

FLADBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Fladbury Parish Council held on Monday 17th December 2012 at 7:30pm in the Sports Pavilion, Fladbury

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| 1. Present: | Chair I Southcott | 0 Parishioners |
| | V/chair G Mills | |
| | M Anderson | WDC Cllr McDonald |
| | D Day | Clerk – R J Coles |
| | A Stephens | |
| | B Carter | |
| | N Manser | |

Apologies were received from Cllrs Llewellyn & Insall and WCC Cllr Eyre.

Chair and meeting welcomed Cllr Carter back after his recent illness.

2. Declarations of Interest

V/chair Mills declared a personal interest regarding his objection to an application to the Traffic Commissioners for a change to a Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence at the Mushroom Farm on A44.

3. Approval of Minutes – Cllr Stephens proposed, seconded by Cllr Day, and the meeting agreed that minutes for the 26th November 2012 be accepted and signed by the Chair.

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The meeting continued as there were no parishioners present.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) MyParish website/communications – Cllr Day requested guidance from all as to what they expected the local parish website to contain with regards to the Parish Council so it could be agreed with Chair. It was agreed that any content that councillors wished to post should be sent to Cllr Day and the Chair in the first instance.
- b) Annual Parish meeting/Bus shelter – Chair Southcott reported this item outstanding with Roy Fullee, WCC Highways, due recent flood workloads.
- c) Bye Laws – Cllr Carter asked for this to be deleted until further notice.
- d) Meadows interpretation panels – Chair Southcott reported that the content was with the designer and he expected to be able to progress this item at the next meeting in conjunction with the Wynn's as well.
- e) New Homes Bonus (NHB) usages – All are requested to keep thinking about possible usages. WDC Cllr McDonald requested that multi parish projects and non-educational school projects should also be given some thought. The clerk requested that some priority be given to recreational car park surface due to current waterlogging especially with regards to entering the pavilion. Cllr McDonald also referred to the amounts available under this scheme and the Affordable Homes Premium, an additional sum associated with such properties being constructed. With regard to the defibrillator project, volunteers had now received training and access arrangements to the pavilion installed. Cllrs Carter, Insall and Chair Southcott would meet during the holiday to finalise a 'communications plan' designed to inform all residents of the existence of this equipment and how to make contact with a volunteer.
- f) Road Signage re Flooding – Chair Southcott reported this item outstanding with Roy Fullee, WCC Highways, due recent flood workloads.
- g) General Permanent Signage – WCC Cllr Eyre has circulated to all WCC Cabinet position on this item.
- h) Village Sign – Chair Southcott, V/chair Mills and Cllr Manser reported that this was in hand for the upcoming festive season.
- i) A44 cover repair – In WCC Cllr Eyre absence the clerk reported that this had been escalated and now had 'four orange' dots around the problem and had been asked to keep an eye out for imminent repair in order to report back.
- j) Recreational Ground Grit Bin resiting – The clerk reported that this had still not been done and would complain yet again.
- k) Recreation Ground – It was thought that the rain water harvesting proposal was expensive and potentially a difficult solution to providing water to the cricket square. Discussions had been held with the Paddle Club and Chair Southcott was investigating whether the club had abstraction rights and the practicalities of utilising such rights for this purpose.

- l) Transport Commissioners A44 Mushroom Farm – Chair Southcott reported that the response from the Traffic Commissioners to the Council's objection to the change of licence indicated that Parish Council's had no right to object unless the Council owned land affected by any such application. A Parish Council's inability to comment on such a development in its constituency seemed quite unacceptable and the Chair had written to Peter Luff MP to express concern. The Traffic Commissioners' response stated that the site would be visited by a Traffic Examiner and the Council informed of the outcome. In addition to the Parish Council's objection, WCC had written a robust letter of objection. However, WDC had not submitted an objection as the matter was not a planning issue; nevertheless their concerns had been expressed to WCC and the matter escalated by requesting that the applicant submit a planning application for change of use within 28 days. Cllr Day had also written to the Secretary of State for Transport on the issue.

6. PARISH & NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS - none

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

Cllr Carter expressed concerns with regards to the reporting of Wychavon crime figures in particular and the clerk was asked to request police presence at the next meeting.

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

WDC Cllr McDonald reported that 2011 census data was making its way down through government organisations. His work with Severn Trent had led him to request a report on the issues with the Fladbury sewage pumping station at the bottom of the village. Concerns over all the issues on the A44 are reported elsewhere in the minutes.

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 has 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 was attended by V/chair Mills and Cllr Day and the inspectorate's decision is awaited. The expected decision time of six weeks is against an average of eleven weeks of which only four have passed to date.
- **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** – A no objection response was filed and permission has been granted.
- **W/12/02116/LB– Mr Taylor of the Laurels re Manor Cottage West & Fir Tree Cottage, Coach Drive – Minor internal works alterations for conversion from two dwellings to one. Replacement windows & doors. Repairs to timber frame & brickwork and replacement of modern brickwork to chimney** – A no objection response was filed and permission has been granted.
- **12/000079/CM – Vale Green Energy – Variation of condition 8 of 11/000020/CM (Glasshouse site request to build digester in parallel timescale with A44 roundabout rather than sequentially)** – It had been generally agreed at a meeting held at the beginning of the year that it would be unreasonable to insist upon the implementation of the condition requiring EVG to complete the roundabout construction before work began on the AD as this would have meant the loss of a 'growing season'. This meeting had been attended by WCC, WDC and Fladbury PC councillors (Eyre, Tucker, McDonald, Southcott and Mills) as well as officers from WCC. However, It was agreed that Cllr Day and the Chair would revisit the permission to ensure that all other conditions were being adhered to. **WCC reply required by 03/01/13.**

Glasshouse Liaison Group – Chair Southcott reported that he would contact EVG to further discuss the development of the roundabout and the AD.

Housing Needs Survey – Chair Southcott asked to be carried forward to January.

10. FINANCE

a) Cllr Stephens proposed, seconded by Cllr Manser, and the meeting agreed to approve the Receipts and Payments A/C up to 17/12/12 for signature by chair with the addition of two late payments covering pavilion technical systems annual maintenance & associated repairs and requested combination lock for access to defibrillator at the pavilion as detailed below.

b) Invoices for Payment from above approval – £

1673	59	rec line marker	29.71
1674	60	pavilion gas	264.77
1675	61	pool hedge/mem leaves	312.00
1676	62	clerk dec sal/all paye	285.71
1677	63	clean pav dec	160.00

1678	64	pav equip mnte & upgrade	920.23	late
1679	65	pav access for difib	150.00	late

c) V/chair Mills raised the issue of the apparent costly inspections and repairs carried out to the technical systems at the pavilion. The clerk pointed out that an email had been sent to all detailing the problems on 05/11/12 now becoming evident with a 'free' £200-300,000 technical building after 15 years in use, with many systems being irreplaceable like for like and hence incurring redesign costs. With the builders and installers no longer available the work was fairly specialist and also usually urgent when needed by the very nature of its usage. All were asked to think about how control of costs could be considered in the future and Cllr Anderson would present some recommendations on setting thresholds for expenditure.

11. LIGHTING (Cllr Carter 860 247)

Cllr Carter reported that there may be another light in the Chantry causing problems for which the clerk agreed to check for him.

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

Cllr Stephens had nothing to report on trees, whilst V/chair Mills had received acknowledgement that the Network Rail/Porters Path bramble overhang needed doing as soon as resources were freed up from recent flood problems. A walk of the proposed jubilee loop with WCC was still due soon.

13. CORRESPONDENCE**3rd December 2012 (emailed 7 new 2#)**

1	SWDP	Meeting 03/12/12 (emailed)
2	CALC	Update 40 08/11/12 (emailed)
3	CALC	Update 41 15/11/12 (emailed)
4	WDC	Member conduct re budget/precept#
5	WDC	Land Drainage Act – A44#
6	WDC McD	Report Oct 2012 (emailed)
7	WCC Eyre	Report Oct 2012 (emailed)
8	WDC	Communicate – LSP 11/12 (emailed)
9	CALC	Update 43 29/11/12 (emailed)

14. OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- a) V/chair Mills reported on the damage caused to the wharf during the retrieval of the boat trapped on the weir sluice gate during the recent floods. He had been in contact with LANT Clive Matthews who indicated that they would repair in the Spring when conditions were more suitable.
- b) Chair and members expressed Seasonal greetings to one and all.

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15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s)

Monday 28th January 2013 – 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 20th January 2013.

The meeting closed at 9:25pm.

Signed: **Date:**