

## **FLADBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Fladbury Parish Council held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 7:30pm in the Sports Pavilion, Fladbury

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| <b>1. Present:</b> | Chair I Southcott<br>V/chair G Mills<br>W Llewellyn<br>B Carter<br>D Day<br>M Anderson<br>A Stephens<br>N Manser | 1 Parishioner<br><br>WDC Cllr T McDonald<br>Clerk – R J Coles<br><br>PC D Shortell<br>CSO S Hall |
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Apologies received from WCC Cllr E Eyre and Cllr S Insall.

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

Cllr Anderson – personal and prejudicial re W/11/02710/PN.  
Cllr Manser – personal re Cricket Club.

- 3. Approval of Minutes** – Cllr Carter proposed, seconded by Cllr Anderson, and the meeting agreed that minutes for the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2011 be accepted and signed by the Chair.

### **4. Intentionally Blank**

**The parishioner present did not wish to speak.**

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

- a) Old Rectory Green – Cllr Anderson reported that following two additional fruitless searches he will prepare a situation report for the February meeting.
- b) MyParish website/communications – Chair Southcott reported that he had set up a Twitter account and a Facebook account would follow later this week. He would circulate instructions in due course.
- c) Annual Parish meeting/Bus shelter (Pound) – The clerk reported that WCC Officer Mark Kelly (01905 766 360) had been unable to set up a meeting yet to include the bus operator, trade union, police and conservation officer. Chair Southcott reported that he had received a letter from the village school headmistress voicing safety concerns of using the Pound as a bus stop.
- d) Bye Laws – carried forward awaiting WDC officer on maternity.
- e) Meadows interpretation panels – Chair Southcott indicated that this could be covered by the Jubilee activities.
- f) Framing of Shelley lists – Cllr Llewellyn reported that the lists had been computerised and would be framed in due course at minimum expense.
- g) Community Orchard – Cllr Day/clerk reported that as this was a separate organisation it had to have its own insurance policy (see later). Chair Southcott indicated that Cllr Manser would take on Cllr Day's responsibilities for insurance.
- h) Fladbury Broadband – The clerk reported that super-fast broadband (optical fibre) would be enabled at the local 'Cropthorne' exchange by 31/08/12. This would still leave local loops as copper but should improve the service speeds. However there was still an issue for outlying users of this exchange such as Lower Moor where the copper loop distance could degrade the service received.
- i) Diamond Jubilee – Chair Southcott report that he, V/chair Mills, Cllr Insall and the clerk attended the inaugural meeting of Friends of Fladbury (FoF) which supersedes the old Friends of Pool Garden (FoPG). The Jubilee was the main topic with possibly five major activities to be considered; elderly, children, exhibition, Jubilee Walk with EVG help, and a principal event being a picnic/music/fireworks party on the Nate after the Thames River procession on the Sunday afternoon/evening.

### **6. PARISH & NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS - none**

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

PC Shortell reported that speeding on the A44 could only be monitored in the Evesham direction due to the less than 1/5<sup>th</sup> mile visibility required to operate the equipment. He considered that the speed limit was taking an effect. Recent activities in the village had only resulted in 4 tickets being issued so attentions appear to be having an effect although there were reports from councillors that there were still specific problems at certain times which the police agreed to follow up immediately. The police requested that the Parish Council consider its own dedicated speed equipment for their use as they currently had to share their own equipment with 5 other teams which made scheduling difficult (see later).

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

WDC Cllr McDonald had already issued his report via the clerk. He touched on timing of Jubilee events not to clash with those on TV, parish path maps (see later), Cropthorne affordable housing application issues and lessons, rail consultations for new operator and services (it was agreed that Cllr Day would lead the Parish Council's response to the current consultation), Pershore hydro project, Youth Bus and Bridge Closure, see following.

WCC Cllr Eyre advised via the clerk that there was a meeting of the 'Bridge Closure' group on 08/02/12 after which it was expected that the full closure would be 10 weeks and local consultations would take place. There were differences in opinion by councillors over the effect of said closure with some feeling it would have no effect whatsoever, with others of varying degrees. It was agreed that prudence should dictate the Parish Council to take an active interest to ensure that its concerns and those of parishioners could be heard and considered. A meeting with Cropthorne PC and Charlton PC will be considered in due course.

## 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. WDC have agreed to attempt to progress and resolve this long outstanding issue.
- **W/11/02484/CU – Land at Evesham Rd Lower Moor - Change of use of agricultural land to equestrian use** – Concerns over the loss of agricultural land with unknown possible future developments have been filed and a decision is awaited. The meeting agreed to ask WDC Cllr McDonald to have placed before the Planning Committee if the officer was deemed to approve in order to clarify WCC/WDC indications to protect soils for agriculture in the County.
- **W/11/02710/PN – Fern Cottage, Anchor Lane – Erection of 2 dwellings** – An objection has been filed and a decision is awaited.

**Glasshouse Liaison Group** – Chair Southcott reported that a meeting was due in early March and he would progress. He had written to EVG with concerns over Sat-Nav for Springhill Farm indicating the use of Farm Street which was suffering damages from lorries having to turn round having been incorrectly directed. As there had been no reply he would chase the issue up.

**Housing Needs Survey** – Chair Southcott had spoken to Nigel Potter and would be meeting with him on February 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> with all invited in due course. In the meantime a sample of Bretforton's survey has been circulated to all councillors. Cllr Carter wished to have it noted that the use of the word 'affordable' was misleading, it was tax payers subsidised housing as it had always been since it was called council houses and should be made clear in any Fladbury survey.

## 10. FINANCE

- a) Cllr Day proposed, seconded by Cllr Manser, and the meeting agreed to approve the Receipts and Payments A/C up to 30/01/2012 for chair to sign with the addition of one additional payment for January pavilion cleaning.

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b) Invoices for Payment from above approval – £

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| 1597 | 74 | Pavilion clean dec      | 160.00 |
| 1598 | 75 | Pavilion Water          | 194.05 |
| 1599 | 76 | npower light 4Q-3Q11/11 | 685.34 |
| 1600 | 77 | Pavilion light repair   | 83.70  |
| 1601 | 78 | clerk jan sal/all paye  | 284.71 |

Additional late payment of:-

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| 1602 | 79 | Pavilion clean jan | 160.00 |
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#### 11. LIGHTING (Cllr Carter 860 247)

Cllr Carter reported on his meeting of 22/12/11 with WCC lighting (Derek Powell, engineer & Mark Coulston, technical) regarding their proposals over the past few years to take on parish lighting. There is an issue around 10 (now 9 after new light in Lazy Lane) over the AC Ford control boxes having asbestos seals inside, however a plan/costing for the migration is being drawn up. The possibility of lighting being off between 12 & 5am is being complicated by the off peak tariff and any new system would see a unit increase in price to offset some of the potential savings. However the issue of switching lights off at any time at night has been subject to opposition in the past by the Parish Council and parishioners.

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

The clerk reported that he had passed a tree removal request at Church Cottages to Cllr Stephens who would be investigating. Cllr Mills reported that he was considering the necessary training so that he could lead walks. Charlton have availed themselves of a free parish footpath map which should be rolled out to all parishes in due course, however WDC Cllr McDonald indicated that he had been advised that there were now no funds to continue. Cllr Mills agreed to progress and should this be the case than alternative funding routes should be considered (see below), including local sponsorship. The clerk reported that the displayed map on the village footpath board had been bleached by sunlight and was in urgent need of replacing as part of any exercise proposed.

#### 13. CORRESPONDENCE

##### 21<sup>st</sup> December 2011 – (5 emailed leaving 8 new)

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| 1  | CALC         | Update 40 01/12/11 (emailed)                       |
| 2  | LCR          | Winter 2011  |
| 3  | C&M Line     | News Winter 2011/12                                |
| 4  | CALC         | Executive Officer's Report to Area Meetings        |
| 5  | Network Rail | Modernising the Great Western                      |
| 6  | WCC          | Children's Trust & Workforce Development           |
| 7  | CALC         | Update 41 08/12/11 (emailed)                       |
| 8  | WCC          | Waste Core Strategy Development Plan CD            |
| 9  | WCC          | Development of Community-Based Transport (emailed) |
| 10 | WCC Eyre     | Nov/Dec report (emailed)                           |
| 11 | CPRE         | Field Work Winter 2011                             |
| 12 | CALC         | Update 42 15/12/11 (emailed)                       |
| 13 | CPRE         | Planning Explained                                 |

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

- a) New Homes Bonus usage was discussed and the following list of items together with any other suggestions will form part of the Annual Parish meeting in April. Jubilee, older children facilities, surfacing recreational ground car park and additional plantings, footpath maps/aides, speed gun, display boards, tidy up of village green north area, community orchard. All are requested to add to this list for wider consideration.
- b) Cllr Stephens had requested that a letter from the Volunteer Centre in Pershore be discussed and it was decided to invite them to the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

- c) Fladbury 'Woodward' Community Orchard support was discussed and it was proposed by Cllr Anderson, seconded by Cllr Carter, and the meeting agreed to an initial one off grant towards the insurance necessary to get the operation on a firm footing. Any additional funding requests would be considered on an annual basis and the Parish Council would want to have sight of the group's future plans.
- d) Cllr Carter asked if the lack of Rural Rate Relief applications over the recent past was due to lack of knowledge of the system. It was explained that due to a business rates holiday for small businesses which had now been extended to two years (ending 09/2012), a lack of applications was to be expected. The business rates system is very well documented when sent out to those who normally pay them.
- e) The recreational mower is in desperate need of repair and overhaul and Chair/clerk delegated authority had been used to approve this. It was proposed by Cllr Anderson, seconded by Cllr Carter, and the meeting agreed that it would cover the first £200 of cost with the rest being billed to the Cricket Club.

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

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 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 19<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

The meeting closed at 09:15pm.

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