

## **FLADBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Fladbury Parish Council held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2009 at 7:30pm in the Sports Pavilion, Fladbury

1. **Present:**
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| W P Llewellyn (Chair) | 2 Parishioners    |
| A Stephens            | WCC Cllr Eyre     |
| G Mills               | Clerk – R J Coles |
| T McDonald (WDC Cllr) |                   |
| D Day                 |                   |
| M Anderson            |                   |
| B Carter              |                   |

**Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Worthington and V/chair Southcott.

2. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Stephens declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application W/09/00292/PP.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – Cllr Stephens proposed, seconded by Cllr Anderson, and agreed by the meeting that the minutes for the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2009 be accepted and signed by the Chair.

**The meeting closed for ten minutes to allow parishioners to address the councillors.**

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

- a) Land Registry – Clerk reported that a meeting will take place on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- b) Pavilion Donors' Plaque - This item is put forward until 31/03/09.
- c) Affordable Housing – V/chair Southcott was absent, item moved to March meeting.
- d) Highways & Butchers path resurfacing – It is noted that works are due on Butchers Path and Fladbury Cross when weather improves. Millbank has been resurfaced from Fladbury to Charlton; anglers' car park needs an inspection for litter. It was also to be noted that a damaged utility cover opposite the main entrance to Wood Norton Hall has been screened off for over a month again, following a 4 month incident last year
- e) Pound rental – Clerk reported that there was some interest shown but not followed up yet.
- f) WCC/FPC website – Cllr Carter indicated that the website needed better 'Google search' priority and the clerk indicated that councillors' personal details were not included for security reasons although it may appear that they are on the church website. The clerk will investigate.
- g) Wood Norton flooding issues – WCC have reported that additional pipes under the A44 at the Kennells are due in March and that the localised flooding problems at the eastern entrance to Wood Norton have been cleared but that due to levels there would be some problems that could be solved with a non return valve but not in all conditions depending on the river.
5. **PARISH PLAN** - V/chair Southcott reported (via the clerk) that the final text has been agreed with Diana Brown and Margaret Hawkins for reformatting and presentation which together with additional photographs from Mike Izod and a map will then be ready for printing at a cost of £1200. It was noted that production before the Annual Parish Meeting in two months would help with publicity.
6. **POLICING** – Cllr Carter has arranged an evening event to promote the SmartWater system for the protection of property for Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2009 7:30pm at the Village Hall in conjunction with West Mercia Police and asked for a contribution towards the cost. It was proposed by Cllr Stephens, seconded by Cllr Mills, and agreed by the meeting that the cost of hire of the hall of £10 be paid by the Parish Council.

### **7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

WCC Cllr Eyre reported that the new budget covered Adult & Community £142m, Childrens Services £86m, Environmental Services/Trading Standards/Waste £26m, Integrated Transport £34m, Corporate Services £5m, Planning/Economy/Performance £4.5m and Financial Services £0.8m for a net total of approximately £300m requiring use of reserves of £2.9m. Council tax for WCC will rise by 2.94%. An extra £5m (estate footways £2.5m, rural footways £0.5m and floodwork £2m) is going into footways and flooding schemes. It was noted that 'social services in its broadest context' represented nearly 80% of the total.

WDC Cllr McDonald noted that his March Round-up had been delivered to all parishioners.

## 8. PLANNING

- **W/08/00213/LUE – Ms C Bunn, Underwoods Farm, Hill Furze – Certification of Lawfulness for an existing use in breach of a condition** – No additional information was filed. Decision is awaited.
- **APPEAL APP/H1840/A/08/2074216/NWF W/07/02705/PN** – 48000M2 glasshouse and associated extensive infrastructures – Springhill Nurseries Ltd. V/chair Southcott's interactions with WDC and Hill & Moor PC await full Parish Council instructions. It was proposed by Cllr Mills, seconded by Cllr Anderson, and agreed by the meeting that Chair and V/chair request an urgent meeting with WDC given the inspector's deadline of March 6<sup>th</sup>. If no further legal proceedings are forthcoming then adherence to the inspector's conditions should be monitored very closely given WDC failures in the parish on previous occasions.
- **W/08/02886/PN – Mr McSweeney OF Virginia Cottage, Church Street – FOR Proposed new dwelling @ Wallington, Station Rd (old Mrs Woodward's garden between 31 Butt Furlong/Bridge House and semi/Wallington, opposite the Rec on Station approach)** – An objection has been filed, however the applicant has restarted the process by filing a minor amendment to frontal parking. WDC reply required within 21 days of 19/02/09 (i.e. 12/03/09).
- **W/08/03003/PN – Mr Bille, Springhill Farm – Infill extension to horticultural processing and packaging facility** – A no objection was filed and permission has been granted.
- **W/08/03088/PN – Mr & Mrs P Stubbs, White House, Station Rd (Coach Drive) – Erection of one four bedroom detached house & garage (amendment to planning approval W/06/00036/PN)** – An objection has been filed and permission has been refused.
- **W/09/00005/PN – Mr & Mrs P Stubbs, White House, Station Rd (Coach Drive) – Renewal of planning permission W/06/00036/PN for one bungalow and garage - WDC reply required within 21 days of 08/01/09 (i.e. 29/01/09)** – It was agreed that there were no objections to this simple renewal and a decision is awaited.
- **W/08/03234/PN – Ms V Turkington, Scottish Power Renewables, Cathcart Business Park, Spean Street, Glasgow G44 4BE – Temporary Met Mast Sheriffs Lench** – An objection has been filed and a decision is awaited.
- **W/09/00292/PP – Mr I Buchan, River Mead House, Mill Bank – Proposed single storey garden room with lantern roof - WDC reply required within 21 days of 19/02/09 (i.e. 12/03/09)**

V/Chair Southcott amended the clerk's letter regarding the Parish Council's stance on the wind farm and this has been circulated to Scottish Power and MP down through all tiers of councils.

## 9. FINANCE

- a) Cllr Anderson proposed, seconded by Cllr Stephens, and agreed by the meeting that the Receipts and Payments A/C up to 23/02/09 be approved for chair to sign.

- b) Invoices for Payment from above approval – £

1346	72	Severn Trent Water pav (early)	142.78
1347	73	g/h appeal exp - is	37.47
1348	74	Lengthsman dec/jan	106.50
1349	75	BT payphones	575.00
1350	76	Superiorclean pav jan	153.50
1351	77	Clerk jan sal/int/all	251.52
1352	78	EMS pav light	74.22

- c) Limebridge is requesting a 4.5% increase in the mowing contract for Parish Council approval reflecting latest index data which should provide a much more favourable position next time around. Cllr Day proposed, seconded by Cllr Stephens, and the meeting agreed to accept the increase.

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- d) EMS contract for pavilion inspections is due for renewal at £392 (0%) for Parish Council approval. Cllr Anderson proposed, seconded by Cllr Carter, and the meeting agreed to accept the renewal terms.
- e) Cllr Anderson requested that the BT payphone details of use be made available at the next meeting.

**10. LIGHTING** – The Parish Council has been approached by WCC with regards to investigating the running of the parish lighting system. Possible costs and Health & Safety issues are offered as advantages. Cllr Carter and the clerk will cooperate and report back to the Parish Council in due course.

**11. FOOTPATHS** – Cllr Mills asked WCC Cllr Eyre to investigate why he had suddenly been missed off a meeting invite after 30 years, she agreed to get back to him. Cllr Mills accompanied the initial walk of Fladbury Plodders with 14 participants and 4 dogs. This had been successful with some spectacular viewpoints, however tidiness of Springhill Farm and WCC A44 lay-by requires following up by all. It was requested that the probation services be asked to pick up path cuttings in future, Cllr Mills noted.

## **12. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009**

1	WDC	Business briefing special dec 08
2	Communities	Communities in Control: Real people, real power
3	WCC	Millbank closure est 16/02/09
4	C&C	Direct magazine – jan 09
5	C&C	2009 suppliers guide and yearbook
6	C&M line	news winter 08/09
7	WMRSS	Jan 09
8	Wicksteed	Playscapes
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10	WCC	Children and young people's strategic partnership
11	Eyre	WCC Cllr report 19/01/09
12	McDonald	WDC Cllr report 19/01/09
13	SWJCS	Preferred options to pre-submission

## **13. OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

- a) The clerk reported that the football pitch was suffering from the cold/wet winter. The clerk and also Cllr Anderson, who noted that on at least one occasion a senior match took place in unacceptable conditions, refuted allegations of over use of the pitch. If this persisted then the Parish Council would have to consider its own inspection and approval to play system. It was proposed by Cllr Anderson, seconded by Cllr McDonald, and the meeting agreed to fund a rolling the football pitch at the cricket clubs request ASAP. The additional request for weed spraying was put off for a month and may include reseeding as an option. Additional work to build up the goalmouth areas was noted for end of football season action.
- b) The clerk reported that after one weekend he had picked up over 80 cable ties, 30 pieces of electrical tape and 10 various items of litter (bottles etc). This was unacceptable and in breach of club contracts. He will be putting up notices in the pavilion reminding the clubs of their legal duties.
- c) The clerk and WDC Cllr McDonald indicated that WDC's latest Flood Alleviation Support Grant Scheme was not applicable to Fladbury and will be placed in the next circulation pack.
- d) The post outside the monastery has been damaged, the clerk was asked to inspect.

## **14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s)**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2009 – 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 15<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2009 – 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 19<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

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The meeting closed at 9:05pm.

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....