Following an inspection of the footpaths behind the Chequers Inn by WCC and additional enforcement inspection was carried out due to the unacceptable nature of the three footpaths concerned. Cllr Mills agreed to contact WCC to ensure that Enterprise Inns, the owners, were being made aware of the problems and he would ask the clerk to follow up if necessary. The footpath behind the bungalows that had not been trimmed to order has been put right.

12. CORRESPONDENCE - none

13. OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- a) WCC Cllr Eyre has requested that any rural footways requiring attention be brought to her notice and has been given a list for inspection and prioritisation.
- b) There has been a request for signage at the Recreation Ground, however after discussion it was confirmed that the previous decision of it not being necessary still stands.
- c) The Clerk was asked to follow up information provided by WCC Cllr Eyre and invite WDC Cllr Audrey Steel, Inkberrow, to attend the next meeting to look at partnering in speed indicator equipment.
- d) There have been complaints over excessive noise from house alarms. The clerk was asked to approach the police for advice.
- e) Following four recent WDC drainage clearance orders on the A44 west of Fladbury Cross the clerk was asked to write about the parish council's concerns over the 'missing' ditch around the WCC materials storage lay-by.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

Monday 28th September 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 20th September 2009.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.

Signed:

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