

## **FLADBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Fladbury Parish Council held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 7:30pm in the Sports Pavilion, Fladbury

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| <b>1. Present:</b> | W P Llewellyn (Chair) | 1 Parishioners               |
|                    | D Day                 | WCC Cllr Eyre                |
|                    | G Mills               |                              |
|                    | A Stephens            |                              |
|                    | B Carter              | Clerk – R J Coles            |
|                    | M Ounsted             |                              |
|                    | I Southcott (V/chair) | Denise Duggan – WDC Planning |
|                    | M Anderson            | Rob Fowler – WDC Planning    |
- T McDonald (WDC Cllr)

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

Wind Farms – Personal & Prejudicial – V/chair Southcott  
Farm St/Broadway Lane Traffic Issues – Personal – Cllr Ounsted

- 3. Approval of Minutes** – V/chair Southcott proposed that the last sentence of the second paragraph in the planning section narrative be removed, there was no support for this and the minutes stand as is. Cllr Stephens proposed, seconded by Cllr Mills, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010 be accepted and signed by the Chair.

### **4. SWJCSS**

Denise Duggan (replacing Andy Ford) and Rob Fowler (both WDC planning) attended to update the meeting on this item. The problem of Worcester City boundaries being too tight to build many more dwellings had seen the City, Malvern Hills DC and Wychavon DC form a South Worcestershire Joint Core Team (SWJC) to address the previous government's centrally driven Spatial Strategy (SS). This had resulted in local plans for about 20,000 new dwellings to be raised to 30,000 and subsequently 35,000 on review by regional consultants. The new coalition government has scrapped this process to be replaced by a more bottom up localism approach. However much of the work and data to date would still be of value and use in whatever happens. Following a review of criteria by the Facilities Transport & Strategy Group on Sustainability, particularly with regards to the village school, Fladbury had been reclassified from a category 3 village (affordable housing, needs driven only) to a category 2 village (ideally an additional 25-50 dwellings open to all subject to normal affordable unit rules of up to 40% negotiable with developers and public).

Following work on identifying sites the Strategic Housing Land (SHLAA) exercise had allowed anyone to propose areas for development. Every councillor will get a consultation document and a list of the sites in Fladbury in order to discuss a corporate Parish Council response at the next meeting. However councillors are free to make their own comments to WDC/SWJC directly as well. The clerk was asked to write to Ms Gill Collin Head of Planning at WDC to confirm the parish council's timescales.

**The meeting closed for ten minutes for a parishioner to talk to councillors.**

### **5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- Affordable Housing** – V/chair Southcott reported that a survey was still planned for later this year, however given the SHLAA information in 4 above all possible sites should be investigated by all for a discussion at the next meeting.
- Parish Trees** – The clerk reported that additional work will be carried out on this item soon, however in the interim he pointed out that his inspection of Old Rectory Green (see next item) revealed an alarming amount of 'canker' etc in all the horse chestnuts which had spread to a tree outside the old post office and was possibly poised to go through all the chestnuts up through Station Rd and onto the A44 if they were varieties susceptible to the disease. Given that about 50% of trees in the area and particularly the Conservation Area are chestnuts this could result in drastic changes to local characteristics as well as untold expenses for land owners if they could be identified.

- c) Old Rectory Green ownership – Cllr Anderson reported that there were two ways to proceed, one of adverse possession which was not recommended or register as a village green which was. He would brief councillors either between meetings or at the next meeting on what would be involved.
- d) Pugh's yard trees – Cllr Stephens reported that Mr Pugh had the issue in hand and that WCC could not offer much help.
- e) Traffic Speed Indicator sign – The clerk reported that he had been waiting six weeks for the poles to be installed and the meeting requested WCC Cllr Eyre to see what could be done to speed up the order. Another potential site at Pool Garden will be investigated in due course along with other issues, see item g below.
- f) A44 speed limits – The clerk reported that WCC had approved a 40mph limit from Craycombe Bank, through and past Fladbury Cross to go to public consultation in due course. This was noted to be a welcomed surprise after years of canvassing for such a restriction. The issue of there still being a short 50mph section between Fladbury and Lower Moor was raised and Cllr McDonald proposed, seconded by Cllr Carter, and the meeting agreed that the clerk be asked to formally write to WCC Cllr Eyre requesting details and support for removing such a short limit between the two villages. An entry in the Fladbury Flyer requesting support from the public in due course on the consultation was also agreed.
- g) Farm St/Broadway Lane traffic issues – It was agreed that there appeared to be a natural constriction where Farm St merged into Broadway Lane made worse by some local parking which an attempt to get Rooftops to sort out had led to a bureaucratic decision to wait. Chair proposed and the meeting agreed that the clerk should approach Rooftops again to accelerate the timescale with full support of the Parish Council. If and when an invitation to WCC Accidents Unit to attend is forthcoming the issue of the Pool Garden child risks and traffic calming measures should be investigated. WCC Cllr Eyre agreed to progress with Roy Fullee.

6. **PARISH PLAN** – nothing raised see elsewhere.

7. **POLICING** – nothing reported.

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

WCC Cllr Eyre noted that she had sent a report to the clerk for circulation by email/correspondence pack. WDC Cllr McDonald noted work on the landing stage rejection at Crophorne Mill, Glasshouse liaison meeting, support for play grants at Crophorne and Fladbury, and his new remit at WDC for Energy & Green issues. He also has submitted a report for email/correspondence pack. Cllr Carter wished it to be noted that the village thanked those that had taken a great interest in opposing the Crophorne Mill barrage/extension, including WDC Cllr McDonald, Cllr Mills, Cllr Day, V/chair Southcott and others..

## 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.
- **W/10/00143/PN – Mr J Turner, Environmental Agency, Sentinel House, Wellington Crescent, Fradley Park, Lichfield Staffs WS13 8RR – Extension of existing landing stage, new ferry cable and landing stages, canoe access and egress ramps** – An objection to the extension of the existing landing stage has been filed following an extensive onsite meeting including WDC Cllr McDonald, Conservation Officer, Planning Officer, Cllr Mills and V/chair Southcott. An additional amendment to shorten the landing stage extension from 18 to 12 metres has also been objected to. The Planning Development Committee has overwhelmingly rejected the landing stage part of the application and approved the canoe and public ferry wire.
- **W/10/00994/PP – Dr VJ Richards, Weir Cottage, Mill Bank – Proposed replacement conservatory to rear. First floor extension to rear** – A no objection response has been filed and a decision is awaited.

- **W/10/01074/PN – Ms V Turkington, Scottish Power Renewables, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1 Atlantic Quay, Glasgow G2 8JB – Installation and operation of a wind energy scheme comprising 5 wind turbines and ancillary infrastructure for a period of 25 years, including external transformers, crane hardstandings and laydown areas, control building and compound housing switchgear, onsite access tracks, turning heads and ditch crossings, permanent monitoring mast, site entrance, underground electric cables, site mast, site signage, associated ground works, tree felling and replanting - WDC reply required within 21 days of 10/06/10 (i.e. 01/07/10). This has been extended to 31/07/10.**

**Wind Farm** – (V/chair absented himself from this item) Cllr Day reported that following initial discussions on over 1200 pages of planning submission, legal advice was to concentrate on three issues; WDC scoping documents detail for such a development, Landscape Character of a unique escarpment as detailed by WCC in 1999 and EU legislation which is far more extensive on the protection of bats than the UK. Noise was considered to be an issue for only a handful of people/properties. Following extensive discussions including the fact that the final plans had removed much of any visibility to Fladbury Parish but did affect many AONBs, it was proposed by Cllr Mills, seconded by Cllr Stephens, and the meeting agreed (4 for, 2 agin and 2 abstentions) that Cllr Day should confer with councillors and other parishes in order to reply with an objection to the proposal in the timescale available noting that this could be reviewed at the next meeting.

**Glasshouse Liaison Group** – Chair Llewellyn and V/chair Southcott reported on a pre application consultation with regards to a proposed new roundabout exit onto the A44 which is in pre planning with WDC. V/chair has circulated notes to other councillors and would also send a copy to the clerk. The issue raised the Strategic Gap between Fladbury and Lower Moor disappearing and although had some merit, especially with regards to speed limits etc., raised the issue of potential floodlighting and other potential over or unwelcomed developments. Additional traffic through the village to support the site was also raised.

**SWJCSS** - This item was covered in 4 above.

## 10. FINANCE

- a) Cllr Stephens proposed, seconded by Cllr Carter, and the meeting agreed to approve the Receipts and Payments A/C up to 28/06/10 for signature by Chair.
- b) Invoices for Payment from above approval – £
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| 1469 | 23 | Limebridge mowings x1 may | 135.13 |
| 1470 | 24 | Tubs - King               | 58.28  |
| 1471 | 25 | Lengthsman apr/may        | 112.50 |
| 1472 | 26 | bgas pavilion             | 122.47 |
| 1473 | 27 | Clerk sal/all/exp may     | 300.15 |

## 11. LIGHTING

Cllr Carter reported that an issue with a light in Woodward Parks highlighted that the three lights in this road are maintained by WCC and not the parish council who have 46. WCC could not explain the anomaly and again offered to take over all the parish lighting. Cllr Carter has received information and will discuss with the clerk who noted that he had supplied information before for a quote and nothing had happened.

## 12. FOOTPATHS

Cllr Mills reported that WCC hoped to strim before the walkabout. The Probationary Service had been approached to see if they could offer assistance to Mr Wynn with regards to the Nait.

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### 13. CORRESPONDENCE

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1	CALC	Update 12
2	CPRE	Members Guide
3	CPRE	Countryside Voice Spring 2010
4	C&M Line	News Spring 2010
5	CALC	Update 13
6	WDC	Artworks Spring 2010
7	C&C	Direct May 2010
8	WCC	WoW magazine Spring 2010
9	CALC	Update 14
10	CPRE	Worcs Newsletter May 2010
11	WDC	Parish Matters April 2010
12	WCC	Warden Newsletter April 2010
13	WDC Cllr McD	May report
14	CALC	Update 15

### 14. OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- a) V/chair Southcott reported that he had not had a response from the parishioner involved and would chase the item up on the proposed tarmac area for basketball/netball facility at the Walnut tree in the recreation ground.
- b) A request for funding from the 'Friends of Pool Garden' was discussed and it was noted that their aims of updating Pool Garden was supported by the Pplan, surveys had been carried out and that there would be a show at the walkabout who have donated over £2,000 to the project.. V/chair Southcott proposed, seconded by Cllr Anderson, and the meeting agreed that a grant of £3,000 over two years would be made available to support the project. The clerk will write to inform the newly formed charity of the decision. It was also noted that longer term support in the form of inspections, insurance and maintenance would probably fall on the Parish Council as before. The possibility of resiting the play area, although offering additional flexibility, was considered not to be an immediate issue in order to protect grant application work underway.
- c) The clerk informed the meeting that an order to close the Jubilee Bridge for four weeks at the end of July would cause considerable disruption. Also resurfacing of the A44 between Peopleton turning and Pinvin would soon be underway.
- d) The issue of Farm traffic now suddenly using Paynes Lane was noted.

### 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 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 11<sup>th</sup> July 2010. .

The meeting closed at 10:15pm.

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....