

## **FLADBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Fladbury Parish Council held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 7:30pm in the Sports Pavilion, Fladbury

1. **Present:**
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| Chair I Southcott | 0 Parishioners    |
| V/chair G Mills   | WCC Cllr Eyre     |
| M Anderson        |                   |
| D Day             | Clerk – R J Coles |
| A Stephens        |                   |
| B Carter          |                   |
| S Insall          |                   |

Apologies were received from Cllrs Llewellyn & Manser, and WDC Cllr McDonald.

2. **Declarations of Interest - none**

3. **Approval of Minutes** – Cllr Stephens proposed, seconded by Cllr Anderson, and the meeting agreed that minutes for the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2013 be accepted and signed by the Chair.

4. **Intentionally Blank**

5. **FINANCE**

a) Cllr Carter proposed, seconded by Cllr Stephens, and the meeting agreed to accept the Receipts and Payments A/C up to 25/02/13 for signature by Chair.

b) Invoices for Payment from above approval – £

1685	71	Village website	35.96	early Feb
1686	72	AoN insurance/defibs	10.60	

1687	73	pavilion water	254.83	
1688	74	orchard grant	100.00	
1689	75	clerk gatherings	20.00	
1690	76	Lengthsman nov,dec,jan	200.03	
1691	77	clerk feb sal/all/len paye	351.11	
1692	78	clean pav feb	160.00	

c) The clerk presented an analysis of 2011/12 cheques and payments in order to clarify the information behind the Council's accounts.

d) The meeting was temporarily suspended whilst outstanding cheques were signed by two councillors.

**The meeting continued as there were no parishioners present.**

6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- a) Annual Parish meeting/Bus shelter – WCC Cllr Eyre agreed that the risk assessment had been outstanding for too long and would progress with Roy Fullee in WCC highways.
- b) Meadows interpretation panels – Chair Southcott reported that this item was in hand and the wording would have to be agreed by the meeting in due course.
- c) Road Signage re Flooding – WCC Cllr Eyre presented a couple of options for A44/Station Road junction signage. The more colourful yellow/red option was rejected due to vagueness in favour of the yellow system which offered a much more accurate description of Cropthorne traffic being diverted whilst Fladbury was still open for business.
- d) Village Sign – This item was carried forward with the outstanding issue of recolouring the sign to be investigated by WCC Cllr Eyre.
- e) Recreational Ground Grit Bin resiting – WCC Cllr Eyre agreed that the resiting had been outstanding for too long and would progress with Roy Fullee in WCC highways.
- f) Recreation Ground Watering – Chair Southcott reported that he was aware that Peter Sudlow and David Train had been in discussion but was unaware of any conclusion; he would contact Peter to ascertain progress.
- g) Lengthsman – The clerk reported that the offset drains had been added to the checklist as agreed with County highways. The clerk was asked to clarify information from County 'rights of way' that the Lengthsman could cover footpaths.

- h) Recreation Ground Car Park – The clerk reported that a sound foot access to the pavilion could be in place for £200 but would leave the car park problem remaining. Chair agreed to discuss options for the whole area with the necessary experts.
- i) Clerk's activities list – The clerk was asked to email February activity to councillors.
- j) Councillor training – Chair reminded councillors that it was their duty to keep up to date and that CALC provided the initial source of information.

## 7. PARISH & NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS - none

- 8. **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 reported that the mobile police station had visited twice recently and this would be a more regular occurrence than in the recent past.

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

WDC McDonald had circulated a complex report on S106 funding availability, uses etc. as provided by WDC officers. This is now on the website. However, there was concern that this document lacked clarity.

WCC Cllr Eyre reported that the County Council was now in election 'purdah'. A grant of £947k from central government had been passed through to the six district councils to help alleviate and hardship cases following the current welfare payments reform. The Bredon coin hoard was now back in the County with fundraising still continuing. Community Energy switching initiatives were being led by Community First, WDC and WCC. There were a large number of local issues being pursued with officers including Craycombe reservoir, BBC headwall, signage, trees at recreation ground etc. A south Worcester cycle route via Fladbury came as a surprise to the meeting with no consultation or even information known. She agreed to approach Ed Dursley to facilitate this matter urgently. There have been no traces of horsemeat in school meal tests to date, £7m bid towards £14m cost of new Norton Parkway Station put to 'New Stations Fund', and continued request for residents to sign up for WCC superfast broadband initiative were covered.

## 10. 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 has indicated that this is not their top priority and will respond in due course. **(No Change)**
- **W/12/01129/AB– Spring Hill Farm, Salters Lane, Fladbury WR10 2PE – Agricultural irrigation reservoir** - Concerns have been filed and a decision is awaited. The two main outstanding issues appear to be a waste pipe under the site and Worcestershire archaeological staff indicating a major sensitive site. Since then the Environment Agency have shown concerns and a proper survey of the site has been requested. EVG consider that the costs of the archaeological work are excessive and they were not intending to proceed on that basis. **(No change)**
- **12/000079/CM – Vale Green Energy – Variation of condition 8 of 11/000020/CM (Glasshouse site request to build digester in parallel timescale with A44 roundabout rather than sequentially)** – It had been generally agreed at a meeting held at the beginning of last year that it would be unreasonable to insist upon the implementation of the condition requiring EVG to complete the roundabout construction before work began on the AD as this would have meant the loss of a 'growing season'. This meeting had been attended by WCC, WDC and Fladbury PC councillors (Eyre, Tucker, McDonald, Southcott and Mills) as well as officers from WCC. However, it was agreed that Cllr Day and the Chair would revisit the permission to ensure that all other conditions were being adhered to. A no objection response was filed by WDC in support with the Parish Council to offer no objection responses to WCC and a decision is awaited at an end of March meeting. **(Still no date or confirmation that issue is on agenda.)**
- **W/12/02789/PP – Mr D Taylor of Laurels for Manor Cottage West, Coach Drive – Demolition of existing 2 no. garages and build 1 larger garage** – Concern over the loss of a tree was filed with a request for replacements. **Permission has been granted.**
- **W/12/02827/LB – Mr P Stubbs, White House, Station Rd – Internal alterations and improvements, replace 4 no. roof lights. Insert new window to kitchen** – A no objection response was filed. **Permission has been granted.**
- **WCC 13/000006/CM – Vale Green Energy – Part retrospective planning application for a pasteurisation house, (including education room), ancillary equipment and an end storage bag– WCC reply required within 28 days of 14/02/13 (i.e. 14/03/13).** Chair Southcott and Cllr Day are examining the submission for a between meeting delegated response.

**Glasshouse Liaison Group** – Chair Southcott reported that the traffic lights expected on 17<sup>th</sup> February were now not expected before 18<sup>th</sup> March because EVG had been requested to delay their installation until the gas main project in Pershore had been substantially completed.

**A44 Mushroom Goods Vehicle Operating Centre Licence Variation** - Chair Southcott reported that this application had been withdrawn, but as there was no refusal on file it could be expected to be raised again and the Council would need to be vigilant with regard to this issue.

**Housing Needs Survey** – Chair Southcott reported that V/chair Mills was still trying to get a meeting with Bretforton set up to gain information on their two recent exercises.

**Pugh's Yard, Broadway Lane Goods Vehicle Operating Centre Licence Variation** – Chair Southcott agreed that a visit was necessary to gain information as to the exact nature, use and implications in order that neighbours could be advised as the Parish Council is excluded from this process. WDC will be approached to see if a planning application is required for full implementation. Responses are due by 14<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

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

WCC Cllr Eyre was asked to progress the Parish Council's upgrade order to six lights as requested by WCC before being able to quote for their administration of the lighting system.

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

V/chair Mills reported that he and Chair had escorted two officers from WCC 'rights of way' and they were very enthusiastic on the Jubilee circular walk proposed. The recent change of ownership of the south Jubilee Bridge meadow to BAA raised optimism that the under bridge access would be easier to solve. Their proposal to use the field for car parking raised concerns given they are already parking in the third meadow and the picnic area car park over the bridge in Crophorne, which is under review with WCC.

V/chair Mills raised the issue of the four recent floods and their effect on the Wynn's at the Mill and in particular the meadow and related areas open to the public. WCC Cllr Eyre advised that the first port of call should always be the Environmental Agency (EA) who had responsibility for investigating causes and their clearance, she will follow up.

Cllr Stephens reiterated the pending inspection of trees at the recreation ground.

#### **13. MYPARISH/WEBSITE/ECOMMUNICATONS (Cllr Day 860 183)**

Cllr Day reported that he had added information on defibrillators, EA page links, new A44 roundabout, bus flood time table and WDC Cllr McDonald S106 information. It was agreed that he should be satisfied with the proposed content before adding and if not seek advice from his fellow councillors. The recent Broadband Survey should be supported in conjunction with WCC.

#### **14. NEW HOMES BONUS (NHB)**

**Awards:** - Year 1(2011) N/A, Year 2(2012) £1842 x 6, Year 3(2012) none – Total £11052

**Usage:** - Defibrillator 1 of 2 £1250 leaving £9802.

#### **Suggestions to date:-**

Jubilee – not allowable  
Older Children Facilities  
Recreation Ground Car Park – under review  
Recreation Ground Oak Fencing – under review  
Additional plantings  
Footpath maps/aides – under review  
Speed Gun, Display Boards  
Village Green North tidy up  
Community Orchard  
Outdoor Adult Training Machines – Cost too high, Urgency Low  
A44 boundary signage to Parish  
Design and installation of meadows interpretation panels – under review

The above topic will be tabled at the Parish Meeting in April.

**15. CORRESPONDENCE**

**6<sup>th</sup> February 2013 (12 emailed, 5 additional\*)**

1	C&M Rail	Line News Winter 2012/13*
2	CPRE	Fieldwork Winter 2012*
3	NALC	LCR Winter 2012*
4	CALC	Update 44 06/12/12 (emailed)
5	WCC	Highway Business Signage Policy (emailed)
6	WDC McD	December Report (emailed)
7	CALC	Update 45 14/12/12 (emailed)
8	CALC	Update 46 19/12/12 (emailed)
9	CALC	Update 1 03/01/13 (emailed)
10	WDC	New Homes Bonus year 3 (emailed)
11	CALC	Update 2 10/01/13 (emailed)
12	C&C	January 2013*
13	CALC	Minutes 05/12/12 (emailed)
14	WDC	Land Drainage Act 3 off (Fladbury Hill GM)*
15	CALC	Update 3 17/01/13 (emailed)
16	CALC	Update 4 25/01/13 (emailed)
17	CALC	Update 5 31/01/13 (emailed)

The clerk was asked to remove previously emailed information from the physical pack before circulation.

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

- a) Complaint handling procedure – Chair requested that all complaints are kept as local as possible. The Parish Council should be advisory with regards to whom to contact rather than getting involved. Cllr Anderson suggested that a list of contacts be prepared in order that councillors would know whom specific issues should be directed.
- b) Emergency Planning – Chair will circulate a presentation to be reviewed in due course.
- c) Annual Parish Meeting – Topics such as EVG progress check, A44 roundabout, website, NHB, defibrillators, cycle way, circular walk and Wynn’s field were put forward for coverage. Councillors were asked to consider any other topics they would like to see considered for this agenda.
- d) The Tennis Club are working on a proposal to amend the end of lease terms after talks with Chair and Cllr Anderson. Any such proposal would be referred to the full council for consideration.
- e) The clerk was asked to add Pavilion/Recreation Ground as a separate agenda item for future meetings.

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s)**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2013 – 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 17<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2013 – Annual Parish Meeting will take place at the **Village Hall** at 7:30pm. Any items for the agenda and proposed corrections to the minutes must be lodged with the Clerk by Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

The meeting closed at 9:45pm.

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