

FLADBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Fladbury Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th December 2010 at 7:30pm in the Sports Pavilion, Fladbury

1. **Present:** W P Llewellyn (Chair) 0 Parishioners
V/chair I Southcott
D Day
G Mills
B Carter Clerk – R J Coles
M Anderson
M Ounsted
T McDonald (also WDC from item 9 see below)

Apologies received from WDC/FPC Cllr McDonald (thru item 9 see above), WCC Cllr Eyre and Cllr Stephens.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

V/chair Southcott – Personal & prejudicial interest in wind farms.
Cllr Carter – Personal & prejudicial interest in W10/02865/PP.
Cllr Ounsted – Personal re Village Green Church ownership.

3. **Approval of Minutes** – Cllr Day proposed, seconded by Cllr Mills, and the meeting agreed that minutes for the 25th October 2010 be accepted and signed by the Chair.

4. **Intentionally Blank**

As there were no parishioners present the meeting continued.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- a) Parish Trees/Nursery – Carried forward to January as the WDC Tree Officer Sally Griffiths is off sick.
- b) Old Rectory Green/Village Green ownership – Carried forward until January or February. It is noted that the Village Green is/maybe owned by the Church although the Parish Council appears to mow/maintain and WCC have made changes to the area. A way forward agreeable to all will be sought in due course.
- c) Traffic Speed Indicator sign – The clerk reported that WCC speed statistics for Station Road (north of the railway bridge) indicated that 80% of vehicles passed in excess of the 30 mph limit and the average speed of all vehicles was 41mph. The clerk was asked to investigate what further could be done to reduce the problem as the above area had used the Parish Council's speed activated sign before the measurements. He was also asked to warn locals via Fladbury Flyer/Five Alive that additional measures may be forthcoming. It was requested that the Speed Activated Sign be in use as much as possible and V/chair Southcott and Cllr Day offered to help the clerk during the bad weather period.
- d) Farm St/Broadway Lane traffic issues – The clerk reported that he had had a meeting with WCC which included the proposal to move and modify the playground sign on entering from the Farm Street end. WCC seemed surprised that this had not been done. The clerk will monitor.
- e) Pound – Cllr Anderson was surprised that his email on the Pound breach of lease had not been received by the clerk and will resend ASAP.

6. **PARISH PLAN**

7. **POLICING**

Cllr Carter reported that PACT activity had appeared to have gone away probably due to the impending cuts in budgets.

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

WCC Cllr Eyre circulated via the clerk a report covering Comprehensive Spending Review, change of leadership cabinet team (including county leader), Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership, and Localism Bill.

WDC Cllr circulated via the clerk a report covering Fuel Poverty (contact WDC Housing), Worcester Bosch expansion approval, wind farm, Springhill Farm habitation units removed, financial planning trying to protect regeneration, Charlton Flood Scheme position, concessionary travel moves from WDC to WCC, Big Society, front end loading of Coalition Government cuts and Avon SSSI (see below).

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/10/01074/PN – Ms V Turkington, Scottish Power Renewables, 4th 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 hard standings and lay down 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** – Cllr Day sent a letter of objection on behalf of the Parish Council and the 27/01/2011 for a special single application WDC Development Control Committee has been announced.
- **W/10/02456/PP – Mr & Mrs Francis, Pole Position, Station Rd – Proposed detached garage** – Following consultations with WDC a no objection was filed and a decision is awaited.
- **W/10/02473/PP – Mr Nutton of Harvington re Highclere, Evesham Rd, Wood Norton – Two storey extension to existing dwelling** – A no objection has been filed and permission has been granted.
- **W/10/02865/PP – Mr & Mrs Gough re Waterway House, Station Rd – Two storey front and side extension and single storey side and rear extension** Early indications are that there appears to be no objections likely to this application. - WDC reply required within 21 days of 02/12/10 (i.e. 23/12/10)

Wind Farm (V/chair Southcott withdrew) – The meeting discussed the background to this planning application and it was noted that possible consideration to a Parish Wide event should be considered in future for such large events (i.e glasshouse). Following discussions it was not considered mandatory as Parish Councillors had the authority to act as they see fit as the elected representatives of the parish who could pass judgement at the ballot box.

Cllr Carter proposed, seconded by Cllr Anderson, and the meeting agreed that the clerk should write to WDC Head of Legal Services Ian Marshall concerning the unacceptable way in which V/chair Southcott was treated during a recent Standards Board complaint against him (although in fact it should probably have been directed at Cllr Day). The failure to explain the nature of the complaint and its likely source is considered to be a breach of natural justice.

Glasshouse Liaison Group – V/chair Southcott reported that agreeable dates had not been reached before year end and he was trying for weeks of January 10th or 17th 2011.

Lower Avon SSSI – V/chair Southcott reported that the only actual affected area in Fladbury was Oxton Ditch and was due to the ‘marsh warbler’ bird which had not even been sighted for at least 12 to 18 years. Although any protection of the river is welcomed it will be difficult to stop this de-registration. V/chair Southcott will investigate if other bodies could help – Wildlife Trust?

10. FINANCE

- a) Cllr Mills proposed, seconded by Cllr Anderson, and the meeting agreed to approve the Receipts and Payments A/C up to 14/12/2010 for signature by Chair.

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b)	Invoices for Payment from above approval	£
1500	55 Lengthsman aug/sep/oct	245.05
1501	56 Bgas pavilion	133.08
1502	57 Pavilion clean nov	160.00
1503	58 Limebridge mowings aug/oct/nov	546.38
1504	59 Clerk sal,all oct,nov	567.42

c) Cllr Anderson proposed, seconded by Cllr Carter, and the meeting agreed to adopt the proposal of the Finance Committee to set the precept at an unchanged £15000 for the fifth year running and that the corresponding reserves over the period through to 31/03/12 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
New Playground project	£3000
Light transfer to WCC	£1000
Recreation trees	£2000 (see below) sub total £8995

Giving a total of £22960.

11. LIGHTING

Cllr Carter reported that a few light repairs had taken place however their appeared to be a problem with the ability to fix the light at 28 Butt Furlong which was being followed up. An initial response from WCC over their taking on the running of the lights had shown that a number would need modifying, including asbestos seal problems. They are investigating a way forward.

12. FOOTPATHS/TREES (WCC Wardens)

Cllr Mills is carrying out a survey of path priorities with councillors for reporting back to WCC. The upcoming 'Pool Garden' run on 2nd January using the river path south of the village has identified a problem of overgrowth in the area for which the Probationary Services should have completed clearance work by the end of the week.

Concerns have been expressed over the apparent lack of consultation with the Parish Council on tree matters in a number of cases. The clerk was asked to write to WDC Head of Planning Gill Collin, Tree Officer Sally Griffiths and Heritage Officer Jim Berger noting such concerns and inviting WDC to attend a parish council meeting to see what can be done to explain the system in place and how to improve the situation.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

2nd November 2010

1	WCC Eyre	August report
2	WDC McD	September Round-up
3	CALC	Update 31
4	WDC	Residential Design Guide
5	Golf Club	further response!!
6	WCC Eyre	September report
7	CALC	Update 32
8	WDC McD	September report
9	CALC	Update 33
10	CALC	AGM

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11	WDC Heritage	Events Diary 2011
12	WDC	Allotments Scrutiny Team – Final report
13	WCC	Countryside Training – no space on noticeboard!!
14	WDC McD	October report
15	CALC	Update 34
16	WCC	new Green Wood Children's Centre
17	WDC	Sports Recognition Awards
18	Partnership	Worcestershire Assembly 2010 11 th Nov
19	CALC	Update 35
20	CALC	Update 36
21	WCC	Snow Clearance (£25k protection fund!!!!!!)
22	WCC	Parish Community Payback
23	C&C	Direct Nov 2010

3rd November 2010

1	WCC	QUESTIONNAIRE regarding greater Parish involvement!!
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4th November 2010

1	SWDP	SWJCS replacement exercise following new Coalition Government Scrapping of regional top down planning numbers!!!!!! Includes SHLAA sites in villages and village accessibility plans that could dictate number of houses etc
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25th November 2010

1	WDC/Standards	Decision Notice for WDC8.2010 V/chair Southcott.
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14. OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION.

- a) The 2011 calendar of meetings was presented and modified for Oct/Nov/Dec to reintroduce the full parish council meeting in November.
- b) Cllr Carter raised the issue of "Protect Local Playing Fields" offer recently sent out by WDC in Parish Matters. The clerk will investigate his records to see what the current situation of the facility apparently purchased in 1951 actually is. There is no immediate risk and any protection needs balancing against a possible swop of facilities under certain circumstances in the future to the benefit of the parish.
- c) PG (Jonah) King-Jones attended the meeting to introduce himself to councillors. There appeared to be some information on the scheme and its relevance to the local duties that appeared unclear and the clerk was asked to rectify this for the next meeting.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s)

Monday 17th January 2011 – 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 9th January 2011.

The meeting closed at 09:30pm. **Signed:** **Date:**