

FLADBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Fladbury Parish Council held on Monday 24th June 2013 at 7:30pm in the Sports Pavilion, Fladbury

0. COUNCILLOR VACANCY update

The clerk reported that the Parish Council would be able to co-opt a Councillor at its next meeting in July. Due to a current lack of any indicated interest Chair requested all to consider who might be interested.

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

Apologies were received from Cllr Anderson.

2. Declarations of Interest - none

3. Approval of Minutes – Cllr Stephens proposed, seconded by Cllr Carter, and the meeting agreed that minutes for the 14th May 2013 be accepted and signed by the Chair after changing the word ‘conditions’ to ‘consultees’ in Minute 20 Planning Bullet 4.

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5. FINANCE

a) Cllr Stephens proposed, seconded by V/chair Mills, and the meeting agreed to accept the Receipts and Payments A/C up to 24/06/13 for signature by Chair with the addition of two late payments.

b) Invoices for Payment from above approval – £

1726	25	pavilion gas	254.71	early
1727	26	Pavilion clean may jun	340.00	
1728	27	Mowing x3 may	468.00	
1729	28	Plants prb	10.00	
1730	29	Clerk sal/all/exp paye jun	304.71	

1731	30	Pavilion electricity	72.45	late
1732	31	Plants jm	18.00	late

- c) The meeting was suspended whilst outstanding cheques were signed by two councillors.
- d) Acceptance of ‘The Statement of Accounts’ for audit approval was proposed by Cllr Insall, seconded by Cllr Manser for signature by Chair and RFO.
- e) Acceptance of ‘The Annual Governance statement’ for audit approval was proposed by Cllr Insall, seconded by Cllr Manser for signature by Chair and RFO after all statements and meanings were read out by RFO and answers agreed to by the meeting.
- f) The clerk informed the meeting that WDC had raised their grant towards the Village Hall Insulation Project from £6000 to £8300 which had been received by the Parish Council. Payment would be handled as soon as an invoice received from JMC, the WDC provider of the works.

The meeting continued as there were no parishioners present.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Annual Parish meeting/Bus shelter – Chair reported concerns that the ‘original’ bus stop (as reported in the previous minutes and in an item submitted to the Journal) meant outside the hairdresser’s were allayed; it was confirmed that the proposal was to site the stop opposite the existing bus shelter and that the shelter would be used by both north and southbound passengers. Nevertheless, no action would be taken until consultation with neighbours and the Chantry Ladies had taken place and it was intended that this should be done before the next meeting on July 15th 2013.
- b) Meadows interpretation panels – Chair reported that he had had to find an alternative source of supply following unacceptable delays.
- c) Village Sign – Cllr Mansell reported that the sign would be oiled this week and replaced on Sunday morning at 11:30am next when the issue of the Bill Llewellyn plaque positioning would be discussed.
- d) Lengthsman – The clerk is due to meet with the Lengthsman this week and will try to arrange a tour with Chair and Cllr Manser.
- e) Recreation Ground Car Park – Chair will seek advice from a suitable source.
- f) List of Third Parties for local complaints resolution – The clerk has supplied this work for assimilation on the website by Cllr Day.
- g) Emergency Planning – Chair will attempt a first cut at this item in preparation for the next meeting.
- h) Rural Rate Relief – Clerk reported that most local businesses were currently exempt rates nationally. Cllr Carter asked the clerk and WDC Cllr McDonald to see if it was possible to get a register of all business rated properties in Fladbury.
- i) Planters – Clerk reported that he was due to repair one planter and replace another on the main village green.
- j) Defibrillator Cards – Cllr Insall has had an offer from a local business to produce these for circulation to residents and this would be considered once costs had been obtained.

7. PARISH & NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

WDC Cllr McDonald and Andy Ford have circulated information and offered help if necessary should the Parish Council wish to embark on the new Neighbourhood Plan; such a plan would supersede the existing Parish Plan. Chair agreed he would present what were the likely requirements of resources and monies to see if the Council wished to proceed. It is normally expected that the lead organisation should be a parish council, although the actual activities may be carried out by other groups. WDC Cllr McDonald noted that neighbouring parish councils can consider joining forces to produce a Neighbourhood Plan.

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

Although the meeting heard evidence of high cost, lack of effectiveness and other concerns, Cllr Carter and the clerk will carry out investigations as to the feasibility of CCTV at each end of the village to provide possible evidence where crimes or nuisances have been committed.

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

WCC Cllr Eyre reported that some monies were becoming available with regards to the Pershore to Evesham Cycle Route through Fladbury but resources were not available before 2014. The Jubilee Bridge repaint had slipped tom 2015/16 and the final colour would be consulted on. Concerns were expressed that there might not be a bridge by then as there was advanced rusting of much of the structure, however WCC Cllr Eyre reiterated that the Bridge was structurally sound.

There then followed a long debate over the recent, sudden and unexpected loss of two prominent horse chestnut trees at the completion of the new A44 digester roundabout. To sum up the discussions, the situation had caused significant resentment and there were concerns over how the relevant processes had been followed, and what will be done to ensure it does not happen again; there remains the need for the trees to be replaced and this will be raised with the developer.

WDC Cllr McDonald indicated that he had circulated his information already.

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. **WDC are to review the file and decide how to proceed.**

- **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. **This item appears to be at an impasse.**
- **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. WCC have approved.
- **W/13/01110/PP – Dr S Elsworthy, Wood Norton Farmhouse – Refurbishment, extension and adaption of an existing house - WDC reply required within 21 days of 05/06/13 (i.e. 26/06/13) –** It would appear there are no objections however there are concerns over the safety of the A44 highway if builders are not careful on the use of the entrance of the track and surrounds onto the A44.

Glasshouse Liaison Group – Chair Southcott reported that he had been unsuccessful a number of times in trying to arrange the next date.

Housing Needs Survey – V/chair Mills reported that Bretforton had had a poor experience with the use of 'local connections' with its first phase of Affordable Housing lettings. A second phase is due soon. The clerk indicated that Cropthorne were just about to let 8 properties and a request for a report on the suitability of 'local connections' had been requested for public consumption.

Pugh's Yard, Broadway Lane Goods Vehicle Operating Centre Licence Variation – Chair Southcott reported that nothing had been heard about this activity.

11. LIGHTING (Cllr Carter 860 247)

Cllr Carter reported that a light in Butt Furlong had been fixed. The clerk reported that 2 of the four lights saved from the scrapyards had been collected by Mr Williams so far as agreed.

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

V/chair Mills reported that the pumping station path had been strimmed. Paperwork for the permissive rights to complete the Jubilee circular walk is awaiting the next EVG meeting above.

The Willow on the wharf requires work and Cllr Stephens was asked to get quotes for its tidy up as WDC Tree Officer had approved the works. The issue of the tree at the Bus Shelter appears to be still outstanding and Chair will follow up with WDC.

13. RECREATION GROUND/PAVILION (Chair Southcott 861 061, V/chair Mills 860 644, Cllr Anderson 861 191, Cllr Insall 860 909)

Chair, V/chair, Cllrs Insall and Anderson accompanied the clerk on a fact finding tour which identified a few issues to be addressed or followed up.

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

Cllr Day reported that he had put up the new councillor responsibilities but was outstanding the clerk's inputs with regards to the help WDC and WCC afford parishioners.

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.

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

2014/10

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
School visualizer – not allowable under this scheme

16. CORRESPONDENCE

18th May 2013 (13 emailed, 10 additional*)

1	WDC	LandDrainage – Fladbury Hill*
2	NALC	LCR Spring 2013*
3	CALC	Update 11 14/03/13(emailed)
4	Comm 1 st	Annual Report*
5	CALC	Update 12 21/03/13(emailed)
6	WDC McD	RoundUp Spring 2013(emailed)
7	WCC Eyre	March 2013(emailed)
8	Cots Line	News Spring 2013*
9	CALC	Update 13 28/03/13(emailed)
10	CPRE	Countryside Voice Spring 2013*
11	CPRE	Field Work Spring 2013*
12	CPRE	Discover Your Countryside 2013 members*
13	CALC	Update 14 04/04/13(emailed)
14	West Power	News*
15	CALC	Update 15 11/04/13(emailed)
16	CPRE	Improve Travel Choices*
17	CALC	Update 16 18/04/13(emailed)
18	CALC	Update 17 25/04/13(emailed)
19	C&C	Direct May 2013*
20	CALC	Update 18 02/05/13(emailed)
21	CALC	Update 19 09/05/13(emailed)
22	WDC	Parish Matters(circulated!)
23	CALC	Update 20 16/05/13(emailed)

17. OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- a) The clerk was asked to investigate a source for a suitable memorial clock to be sited inside the pavilion for former Chair Bill Llewellyn.
- b) It was agreed that the clerk would circulate all the applications to councillors before the next meeting; an interview panel would consider the applicants and draw up a short list for consideration by all.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s)

Monday 15th July 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 7th July 2013.

The meeting closed at 09:35pm.

Signed: **Date:**