

FLADBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Fladbury Parish Council held on Monday 19th December 2011 at 7:30pm in the Sports Pavilion, Fladbury

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| 1. Present: | Chair I Southcott
V/chair G Mills
W Llewellyn
B Carter
D Day
M Anderson
A Stephens
S Insall
N Manser | 0 Parishioners

WCC Cllr E Eyre
Clerk – R J Coles |
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Apology received from WDC Cllr T McDonald.

- 2. Declarations of Interest** - none
- 3. Approval of Minutes** – Cllr Day proposed, seconded by Cllr Anderson, and the meeting agreed that minutes for the 28th November 2011 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) Old Rectory Green – Cllr Anderson requested item carried forward.
- b) MyParish website/communications – Chair Southcott stated his intention to work on the issues over Xmas.
- c) Cycle Path Crothorne – Clerk reported that the issue was firmly with Rev Bugg.
- d) Annual Parish meeting/Bus shelter (Pound) – The meeting requested that the next step be a visit by at least WCC, with hopefully the Bus Company (and possibly the Conservation Officer, a representative of the trade union and the police) to the next Parish Council meeting before going to public consultation.
- e) Bye Laws – carried forward awaiting WDC officer on maternity.
- f) Meadows interpretation panels – Chair Southcott reported he should have some proposals, options and costs in the New Year.
- g) Butcher's Walk wall – Chair Southcott reported no progress.
- h) Framing of Shelley lists – Cllr Llewellyn offered and it was accepted that he take on the project.
- i) Community Orchard – Chair assigned Cllr Day to progress under his Insurance duties.

6. PARISH & NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS - renamed

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

It was agreed that Chair would send an email thanking both PC Dave Shortell and CSO Simon Hall for their efforts in making Remembrance Sunday go smoothly. The clerk was asked to see if there had been any further recent developments over the speeding issues in the village and Fladbury Cross/A44.

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

WCC Cllr Eyre had previously circulated her report via the clerk, (EVG is covered below). Jubilee Bridge is due to be painted in September 2012; the meeting was asked if there was any particular colour preferred, Upton Yellow was mentioned! The bridge has been inspected prior to any issues with the traffic and bridge closure in Evesham which is scheduled for 2013 lasting less than 4 months. The railway bridge remains a local concern as well. Thanks and seasonal greeting were exchanged with those present.

WDC Cllr McDonald's report had been circulated via the clerk. It referred to the Evesham Bridge closure traffic and noted that this would be 'less than predicted'. The origin of such a conclusion was questioned and clarification required. EVG is again covered below, Worcestershire employment statistics were given and he again indicated the importance of businesses not being hindered in the current financial climate. He forwarded his greetings to all.

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. Cllr Day was asked to see if this outstanding item could be progressed.
- **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. Chair Southcott reported that WDC had tried to get this application moving by firmly putting the delay at the door of the applicant's land agent. The Parish Council continues to push for a decision has been passed on to representatives at all levels; MP, WCC & WDC. The EA have recently requested a full blown topographical survey, to which the agent is dismissing as irrelevant. WDC are trying to expedite this application but are wary of getting bogged down in further withdrawals/applications and appeals, and are trying to get the right decision. WDC have written to the agent indicating that they are going to proceed to determination unless he indicates that he will satisfy EA survey request as quickly as possible which to date he has refused to do so. Although the application has now been withdrawn again, concern was expressed that it may reappear in the future. The Chair thanked Cllr Day for his efforts in keeping objectors advised of the situation.
- **W/11/02253/PN – Matthews Construction of Broadwas on Teme re Walnut Cottage, Station Rd – Amendment to planning approval W/09/01785/PN to incorporate basement with associated lightwell and external steps, minor fenestration amendments** – Continuing concerns and an objection to the size of the dwelling with regards to the site and in particular parking on a key railway access has been filed and permission has been granted following an increased provision for parking 3 rather than 2 cars off Station Approach. The decision also included a number of conditions during development.
- **W/11/02500/PP – Mr R Carter, 8 Leasowes Court - Install of a Velux Roof Light** – A no objection response has been filed and permission has been granted.
- **W/11/02484/CU – Land at Evesham Rd Lower Moor - Change of use of agricultural land to equestrian use** – It was agreed in principle that there appeared no objections however Cllr Day was asked to monitor the letters going between the two solicitors and seek more information from WDC before agreeing what to file. WDC reply required within 21 days of 08/12/11 (i.e. 29/12/11)

Glasshouse Liaison Group – Chair Southcott reported on the meeting of Wednesday 30th November which was attended by himself, V/chair Mills and Cllrs Day & Llewellyn with two representatives from Hill & Moor PC, WDC Cllrs Liz Tucker & Tom McDonald and EVG(4). A further meeting had followed with WCC and WDC councillors and officers and Chair Southcott and V/chair Mills to discuss an EVG problem of having conditions that could delay the operation of some parts of the process by a year into 2013. It was reported that the WCC Planning Officer has now stated that the conditions could be interpreted in such a way which would allow the constraint, building the clamps, to be allowed and start up in 2012. However, this would not affect the need for the applicant to fulfil all the other conditions as set out in the permission. The relevant Section 278 agreement on the roundabout was not seen as a problem at this time provided submission is of the necessary quality. It was confirmed that the extension of the lighting scheme from the roundabout to Fladbury would not be required and the need to implement a lighting scheme of appropriate design and intensity was noted.

EVG now appeared more conciliatory to the Parish Council monitoring the conditions which has been made necessary by their original cavalier attitude when building the original glasshouse/packhouse.

It was also reported that the southern trench had now been piped and filled in restoring the damaged definitive footpath near the railway line. EVG raised two issues of concern, one being that of dogs being allowed to roam/foul on salad crops next to the footpaths, although it is not necessary to have dogs on leads it is deemed a requirement that dogs are kept under control. An article designed to inform parishioners of this issue would be prepared with the assistance of EVG and place in Five Alive/Fladbury Flyer. The second issue with particular reference to properties adjoining their field south of Coach Drive (Lazy Lane, Townend Cottages, Paynes Lane and Broadway Close) are dumping/storing waste/material on their land and they requested Parish Council help in solving the problems. Chair and V/chair would recommend how this issue be best resolved in an amicable and beneficial manner.

Housing Needs Survey – Chair Southcott will contact Nigel Potter at Community First after the clerk informed the meeting that his position was disappearing in 2012/13 along with his budgets, he has however budget for Fladbury through March 2012.

10. FINANCE

- a) Cllr Stephens proposed, seconded by Cllr Llewellyn, and the meeting agreed the acceptance of the Receipts and Payments A/C up to 19/12/2011 for Chair to sign.
- b) Invoices for Payment from above approval – £

1595	72 limebridge leaves/pool garden	300.00
1596	73 clerk dec sal/all paye	284.71

11. LIGHTING (Cllr Carter 860 247)

Cllr Carter reported that he was to have a meeting with WCC Principal Lighting Engineer Derek Powell the following Thursday in order to try and resurrect the stalled exercise of WCC taking on the parish lights suitably upgraded and providing a managed service which should save power expenses to pay for any upgrades. The issue of reducing power by night time switch off is on WCC's new agenda. Cllr Llewellyn asked if the power of the lights in the Broadway Close area could be increased, Cllr Carter will investigate. He would also raise the issue of the design of the lighting scheme for the new roundabout.

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

The Porters footpath can best be described as very muddy as expected in winter but passable, vegetation will be inspected when the warmer weather arrives. The planned approval of two fir trees removed at Weir House caused no concerns.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

1st December 2011 – (12 emailed* leaving 6 new)

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| 1 | WCC | Maintenance priority footpaths (emailed) |
| 2 | CALC | Update 38 03/11/11 (emailed) |
| 3 | Comm 1 st | Newsline Autumn 2011 |
| 4 | Vol Centre | Offer to meet |
| 5 | Comm 1 st | Key note Speech Localism (emailed) |
| 6 | wcctv | Wireless CCTV |
| 7 | WDC | Parish Matters Nov 2011 (copies sent to all cllrs*) |
| 8 | WCC | VCS consultation (emailed) |
| 9 | WDC | New Homes Bonus |
| 10 | CALC | Update 39 10/11/11 (emailed) |
| 11 | CPRE | Countryside Voice Winter 2011 |
| 12 | Comm 1 st | (VCS?) consultation (emailed) |
| 13 | Trans Ev Vale | SWDP response (emailed) |
| 14 | Sports Relief | 2012 – Worcs Parishes (emailed) |
| 15 | Comm Orchard | Insurance etc. request (emailed) |
| 16 | WDC Cllr McD | November Ward report (emailed) |
| 17 | WCC Cllr Eyre | Update Evesham Bridge (emailed) |

18 Wych CAB Urgent support letter

Chair reminded councillors that they should note and raise at meetings any issues in the circulation pack.

14. OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- a) Fladbury has so far earned a share of 3 New Homes Bonuses. (In WDC a New Homes bonus is worth a Band D rate of £1635 a year for 6 years, it is shared 20%,40%,40% between WCC,WDC,FPC respectively, thus given Fladbury a total of £614/home times 3 homes times over 6 years totalling £11052 which can be brought forward if suitable project(s) identified. Any additional £350 per qualifying affordable home remains with WDC.) All councillors were asked to consider what these funds could be used for. It was noted that any additional net increase in homes in the parish in future would attract additional bonuses. WCC Cllr Eyre indicated that the Parish Council could try to approach EVG for Community contributions to help enhance the total funds available.
- b) The Clerk briefed the meeting on a Worcestershire Broadband workshop which tended to favour very rural communities in the upcoming grants being talked about. (On a scale of 1 to 5 Fladbury rated as 2 with remote rural communities in the county rated as 5.) He would try to find out what could be done to 'fibre' the Cropthorne (01386 86) exchange/boxes and households.
- c) Cllr Llewellyn asked what if anything the Parish Council was proposing to do, lead or fund with regards to the 2012 Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Chair Southcott briefed the meeting that following the successful completion of the Pool Garden led by FOPG (Friends of Pool Garden) they had reconstituted themselves as FOF (Friends of Fladbury) on November 15th and their initial project was to address the Jubilee issues. Cllr Insall offered and it was agreed that her delegated council role could be to work with FOF chaired by Julie Cross, V/chaired by Louise Bugg. There is a meeting on January 12th, all welcomed and the Parish Council was on standby to help or fund where approved and affordable.
- d) Cllr Stephens noted that SARA had been seen in the fisherman's car park having used two boats on the nearby river.
- e) V/chair Mills noted the issue of beer can litter on an area past Paynes Lane. It was noted that litter in general was a major problem, the recreation car park is often the recipient of beer cans and fast food deposits even though there are two large litter bins adjacent. Chair asked to borrow clerk's litter picker.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s)

Monday 30th January 2012 – 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 15th January 2012.

The meeting closed at 08:50pm.

Signed: **Date:**