

FLADBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Fladbury Parish Council held on Monday 25th March 2013 at 7:30pm in the Sports Pavilion, Fladbury

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| 1. | Present: | Chair I Southcott V/chair G Mills N Manser D Day A Stephens B Carter S Insall | 0 Parishioners WCC Cllr Eyre WDC Cllr McDonald Clerk – R J Coles |
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Apologies were received from Cllr Anderson.

The meeting started with all standing for a period of reflection of the life of Cllr William Preston Llewellyn (1929-2013), longest serving Chair of the Parish Council 1994-2010, who passed away over the weekend after a 30 month fight with cancer.

2. Declarations of Interest - none

3. **Approval of Minutes** – Cllr Insall proposed, seconded by Cllr Stephens, and the meeting agreed that minutes for the 25th February 2013 be accepted and signed by the Chair.

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5. FINANCE

a) Cllr Insall proposed, seconded by Cllr Stephens, and the meeting agreed to accept the Receipts and Payments A/C up to 25/03/13 for signature by Chair with the addition of one late payment.

b) Invoices for Payment from above approval – £

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| 1693 | 79 | Chair Allowance | 150.00 |
| 1694 | 80 | V/chair Allowance | 100.00 |
| 1695 | 81 | clerk finance meeting NALC | 10.00 |
| 1696 | 82 | pavilion gas | 273.37 |
| 1697 | 83 | pavilion electricity | 59.20 |
| 1698 | 84 | clerk mar sal/all/bus paye | 467.67 |
| 1699 | 85 | pavilion clean mar | 160.00 |
| 1700 | 86 | Lengthsman feb mar | 114.30 |

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| 1701 | 87 | Expense IS re Footpaths mtg WCC | 10.50 | late |
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c) The meeting was temporarily suspended whilst outstanding cheques were signed by two councillors.

The meeting continued as there were no parishioners present.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Annual Parish meeting/Bus shelter – Chair reported that WCC Highways Safety Officer had no objection to the use of the existing bus shelter for both sides of the road provided the Bus company had no objections and local village consultations with users, mainly The Chantry, and parishioners nearby did not overly object. The clerk was asked to obtain a contact with the bus company and pass it on to Chair to carry out the above discussions. Cllr Stephens proposed, seconded by Cllr Manser, and the meeting agreed by majority vote to support the move of the west side bus stop back to its original position opposite the concrete bus shelter if all reasonably agreed to the aforesaid discussions.
- b) Meadows interpretation panels – Chair Southcott reported that he was meeting the designer this week and this issue was carried forward to May.
- c) Village Sign – Following advice from Mr Eyre it was agreed to do a simple wood refurbishment and fittings upgrade and then replace the sign for the summer when a further decision would be made as to the level of paint restoration required. A plaque to Cllr Llewellyn would also be considered in due course for mounting on the sign given his enthusiasm for this original project with WDC.
- d) Recreational Ground Grit Bin resiting – The meeting continues to await a resolution.

- e) Recreation Ground Watering – The cricket club and canoe club had held discussions but Chair Southcott agreed to establish whether any conclusions or plan of action had been agreed.
- f) Lengthsman – The clerk reported that WCC Rights of Way Officers (RoW) had wrongly advised V/chair Mills with regards to allowing the Highways funded lengthsman to carry of RoW duties at their expense. However WCC Cllr Eyre would take the matter to a higher level. An evening tour with Lengthsman, Clerk, Chair and Cllr Manser will be arranged now the lighter nights are due.
- g) Recreation Ground Car Park – Chair Southcott requested this item to be carried forward.
- h) List of Third Parties for local complaints resolution – The clerk was asked to kick-start this activity.
- i) Emergency Planning – Chair Southcott apologised for not having circulated a PowerPoint presentation on the subject.
- j) Agenda for Annual Parish Meeting in April – EVG will be invited by Chair to discuss progress, the energy system and A44 roundabout. Other topics could include website, NHB/S106 grants, defibrillators, cycle way (WCC Cllr Eyre will try to obtain an officer to present), jubilee circular walk and Wynn's field.
- k) Tennis Club end of Lease – Chair Southcott reported that this issue was firmly with the Tennis Club at present.

7. PARISH & NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

It was reported by WCC Cllr Eyre that two local villages (Broadway and Childswickham) were preparing Neighbourhood Plans. The process was thought to be onerous and expensive (although grants were available) but could be beneficial. The issue would be revisited.

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

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

WCC Cllr Eyre will issue a short report after the meeting for inclusion on the website. She noted activity was in the background due to the period of purdah prior to WCC elections on Thursday 2nd May 2013. Topics will include child care issues, broadband interest appeal and complaints to Central Government over the cost of landfilling to the council and the impact on local constituents.

WDC Cllr McDonald had issued is Spring Round-Up and requested it be available on the website. His time was heavily taken up by skills, economic development and PHS OFSTED inspection. An issue over who was responsible for the roads in the Pershore Key Tech estate would be followed up.

10. 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. – **NO CHANGE**
- **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 Environment 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. – **NO CHANGE**
- **WCC 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 last 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. A no objection response was filed by WDC in support with the Parish Council to offer no objection responses to WCC and a decision is awaited at an end of March meeting. – **VERBAL INDICATIONS ARE FOR APPROVAL AT THE MEETING BEING GRANTED**
- **WCC 13/000006/CM – Vale Green Energy – Part retrospective planning application for a pasteurisation house, (including education room), ancillary equipment and an end storage bag–** Concerns regarding unexpected height of the educational centre building have been registered.
- **W/13/00546/OU – Mr & Mrs Francis, Pole Position, Station Rd – Erection of two detached dwellings – WDC reply required within 21 days of 21/03/13 (i.e. 11/04/13).** A visit to WDC is planned to discuss the village development boundary issue in particular.

Glasshouse Liaison Group – Chair Southcott reported that after the April Parish Meeting and subsequent completion of the A44 roundabout, a further meeting was scheduled.

Housing Needs Survey – V/chair Mills reported that the contact in Bretforton was now available again and a meeting/visit would be arranged.

Pugh's Yard, Broadway Lane Goods Vehicle Operating Centre Licence Variation – Chair Southcott reported that Pugh's had written to a Farm Street resident explaining that the lorries were already operating out of the site and that basing them there would save early morning and late evening movements. WCC will be objecting over concerns of the increasing development of what was initially a small builder's yard at the end of a long unsuitable carriageway.

11. LIGHTING (Cllr Carter 860 247)

The new lights are expected to be connected on 2nd May 2013 – LATE NEWS. Disposal of the old brackets to the public will be considered following a request received.

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

The BAA is to be approached regarding the 'under bridge' section required for the Jubilee Circular Walk. WCC Cllr Eyre would provide further information on the Wychavon Cycle Route.

**13. RECREATION GROUND/PAVILION (Chair Southcott 861 061, V/chair Mills 860 644,
Cllr Anderson 861 191)**

An on-site meeting of Chair, V/chair, Cllr Anderson and Clerk will be arranged when the lighter warmer nights start.

14. MYPARISH/WEBSITE/ECOMMUNICATONS (Cllr Day 860 183)

The issue of a Community Interest area on the website will be looked at. It was also suggested that WDC Cllr McDonald might consider his own section on the site.

15. NEW HOMES BONUS (NHB)

Awards: - Year 1(2011) N/A, Year 2(2012) £1842 x 6, Year 3(2012) none – Total £11052

Usage: - Defibrillator 1 of 2 £1250 leaving £9802. (Expenses claim outstanding).

Suggestions to date:-

Jubilee – not allowable
Older Children Facilities
Recreation Ground Car Park – under review
Recreation Ground Oak Fencing – under review
Additional plantings
Footpath maps/aides – under review
Speed Gun, Display Boards
Village Green North tidy up
Community Orchard
Outdoor Adult Training Machines – Cost too high, Urgency Low
A44 boundary signage to Parish
Design and installation of meadows interpretation panels – under review

16. CORRESPONDENCE

6th March 2013 (14 emailed, 1 additional*)

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| 1 | WDC McD | Report 28/01/13 (emailed) |
| 2 | WCC Eyre | January report (emailed) |
| 3 | WDC | Parish Matters (individual copies each cllr) |
| 4 | CALC | Update 6 07/02/13 (emailed) |
| 5 | WDC | Communicate – Strategic Partnership & LSPs (emailed) |
| 6 | WDC | S106 Agreements and Potential Projects (emailed) |
| 7 | CALC | Update 7 15/02/13 (emailed) |
| 8 | Traffic Comm | Mushroom Farm withdrawal (emailed) |
| 9 | WDC McD | 19/02/13 Flooding grants, Car parking reductions (emailed) |

- 10 Commn 1st Cheaper Energy initiative – (emailed)
- 11 CALC Update 8 21/02/13 (emailed)
- 12 WCC Evesham Bridge Newsletter Spring 2013 (emailed)
- 13 CALC Update 9 28/02/13 (emailed)
- 14 C&C Direct March 2013*
- 15 CALC Executive Officer's Report March 2013 (emailed)

17. OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- a) The mowing contract price increases of 10-12% had been agreed to by a round robin email between meetings with a wider review required for 2014 to ensure competitively priced.
- b) Saturday 11th May sees a Midlands wide initiative to open up working mills to the public of which Fladbury will be one of 40-50. Entrance is £1.50, all are invited.
- c) A flood clearance grant has been obtained by WCC Cllr Eyre for help with tidying up after the floods. A Friends of Fladbury working party will be arranged to help clear the meadows fencing etc. within the next week or two.
- d) The Fladbury Church Building for a Better Future has invited councillors and parishioners to attend a 26th April 7pm introduction of the new facilities at the church providing a kitchen and toilets with an event providing drinks, nibbles and entertainment. Councillors wishing to attend should indicate their interest to Chair.
- e) Coach Drive open field incursions onto EVG land will be the subject of an open letter to those properties backing on to it. This is a civil matter between the various owners, but in the interests of harmony the Parish Council would like a mutually agreed outcome.
- f) A suitable memorial to Cllr Llewellyn will be addressed in due course.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s)

Monday 29th April 2013 – 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 14th April 2013.

NEW DATE

Tuesday 14th May 2013 (not 20th) – Parish Council Annual General 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 Monday 6th May 2013.

The meeting closed at 9:10pm.

Signed: Date: