

FLADBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Fladbury Parish Council held on Tuesday 15th December 2009 at 7:30pm in the Sports Pavilion, Fladbury

1. **Present:** W P Llewellyn (Chair) 0 Parishioners
I Southcott (V/chair) WDC Cllr Audrey Steel - Inkberrow
D Day
B Carter
G Mills
T McDonald (WDC Cllr)
A Stephens
M Anderson Clerk – R J Coles

Apologies for Absence – Cllr Worthington.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Wind farms – personal and prejudicial interests declared by V/chair Southcott.

3. **Approval of Minutes** – Cllr Stephens proposed, seconded by Cllr Carter, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the 26th October 2009 be accepted and signed by the Chair.

4. **TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SPEED INDICATORS** – WDC Cllr Audrey Steel visiting.

Four parishes in Inkberrow ward (out of seven) have purchased a single solar sign each with grants from Community Safety and WDC. The choice is mains, battery or solar with many pros and cons covering initial/ running costs and maintenance/moving by whom? WCC have to inspect and agree the sites proposed from a H&S aspect as well as being 50 metres inside speed limit and 60-metre visibility for drivers. Public response after six months has been very positive and agrees that permanent usage is more favourable than WCC preferred intermittent two-week periods. The solar chosen initial costs are of the order of £2750 for the sign and £750 for two specific poles if others do not exist, moving from one end of the village to the other was likely to cost £200 in order to ensure no local problems existed. Fladbury has street lighting that could affect the power source as well as a lengthsman who would appear to be able to participate in moving of certain signs with WCC permission. Funding may be available from LSP (WCC Cllr Eyre indicated that they may have allocated all thru 03/11), WDC (David Hemming) and PACT. David Clee is the WCC site inspector. Concerns over the village speed initiative due in 2010/12 were expressed with regards to levels 20 or 30 mph and their positioning so future flexibility should be built into any Fladbury solution. Dorman Varitext, Wennington Rd, Southport PR9 7TN had been used as the provider but there was also Westatext and others.

Cllr Carter proposed, seconded by V/chair Southcott, and the meeting agreed that the clerk be asked to obtain further product information/pricing, site positioning and possible funding sources with the view of implementing a solution in the near future. The clerk confirmed that there was sufficient free balances in the current financial budgets through 03/2011 to proceed on the estimated costs given to date and the precept that will be set in 10c below could be maintained unchanged.

The meeting continued as there were no parishioners present.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- a) Affordable Housing – V/chair Southcott reported he was trying to arrange a meeting with Nigel Potter the affordable housing enabler. He agreed to find out the extent of affordable housing already in the village none of which is subject to local 106 conditions and is governed by national Choice Based Lettings.
- b) Tennis Club 'Greenfield' lease condition – The clerk reported that the Tennis Club had not responded to prompting on this matter.
- c) Parish Trees – This item was carried forward.
- d) Pavilion Solar hot water heating – The clerk reported that the absolute maximum savings would be £400 with a more realistic figure of between £160 and £240. Cllr Carter proposed, seconded by Cllr Stephens, and the meeting agreed that as the payback period would be 30+ years the matter should be dropped.

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- e) Tubs on Green – Chair reported that he would see Anne Rixom in the Spring as the tubs appear to have already been planted.
- f) School Head Retirement – The clerk reported that any contribution should be channelled through the PTA on advice from CALC. The head has currently agreed to delay her retirement until Easter.

6. **PARISH PLAN** – Wider meeting still to be formalised.

V/chair Southcott agree to approach Peter Head with regards to a solid based basketball area proposal that is outstanding in the recreational field.

7. **POLICING** – nothing specific was reported.

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

WCC Cllr Eyre reported that the travellers at Hill & Moor landfill entrance had moved on over the weekend. WCC is concentrating on finding £45m of savings due to the current financial climate. Footpath 522 fencing issues appear to have been settled but problems with the state of the path will be raised directly by WCC Cllr Eyre. Resurfacing Butchers Walk is now finally complete. Jubilee Bridge has been and will continue to be inspected, repairs and painting are recognised requirements that are being progressed subject to funding. The 50mph Fladbury Cross speed limit is progressing through the necessary steps towards likely implementation. Drainage at Fladbury Cross is now complete and will be monitored for the rest of the Winter with additional road works, including cats eyes, now likely in the Spring.

WDC Cllr McDonald reiterated the importance of councillors keeping abreast of the South Worcestershire Joint Core Spatial Strategy especially with regards to Category 3 villages (as all his ward villages are) which means any affordable housing would be for local needs only. Category 1 & 2 villages will be allocated extra housing and are subject to their own consultations in the New Year, however categories can be changed, he warned! Discussions are underway to process 200,000 tonnes a year of post recycling waste at a new facility at Hartlebury Trading Estate given landfill will be £40 a tonne rising at £8 per year. This is in addition to the new recycling plant at Norton, Worcester, which should be available for councillor visits in the near future. Revised charges as a response to public opinion at the new leisure centre will effectively be revenue neutral following budget reallocations. WDC are running Energy Advice Surgeries for people experiencing 'fuel poverty' (10% of household income goes on home fuels), everyone is asked to pass on to any known parishioners affected to contact WDC. The Charlton Gypsy site on Canada Bank was refused planning permission after WCC Highways intervention. He noted that Stratford DC approval of the Long Marston 500 houses (130 affordable), 150 holiday homes, 150 self-catering use lodges and continued industrial would be going to the Secretary of State before a final decision could be made.

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.
- **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.
- **W/09/02083/CU – Mr J Crisp & Ms L Hyett, Whitsun Brook Farm, Hill Furze – Change of use of land and buildings to equestrian uses and retention of log cabin for ancillary accommodation purposes** – An objection regarding lack of detail and use of the log cabin has been filed. Permission has been granted.
- **W/09/02322/LB – Mr R Espley, Thatch Cottage, Chequer's Lane – Insert double wooden glazed doors to gable end of extension** – A no objection response was filed and permission has been granted.

- **W/09/02796/PP – Mr & Mrs A Train, Glen Villa, Paynes Lane – Proposed extensions to form a garden room, sitting room and utility at ground floor level and bedroom above** - Early indications are that there will be no objections. WDC reply required within 21 days of 03/12/09 (i.e. 24/12/09)

(V/chair Southcott left the meeting for this issue only) Cllr Day reported that there had been no further meeting and the main issue was that of noise levels and proximity. Recent Fol obtained by the Sunday Times had discovered that advice given to District Councils had suppressed original professional recommendations.

Cllrs Day & Mills and the clerk reported that a Church meeting with EPA/LANT regarding Fladbury weir barrier possibly being positioned behind the Millennium Church wood had been discovered to be a non-starter due to canoe club and fishing activity in the area. The EPA are expected to return with a modification of an already refused application in 2005 near the lock and mills even though a risk assessment had identified a medium risk only and the British Canoe Association had evidence of at least one death due to a barrier whilst Fladbury Weir had experience no major event in over half a century.

V/chair Southcott is to approach Chair of Hill & Moor, Nick Butler, with regards to the two parish councils holding meetings 2/4 times a year with Springhill Nurseries owners EVG and Holts Tomatoes when the glasshouse is operational to ensure good neighbour relations. Fladbury should chair and Cllr Day (planning) and Cllr mills (footpaths) should participate.

10. FINANCE

- a) Cllr Anderson proposed, seconded by V/chair Southcott, and the meeting agreed that the Receipts and Payments A/C up to 15/12/09 be accepted and signed by Chair.

b) Invoices for Payment from above approval –			£
1422	60	PD sports spraying	161.00
1423	61	EMS 2 x taps pavilion	86.57
1424	62	Bgas pavilion	129.15
1425	63	CALC clerk gathering	7.50
1426	64	Lengthsman	98.00
1427	65	Limebridge x1 mowing/leaves nov	132.25
1428	66	clerk sal/all/exp oct/nov	589.43

- c) Cllr Anderson proposed, seconded by Cllr Day, and the meeting agreed to accept the Finance Committee's proposal that the Precept be held at £15,000 for the year 2010/11 and that the corresponding reserves over the period through to 31/03/11 should be set at:

Day to day running	£2000
Elections	£2000
Legals + unknowns	£6000 sub total £10000 in line with CALC.

Pavilion lottery	upto £1960
Street lights/ etc	£3500
M&T funds	upto £ 500
Playground maintenance	£1000
Recreation trees	£2000 (see below) sub total £8995

Giving a total of £18960.

11. LIGHTING

Cllr Carter reported that the lamppost damaged by a Jewson lorry in the Chantry had been fixed but the bill required for claiming had not yet been received. There still appears to be uncertainty about reporting lighting problems and the clerk was asked to see if another notice in 5 Alive would be possible indicating that Cllr Carter (860247) was the Parish Council contact. WCC have still not responded to the information supplied at their request to take over all the village lights under a county wide contract paid for by the parish council.

12. FOOTPATHS – Cllr Mills nothing to report (see 8 above)

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13. CORRESPONDENCE

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1	Worcs Part	Partnership Matter – Summer 09
2	WDC	Audible Intruder Alarms
3	Parishioner	re A44 ditches
4	PHS	Newsletter Aug/Sep 09
5	WCC Cllr Eyre	October notes
6	WoW	WCC Autumn notes
7	SW – RSS	Information Gathering
8	WCC	Community Environmental project help?
9	WDC Cllr McD	Nov Mini Round-up
10	WDC	Annual Report – 2009
11	WDC	Parish Matters Oct 09
12	CPRE	Countryside Voice Aug 09
13	WDC	Standards Committee meeting 11/11/09
14	PHS	International Dimension

14. OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- a) Provisional meeting dates for 2010 were circulated and accepted.
- b) V/chair Southcott proposed, seconded by Cllr Stephens, and the meeting agreed to the proposal by the Bugg's of Woodward Parks to plant a remembrance tree by the Pool Garden. The clerk will inform the Bugg's of the decision in which a site meeting with V/chair Southcott will decide the final position of the planting.
- c) It was confirmed that the original 'bankrupt' developer probably owned the open grass/tree area at Old Rectory Green. Cllr Anderson will find out the actions and timescales needed for the Parish Council to lay claim if deemed necessary.
- d) Cllr Stephens is looking into the possibility of micro generation at the weir that is now owned by the EPA.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s)

Monday 18th January 2010 – 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 10th January 2010.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm.

Signed:

Date: