

## **FLADBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Fladbury Parish Council held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 7:30pm in the Sports Pavilion, Fladbury

1. **Present:**

W P Llewellyn (Chair)	4 Parishioners
V/chair I Southcott	
B Carter	WCC Cllr Eyre
D Day	
G Mills	Clerk – R J Coles
M Anderson	
M Ounsted	
A Stephens	
T McDonald (also WDC Cllr)	
  
2. **Declarations of Interest - none**
  
3. **Approval of Minutes** – Cllr Stephens proposed, seconded by Cllr Carter, and the meeting agreed that minutes for the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2011 be accepted and signed by the Chair.
  
4. **Friends of Pool Garden Project**

Louise Bugg gave a presentation on the progress to date. This included a Public Consultation to agree the main components of the totally new play area, quotations from 3 suppliers and the selection of HFN of Pershore as meeting the requirements both of cost and accountability for the project. Funds raised to date were at least £23,779 with £25k expected by the end of April without any major additional grants. This is still about £9k short of the ideal total project. There were concerns that there was an assumption that future running costs would fall upon the precept to cover inspection, insurance, maintenance etc. which is often the case with large capital projects where funding has been raised externally (i.e. Sports Pavilion).

V/chair Southcott proposed, seconded by Cllr Mills, and the meeting agreed by seven votes for and two abstentions (including chair) that the project go ahead as soon as possible with the proviso that raised funds restrict the project. The clerk and Cllr Anderson will liaise for the Parish Council as Prime Contractors for the project with Friends and HFN over the necessary contract arrangements. This effectively splits the project into two parts, phase 1 at £25k and a phase 2 of £9k if and when funding is available. The target is to have a completed play area as a feature of the 2011 Walkabout weekend July 9/10<sup>th</sup>.

**The meeting continued as the parishioner still present did not request a break.**

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

- a) Parish Trees/Nursery – The clerk reported that a meeting with Cllr Day, Cllr Stephens, Sally Griffiths (WDC tree officer) and Jim Burgin (WDC heritage manager) had taken place and the process of ensuring trees are protected understood and in place. A walk through the village indicated at least two or more immediate problems in and around Rectory Green on public non parish council owned land will need addressing soon.
- b) Old Rectory Green/Village Green ownership – Cllr Anderson requested item carried forward.
- c) Traffic Speed Indicator sign – The clerk report that a recent test had indicated that on Station Road North traffic was slowed by 2.5mph from an average of 35mph to 32.5mph. A rota for the sign will be needed if the clerk is absent for more than a week.
- d) Farm St/Broadway Lane traffic issues – The clerk reported that it had taken three attempts to produce data due to equipment problems and results should be due soon if finally successful..
- e) Pound – Cllr Anderson reported that he was handling this himself as a matter of urgency.
- f) Playing Field – The clerk reported and Cllr Anderson confirmed that no difference between a playing field and recreation could be detected. However some amenities are registered with the King George V jubilee trust which affords them additional protection and an extension of this is being applied for a Queen Elizabeth II trust in the future.
- g) Local Farmers accreditation – WCC Cllr Eyre reported that the necessary exercise was planned for the near future.
- h) Parish wide communications by email – The clerk reported that the police were willing to fund a £35 exercise for a leaflet drop in the village run by Cllr Carter.

- i) MyParish website – The clerk requested that V/chair supply a pdf version of the Parish Plan for addition to the site.

## 6. PARISH PLAN

V/chair Southcott reiterated that as the Localism Bill moved forward the metamorphosis of the current Parish Plan into a Neighbourhood Plan was still in the legislation.

7. **POLICING** - contacts are PC Stuart Toms, CSO Simon Hall (0300 333 3000/01905 725770)

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

WCC Cllr Eyre had already circulated a report covering; Better Outcomes Lean Delivery – BOLD; Lead Member for Children's Services with responsibility for Children's Social Care; Adult Services; how to improve incomes and reduce costs including use of enabling technologies; New Leader for WCC; Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP); Localism Bill; Planning guidelines for traveller sites; Planning; H&W Combined Fire and Rescue Service; Buses; Library Consultation; Local Speed Limits review; and, Fladbury glasshouse anaerobic digester and associated A44 planned roundabout request.

WDC Cllr McDonald had already circulated a report covering; the sad death of WDC Cllr for Elmley Castle, Mrs Mackison, for whom he was standing in for local and planning committee duties. The Mercian regiment on return from Afghanistan will be given the freedom of Wychavon and will march through the three main towns in due course. Pershore had gone ahead with commemorative garden and plum orchard developments. Fladbury glasshouse had held an open day on the future immediate plans for the site attended by 129+ local visitors. The civic Centre will be investing £34k in photovoltaic cells with a £100k payback over 20 years. Any issues with the Localism bill of 409 pages should be taken up with relevant MP's.

## 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/10/02456/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/10/02601/CU – Mrs W Crowe, Long Acre, Station Rd, Fladbury - Change of use of section of river bank for boat mooring and construction of stages and slipway - WDC reply required within 21 days of 30/12/10 (i.e. 20/01/11 – however delivery noted as a week late).** An objection has been filed and a decision is awaited which could be significantly delayed due to further flood assessment, EA involvement etc., however flood/EA is only a part of the Parish Council's concerns with visual development being a major concern as well. The local MP has been notified due to the high degree of public unrest with this proposal.
- **W/10/02989/PN – Dr S Elsworth, Wood Norton Farmhouse - Replacement two storey four bed dwelling** – A mixed response was filed and a decision is awaited.
- **W/10/03029/PN – Ms C Burges, Elm Cottage, Salters Lane - Conversion and extension of existing detached garage to form new dwelling with separate access and garden.** A no objection was filed and permission has been refused.
- **W/11/00254/PP – Mr & Mrs Tullett, The Hollies, Coach Drive - Erection of conservatory and retrospective permission for lantern light in existing extension. – It was agreed that a no objection response would be filed. WDC reply required within 21 days of 10/03/11 (i.e. 31/03/11)**

**Glasshouse Liaison Group** – A meeting was held and subsequently a public event held concerning the proposed anaerobic digester and A44 roundabout. The planning application went to WCC on 4<sup>th</sup> March and has yet to be received for consultation by the Parish Council. Chair thanked V/chair Southcott for his efforts in helping set up these meetings and events.

**Lower Avon SSSI** – V/chair Southcott reported he had dealt with this issue by talking to Jackie Giles.

**Affordable Housing** – Nigel Potter, Community First, will be attending the June meeting to update the Parish Council as funding is available if necessary for preliminary survey. WDC Cllr McDonald indicated that WIP (Worcestershire Investment Partnership) had been set up to help with provision of affordable housing.

## 10. FINANCE

a) V/chair Southcott proposed, seconded by Cllr Anderson, and the meeting agreed that the Receipts and Payments A/C up to 28/03/2011 be accepted for Chair to sign including three late payments.

b) Invoices for Payment from above approval £

1515	71	bgas pavilion	205.35
1516	72	Pavilion clean feb mar	320.00
1517	73	Lengthsman nov-feb	253.13
1518	74	Planning leaflets	15.00
1519	75	Chair allowance	150.00
1520	76	V/chair allowance	100.00
1521	77	Bus shelter/stops allowance	160.00
1522	78	Clerk, sal, all, exp feb mar	574.60

Including late payments

1523	79	Auditor gift + AM card	18.78
1524	80	CALC clerk mtgs	14.50
1525	81	Lengthsman mar	56.25

c) The meeting agreed the mowing contract charge increase of 3% cf RPI of 5.1

## 11. LIGHTING (Cllr Carter 860 247)

Cllr Carter reported that two lights had been repaired and asked the clerk to inspect the vegetation problem with the light at the junction of the A44. It was agreed that the lamppost in Lazy Lane badly affected by ivy would need clearing and painting, a contractor will be needed for this.

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

Cllr Mills indicated that a request for a permitted right of way allowing a circular walk around the river and Broadway Lane had been taken on board by EVG at the recent liaison meeting. It was noted that the Porters Path, Lower Moor end, was in a poor state with rubble from the track being pushed across.

Cllr Stephens requested that all councillors take into account their knowledge with regards to trees when considering planning applications.

## 13. CORRESPONDANCE

### 25th February 2011

1	WDC McD	Ward report January 2011
2	WDC	Response to Standards Board Process Complaint
3	CALC	Update 3 28/01/11
4	Worcs	Rural Outreach Project
5	CALC	Update 4 3/01/11
6	WDC	Chairman invite to Cookery Demonstration Lunch 30/03/11
7	WCC	Proposals for Reducing subsidised bus services (+ forms)
8	CALC	Update 5 10/02/11

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- 9 CALC Update 6 17/02/11
- 10 WDC McD Ward report February 2011
- 11 PTC Public Transport Meeting 09/03/11
- 12 CALC Update 7 24/02/11 (including PAYE PROBLEM AGAIN!!!!!!!)

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

- a) The meeting considered a cycle path between the Jubilee Bridge and Charlton to overcome safety issues which is being supported by residents within Fladbury and is looked upon favourably by Charlton. The actual path would be fully within the Parish of Crophorne although of lesser concern to their parishioners due to its geographical positioning. Cllr Anderson proposed, seconded by Cllr Carter, and the meeting agreed that it supported this provision. Parishioner Rev Bugg was in touch with Highways and would feedback in due course.
- b) It is noted that for Parish Council Elections a Notice of Election for 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011 has been made. Candidates have until noon Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April to file their relevant papers. Candidates will be announced on the 6<sup>th</sup> with one days grace for any late withdrawals. Therefore by the close of play on the 7<sup>th</sup> it will be known whether a ballot for parish councillors will be required. If it is not then there should be no costs, if there is then costs are proposed as 25% PC, 25% WDC and 50% referendum. New councillors' expenses must be filed on 9<sup>th</sup> May to ensure no legal complications.
- c) The Annual Parish meeting agenda was discussed and will include Localism (V/chair Southcott), Local Authority (WDC/FPC Cllr McDonald), Moorings, email circulation, speed signs, Village website and Parish Council links. V/chair Southcott agreed to invite EVG to attend and he will also produce and organise a flyer for this meeting.
- d) The clerk was asked to investigate the siding out of the footway from the railway bridge to the A44 crossroads using either Highways contractor/machine or Lengthsman/labour.
- e) A row of white posts on Station Road are in a very sorry state after the winter snow and the clerk was asked to look at their replacement.
- f) V/chair Southcott asked WCC Footpaths Warden Cllr Mills to inspect the leaning wall on Butchers Walk, Farm Street end, and liaise with County and landowner to make safe.

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

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2011 – 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 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2011.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011 – Parish Council Annual 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 8<sup>th</sup> May 2011

The meeting closed at 09:10pm.

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