

FLADBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Fladbury Parish Council held on Monday 29th October 2012 at 7:30pm in the Sports Pavilion, Fladbury

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

WCC Cllr E Eyre
WDC Cllr McDonald
Clerk – R J Coles

Fladbury CC Grounds-man – Richard Fowler |
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Apology was received from Cllr Carter.

- 2. Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Manser FCC personal only.
- 3. Approval of Minutes** – Cllr Insall proposed, seconded by V/chair Mills, and the meeting agreed that minutes for the 24th September 2012 be accepted and signed by the Chair.

- 4. Intentionally Blank**

The meeting was suspended for 15 minutes for the visitor to address councillors, a summary of which appears below in Section 14.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) MyParish website/communications – Chair Southcott reported that he had received training from Steve Curtis for the new website format. Following agreement with Andrew Jones some of the existing information as well as the domain name of www.fladbury.com will be adopted instead of www.fladburyvillage.co.uk. It was proposed by Cllr Anderson, seconded by Cllr Insall, and the meeting agreed to share costs of about £120/year between the Parish Council, Walkabout and Friends of Fladbury.
- b) Annual Parish meeting/Bus shelter – Chair Southcott reported that following last week's meeting with WCC Highways Safety Officer Roy Fullee the possibility of reverting to the existing dual usage of the concrete bus shelter as an option would be safety assessed. However, it was noted that a full vote of the Parish Council will be necessary for any change from the current arrangements for the final solution to this long running saga.
- c) Bye Laws – Carried forward.
- d) Meadows interpretation panels – Chair Southcott reported that he was getting artwork designed and investigating an all-weather material solution.
- e) New Homes Bonus (NHB) usages – Chair Southcott will investigate resurfacing the recreation ground car park for material options, capital and maintenance costs; the cost may require other funding forms as well. The wooden post/fencing would need to be included. V/chair Mills will investigate costs of a parish footpath map. Cllr Insall reported that she had investigated adult training equipment but as the cost was £2.5k each and probably four would be needed. The project cost and urgency made this low priority at the moment.
- f) Road Signage re Flooding – Chair Southcott report that he still had to discuss this issue with WCC Roy Fullee.
- g) General Permanent Signage – WCC Cllr Eyre will be sending out WCC's recently issued policy in respect of this issue.
- h) The Pound - The clerk reported that signed contracts were due by 1st November at a yearly rent of £260.
- i) Village Sign – Cllr Manser reported that he had been unable to do anything towards fixing the sign. The clerk reported that the local blacksmith recommended demounting, refurbishing and strengthening the sign was necessary at a cost of £375. Cllr Llewellyn pointed out that the sign had cost the Parish Council nothing as it was part of a grant from Wychavon and that given it was 15 years old should be fixed properly for the future. It was agreed that V/chair Mills and Cllr Manser would re-inspect together and recommend a course of action at the next meeting.
- j) A44 cover repair – The clerk reported that WCC had issued the necessary order to Severn Trent but they were very slow in responding, now four months and in a considerably worse condition. WCC Cllr Eyre requested that clerk provide the Whub references for her to escalate as necessary.

- 6. PARISH & NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS – nothing to report.**

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

It was noted that there will be three candidates for the post of West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner at the election on Thursday 15th November 2012 in the Village Hall.

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

WCC Cllr Eyre will issue a report for the clerk to circulate. WDC Cllr McDonald's report had already been circulated.

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. WDC Enforcement have indicated that this is not their top priority and will respond in due course.
- **W/12/00835/PN– Wood Norton Farmhouse – Demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with 4 bed two storey dwelling & erection of workshop** – An objection was filed and permission has been refused. An appeal based on the provision of a specific individual's medical needs has been raised. An appeal date of 27th November at 10am has been indicated and an inspector from the Bristol Office has been identified.
- **W/12/01129/AB– Spring Hill Farm, Salters Lane, Fladbury WR10 2PE – Agricultural irrigation reservoir** - Concerns have been filed and a decision is awaited. The two main outstanding issues appear to be a waste pipe under the site and Worcestershire archaeological staff indicating a major sensitive site. Since then the Environmental Agency have shown concerns and a proper survey of the site has been requested. EVG consider that the costs of the archaeological work are excessive and they were not intending to proceed on that basis.
- **W/12/01689/PN– Rooftop Housing Group, 2 The Chantry – Replacement Windows – WDC reply required within 21 days from 18/10/12 (i.e. 08/11/12)**

Glasshouse Liaison Group – Chair Southcott reported that he will be issuing minutes of last week's meeting which included himself, V/Chair Mills, Cllr Day, WDC Cllrs McDonald & Tucker, Hill & Moor PC(2) together with Springhill Nurseries/EVG representatives. Roundabout works are due to commence on 5th November lasting 19 weeks through to the end of March, but would be subject to the vagaries of the winter weather. A crucial six week period of works requiring traffic lights on the A44 could be reduced to four weeks if weekend working was allowed. The Parish Council meeting agreed that this expedited timescale would be preferable. Concerns have been expressed over the proposed 13 lights and signage of £22,000 or more as being excessive for a private exit. WCC Cllr Eyre agreed to review the issue with WCC officers. In addition, the Chair and V/Chair would also pursue. Local fly tipping and dogs roaming EVG plantations will need local cooperation to eradicate. The Jubilee circular walk continues with support from EVG having been cleared.

Housing Needs Survey – Chair Southcott reported that the meeting with Bretforton was still outstanding.

10. FINANCE

a) Cllr Anderson proposed, seconded by Cllr Day, and the meeting agreed to accept the Receipts and Payments A/C up to 29/10/12 for signature by chair with the addition of a late CPRE subscription.

b) Invoices for Payment from above approval – £

1661	46	community first sub	20.00
1662	47	mowings sep x2	294.00
1663	48	lighting 2Q12/13 3Q12	685.08
1664	49	clerk oct sal/all paye	285.71
1665	50	clean pav oct	160.00

1666	51	CPRE sub	29.00	late
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11. LIGHTING (Cllr Carter 860 247)

In Cllr Carter's absence the clerk reported that a few lighting malfunctions were being dealt with.

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

V/chair Mills reported continuing concerns over the Porters with hopefully EVG carrying out clearance of the overhanging Network Rail brambles in the off season.

Cllr Stephens reported on tree works at the Mill and Old Post Office.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

02nd October 2012 (emailed 10 new 8)

1	CALC	Update 32 09/08/12 (emailed)
2	Hartlebury PC	Incinerator (emailed)
3	WDC	Strategic Partnerships & LSP (emailed)
4	WDC McD	July/August report (emailed)
5	CALC	Update 33 16/08/12 (emailed)
6	CALC	Update 34 23/08/12 (emailed)
7	WDC McD	Round Up September (emailed)
8	NALC	Autumn 2012
9	CALC	Update assume 35 no date! (emailed)
10	C&C	Direct September 2012
11	WDC	Chairman's invite 03/11/12
12	CPRE	Local Annual meeting 27/10/12
13	CPRE	Fieldwork Autumn 2012
14	CALC	AGM 10/10/12 (emailed)
15	CALC	Update 36 20/09/12 (emailed)
16	WDC	Parish Matters – distributed at meeting
17	Comm First	Newsline Summer 2012
18	Comm First	AGM 14/11/12

14. OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- a) Cllr Insall reported that the recreation ground was looking a bit untidy with cricket club equipment left lying around, rollers, cage, plastic sheeting etc.
- b) Chair Southcott reported that Fladbury Tennis Club via David Cartwright and Dave Roberts were requesting discussions again on their end of lease requirements.
- c) Cllr Insall asked for an update on the poorly positioned grit bin at the entrance to the recreation ground. The clerk reported that he had received an apology from WCC Highways safety officer Roy Fullee who had made multiple requests of his own organisation to move to the other side of the highway to improve exiting visibility.
- d) Cllr Insall indicated that defibrillation training had been set for Saturday 17th and Sunday 25th 2-6pm for the 18 or so volunteers to date. The issue of pavilion access/security was still outstanding.
- e) Chair Southcott requested that a six monthly cut of the play area was required. The clerk agreed to check the timing together with the annual leaf collection at the War Memorial for Memorial Sunday 11th November 2012.
- f) It was agreed that the playground exit/entrance onto Lazy Lane should be sealed on safety grounds.
- g) For the record, Richard Fowler, grounds-man for Fladbury Cricket Club, introduced himself to the gathering. Peter and Maggie Sudlow still mow the outfield and he attends to the wicket and rest of the grounds on a Friday to Monday as he resides in Wolverhampton. There is concern over how the square can be watered with the new neighbours appearing reluctant to share their river extraction equipment. In the longer term a rainwater harvesting system that could also be used as grey water for toilets could provide the solution however with estimates upwards of £5k, grants from organisations supporting improved sustainability would be required. This would apply also to solar panels with the pavilion enjoying a very favourable southern facing aspect of a considerable size. Car park resurfacing would help prevent mower damage due to loose stones entering the grassed field surface from the nearby area.

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15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s)

Tuesday 20th November 2012 – Parish Council Finance Committee 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 11th November 2012.

Monday 26th November 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 18th November 2012.

The meeting closed at 8:55pm.

Signed: **Date:**