

## **FLADBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Fladbury Parish Council held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 7:30pm in the Sports Pavilion, Fladbury

1. **Present:**
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| Chair I Southcott | 1 Parishioner     |
| V/chair G Mills   |                   |
| W Llewellyn       | WCC Cllr E Eyre   |
| B Carter          | WDC Cllr McDonald |
| D Day             | Clerk – R J Coles |
| M Anderson        |                   |
| A Stephens        |                   |
| N Manser          |                   |
| S Insall          |                   |

2. **Declarations of Interest - none**

3. **Approval of Minutes** – Cllr Anderson proposed, seconded by Cllr Carter, and the meeting agreed that minutes for the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2012 be accepted and signed by the Chair.

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**The meeting closed to allow parishioner to address the council.**

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- a) Old Rectory Green – Cllr Anderson advised that continued and increase use of the grassed area would help to support a change of status to Village Green in due course, preferably after any Chancel Repair Liability (CRL) claims have lapsed in October 2013. Cllr Stephens has spoken to the very busy tree officer at WDC who has noted the canker issue in chestnuts in the area and surrounds.
- b) MyParish website/communications – Chair Southcott reported that he had begun the process to build a Parish Council email list for future communications and potential emergencies Cllr Stephens volunteered to revive minutes being summarised for the local Journals (Evesham & Pershore).
- c) Annual Parish meeting/Bus shelter (Pound) – It was agreed that the clerk would seek a response from WCC to last month's possible option of moving the bus stop to the middle of the main Green between its two trees if a bus shelter was to be provided.
- d) Bye Laws – The clerk was asked to circulate WDC bye laws.
- e) Meadows interpretation panels – Chair Southcott reported that a quote for two panels of around £3000 was unacceptable and a far more affordable solution would be investigated.
- f) Framing of Shelley lists – These were inspected and a possible alternative layout was requested from the clerk.
- g) Diamond Jubilee – Chair Southcott reported that all events went reasonably well except for the cancellation of the picnic/fireworks event on the Nait on Sunday evening due to the weather. A Friends of Fladbury (FoF) meeting on Thursday will consider the best alternative rearrangement of the fireworks at least. He thanked FoF for their efforts which included V/chair Mills, Cllr Insall, the clerk and himself.
- h) New Homes Bonus usages – Cllr Carter has submitted the Parish Council's first claim for a defibrillator to WDC for almost immediate response this week with WCC Cllr Eyre using her resources to fund the other one. Access control at both the pavilion and Chequers Inn requires investigating. The Chair expressed his gratitude to Cllr Carter and his team for progressing this matter.
- i) Road Signage re Flooding – Chair Southcott has contacted WCC about local experiences from the flood in May.
- j) General Permanent Signage – Chair Southcott has accessed the relevant legislation and will be advising on what can and should be considered. WCC Cllr Eyre indicated that caution should prevail due to the poor economic climate affecting local businesses.
- k) Village School developments – Chair Southcott reported that he had received an apology from the Chair of School Governors' for not responding in writing but provided a verbal update instead. The tender for preschool services went to two organisations and has been awarded to Citrus, a West Midlands provider already. It was also indicated that the school was likely to receive funding of £90,000, some of which would help fund facilities for this project.

6. **PARISH & NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS – (WDC training including Localism imminent)**

Cllr Day and the clerk attended Localism Training on the new Standards Board. Papers are to be circulated so that this new regime can be adopted and implemented by the Parish Council at its next meeting.

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7. **POLICING** - contacts are PC Dave Shortell & CSO Simon Hall (03003 333000 Ext 3408/3499)  
(Also new less urgent 101 services complement 999 emergencies)

Cllr Carter announced that two new Assistant Chief Constables had been appointed. He was very disappointed that both the police and villagers/organisations affected by crime recently in the village centre had not passed on any timely information even after all the NW publicity over the years.

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

WCC Cllr Eyre's report had already been circulated covering total budget cuts, Queen's visit to Worcester 11<sup>th</sup> July to open the Hive university library, troubled families initiative, kindship project for dysfunctional families, shared services with other counties and the Health & Wellbeing consultation on Emergency Services provision in the area.

It was confirmed that WCC owned the land under the Jubilee Bridge and that Ian Banford of Countryside Services and Highways should be contacted regarding rights of way for the local Jubilee Circular Walk.

WDC Cllr McDonald's report had already been circulated covering Wood Norton gates returning, Finance Bill, repayments with interest from Iceland, Council Tax benefits, welfare & work initiatives, New Homes Bonus updates and promoting businesses other than agriculture, especially engineering via links with colleges.

## 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. WDC have agreed to attempt to progress and resolve this long outstanding issue. WDC Enforcement have indicated that this is not their top priority and will respond in due course.
- **W/12/00835/PN– Wood Norton Farmhouse – Demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with 4 bed two storey dwelling & erection of workshop** – An objection was filed and permission has been refused. An appeal based on the provision of a specific individual medical needs has been raised.
- **W/12/00925/PN– Central Stores, Church St – Replacement of shop windows and door - WDC reply required within 21 days of 03/05/12 (i.e. 24/05/12).** Major concerns were filed and the application has been withdrawn.
- **W/12/00972/PN– Mr R Stackhouse, Rosedale, Broadway Lane – Proposed new dwelling** - Due to the apparent minimal changes from the previous application a continued objection was filed and a decision is awaited.
- **W/12/01077/LB– Mr D Ingram, Peartree Cottage, Mill Bank – Proposed replacement of existing softwood rear windows with hardwood, slimline double glazed windows** – A no objection response was filed and permission has been granted.
- **W/12/01129/AB– Spring Hill Farm, Salters Lane, Fladbury WR10 2PE – Agricultural irrigation reservoir - WDC reply required within 14! days of 15/06/12 (i.e. 29/06/12)** Initial concerns over the accuracy of ownership, exact measurement of the site, water levels and local services have been raised. Clarity of the application and its limited circulation is to be addressed by WDC with the applicant in the meantime. The principle is probably agreeable but the details provided are not and must be addressed.

**Glasshouse Liaison Group** – Chair Southcott reported, supported by WDC Cllr McDonald that there were extenuating problems in arranging the next meeting and would be followed up. Farm traffic, particularly early in the morning, was now subject to police monitoring following local complaints. The roundabout planning was nearing technical completion with a start date of September likely. Groundwork on the digester site is proceeding slowly due to the wet weather.

**Housing Needs Survey** – Chair Southcott requested carry forward until the next meeting.

It was noted that the South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) now called the South Worcestershire Local Plan (SWLP) would be the subject of presentations at WDC this Tuesday and Thursday and would be entering public six weeks consultation by July. Fladbury would appear to have no changes from the last Plan, unlike Cropthorne.

**10. FINANCE**

a) Cllr Llewellyn proposed, seconded by Cllr Stephens, and the meeting agreed to approve the Receipts and Payments A/C up to 18/06/12 for signature by chair.

b) Invoices for Payment from above approval – £

1636	21	Jubilee Fireworks	720.00	early jun
1637	22	bgas pavilion	235.55	early jun
1638	23	Paint lamposts x2	115.00	
1639	24	Plants B/Close	40.98	
1640	25	mowings may x3	422.40	
1641	26	clerk jun sal/all/exp paye	296.79	
1642	27	clean pav jun	160.00	

c) Cllr Llewellyn proposed, seconded by Cllr Stephens, and the meeting agreed to approve the Statement of Accounts for signature by chair and clerk/RFO for external audit submission.

d) Cllr Llewellyn proposed, seconded by Cllr Insall, and the meeting agreed to approve the Annual Governance statement for signature by chair and clerk for external audit submission.

**11. LIGHTING (Cllr Carter 860 247)**

Cllr Carter reported that WCC had acknowledged the Parish Council's request for the upgrading of the necessary five lights to allow them to take on future physical maintenance responsibilities.

**12. FOOTPATHS/TREES (WCC Warden Cllr Mills footpaths 860 644, WDC Warden Cllr Stephens trees 860 320)**

Cllr Mills reported that the Porters Path should have been cleared according to Fiona Argyll at WCC. The Chair also noted that the path by the community orchard was quite overgrown.

Cllr Stephens reported that Sally Griffiths, tree officer at WDC had indicated that WCC Highways have been informed that no tress should be removed without the statutory consultations taking place but continued vigilance was necessary by all on the subject. Surplus cuttings at the wharf need disposal, the clerk will handle.

**13. CORRESPONDENCE****23<sup>rd</sup> May 2012 - (7 emailed leaving 3 new)**

1	WDC	Localism – Rights to Bid & Challenge (emailed)
2	CPRE	Fieldwork Spring 2012
3	C&C	Direct May 2012
4	CPRE	Worcs Newsletter April 2012/Annual report 2011
5	CALC	Update 18 03/05/12 (emailed)
6	poster	Teenage Cancer Trust (emailed)
7	CALC	Update 19 10/05/12 (emailed)
8	CALC	Update 20 17/05/12 (emailed)
9	WDC McD	Report May 2012 (emailed)
10	WCC Eyre	Report May 2012 (emailed)

**14. OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

- Cllr Day reported that there was a major tree washed up at the weir. Cllr Mills agreed to contact LANT (Chris) to see if it could be removed as part of the local clean up over the next two weeks before the 'Crophorne Watergate' and Fladbury Lock celebrations which Chair & V/chair would attend.
- Cllr Carter reported that the recent strimming of the recreation bank was not of a very high standard. Cllr Llewellyn will investigate with Limebridge Rural Services.
- Cllr Mills reported that there was a sunken chamber at Boocock's on the A44 and a major pothole at the WCC layby nearby. The clerk agreed to inspect and report to Highways.
- Chair Southcott asked when the next cut of the Pool Garden play area was due and could it be carried out before the walkabout. The clerk agreed to progress.

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15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s)

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2012 (one week later than provisionally planned)** – 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 15<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

The meeting closed at 09:30pm.

**Signed:** ..... **Date:** .....