

FLADBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Fladbury Parish Council held on Monday 21st September 2009 at 7:30pm in the Sports Pavilion, Fladbury

1. **Present:** W P Llewellyn (Chair) 0 Parishioners
I Southcott (V/chair)
D Day
B Carter
G Mills
T McDonald (WDC Cllr)
C Worthington
M Anderson Clerk – R J Coles

Apologies for Absence – WCC Cllr Eyre and Cllr Stephens.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Windfarms – personal and prejudicial interests declared by V/chair Southcott. Cllr Day will take over the duties of the working party of the six local parish councils.
W/09/02035/PP – personal interest declared by Cllr Anderson.

3. **Approval of Minutes** – Cllr Mills proposed, seconded by V/chair Southcott, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the 20th July 2009 be accepted and signed by the Chair.

The meeting continued as there were no parishioners present.

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- a) Affordable Housing – V/chair Southcott reported that he had started preparation for the next meeting.
- b) Highways & Butchers path resurfacing – It is noted that works are still due on Butchers Paths and were being progressed but was a complicated issue due budgets, responsibilities, history etc. WCC Cllr Eyre has informed the clerk that a budget of £8-10,000 had been allocated for a full resurfacing by the end of the year with November as the most likely date. Fladbury Cross drainage is undergoing complex improvements at the current time with full resurfacing due to take place by mid 2010.
- c) Simms and Woods tub funding – Clerk reported that the 2008/09 sponsorship had now been paid but that there was no budget to continue this donation.
- d) Tennis Club 'Greenfield' lease condition – Clerk reported that David Cartwright was still due to contact the council with their detailed proposal to support the general agreement.
- e) Parish Trees – The clerk reported that this was still outstanding.
- f) Anchor Inn frontal changes – The clerk reported that WDC enforcement process was ongoing.
- g) Speed warning equipment - WDC Cllr Audrey Steel, Inkberrow, has agreed to attend the next meeting to look at partnering in speed indicator equipment.

5. **PARISH PLAN**

It was generally agreed that there should be a prioritisation process meeting together with identification of responsibility and potential financial implications after the next parish council meeting with representatives of the Pplan attending. The clerk was asked to arrange.

6. **POLICING**

The mobile police station will be on The Green on Monday 19th October 2009 from 10am to 12pm. Cllr Carter reported that he would be attending a police liaison meeting on Wednesday evening. He also reported that there had been a number of recent incidents in the parish and nearby and everybody's vigilance was required. The clerk was asked to obtain details of how offending burglar false alarms could be reported to WDC with David Manning being a possible starting point.

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

WCC Cllr Eyre reported, via the clerk, that continuing work was being undertaken with regards to the local economy and the financial crisis. Worcestershire Economy Action Group will meet on 18th September and a follow up to last year's brainstorming sessions will be held on Thursday 26th November 3-7pm. Voluntary and Community grants round 4 bids covering arts, diversity, community based activities will be subject to a guidance session at Evesham Town Hall 9:30-11:30 Wednesday 30th September. The Energy Savings Trust consultants are working with WCC on reducing council and area wide emissions. The county has successfully bid for £387k to fund a two-year project at improving inter-generational work. The Early Years Service has been short listed for the Nursery World Awards 2009, Playbuilder has received nation acclaim and school admissions is now an online service. The last date for £12 compost bins is 30/9 (normal cost £50). A new secure database of all children living in England is due to go live in Worcestershire in November. Apologies have been received from Whub following teething problems of the new version. Butchers Walk is covered above together with Fladbury Cross drainage. She is awaiting confirmation that the 50mph speed limit identified for the Cross will be going to public consultation.

WDC Cllr McDonald reported that the latest results of the 23 promises contained in the Signals of Success initiative saw 14 on target, 8 off target but under control and only 1, affordable housing 60 units, not being met by March 2010. Overall crime is down 2% in South Worcestershire but domestic and vehicle crime are above target, often caused by a few prolific offenders. Resident safety impressions have improved and are in the top quartile nationally. Perceptions of problems have shifted over the past 5 years from drink, rowdiness and drugs to teenagers, rubbish and litter. Residents think that anti social behaviour problems are not being dealt with effectively however it is not for want of effort. The Regional Spatial Strategy is unacceptable to South Worcestershire who has asked for an extended period of six to twelve months to respond to an initiative that a possible incoming Conservative Administration would drop anyway in this timescale. Rumours that enforcement is not taken seriously within Wychavon are questioned especially after a recent award for costs against a former owner of a Gypsy site who withdrew his planning appeal. Work continues on formalising all the developments that have taken place at the Heath Works, additional investigations are ongoing. Finally the new Evesham Leisure centre has opened on time (7th Sept) and to budget and can be summed up in two words – SIMPLY STUNNING. A recent gypsy site in Charlton has put in a planning application. Current spending is being squeezed to remove up to £1million which should be enough for this year however there are concerns going forward into future years given the state of the economy.

8. PLANNING

- **W/08/00213/LUE – Ms C Bunn, Underwoods Farm, Hill Furze – Certification of Lawfulness for an existing use in breach of a condition** – No additional information was filed. Decision is awaited.
- **W/09/01343/PN – Mr & Mrs P Stubbs, The White House, Station Rd – Erection of a detached one and a half storey cottage and ancillary garage. Resubmission of W/08/03088/PN** – An objection to anything larger than the currently approved bungalow has been filed again but permission has been granted.
- **W/09/01785/PN – T McSweeney, Virginia Cottage, Church Street re Wallington, Station Road – Proposed new dwelling** – Concerns over size and overcrowding the site have been filed again and the officer has recommended refusal to the Planning Development Committee on 17/09/09 which overruled this recommendation by 12 to 9 with 2 abstentions.
- **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.
- **W/09/02009/LB – Mr & Mrs D'Adda, The Manor, Main St – Demolish division wall in dining room, insert 6 panel door in drawing room** – A request for guidance from the relevant specialist officers has been requested and a decision is awaited.

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- **W/09/02035/PP – Mr R Bailey, Sparrows Nest, Evesham Rd – Proposed two storey extensions and removal of existing single storey sub standard accommodation** – Indications are that a no objection response will be filed. WDC reply required within 21 days of 03/09/09 (i.e. 24/09/09)
- **W/09/02104/PN – Springhill Nurseries Ltd – Variation of condition to facilitate relocation of constructors compound outside application site in an operationally superior location (plus additional information) -** Indications are that an objection will be filed as although advised this is only a technicality, the general non observance on many other conditions is trying the patience of the two parish council involved. WDC reply required within 21 days of 03/09/09 (i.e. 24/09/09)
- **APPEAL - W/09/00292/PP – Mr I Buchan, River Mead House, Mill Bank – Proposed single storey garden room with lantern roof** – Following a no objection response and an apparent granting of permission it would appear that concerns expressed by the conservation officer have resulted in the decision going to appeal.
- **W/09/02083/CU – Mr J Crisp & Ms L Hyett, Whitsun Brook Farm, Hill Furze – Change of use of land and buildings to equestrian uses and retention of log cabin for ancillary accommodation purposes -** WDC reply required within 21 days of 17/09/09 (i.e. 08/10/09)

V/chair Southcott reminded all councillors that it was their duty to respond to him on all planning applications, as this was a hard fought responsibility gained historically. On handing over his working party duties to Cllr Day on the windfarm it was noted that the parish council's position was in general against the current plans in particular and not on windfarms in general. Finance had been set aside to better understand the impacts specifically on Fladbury when this position would be reviewed in more detail as a formal application was presented for consultation.

9. FINANCE

- a) V/chair Southcott proposed, seconded by Cllr Mills and the meeting agreed to accept the Receipts and Payments A/C up to 21/09/09 and for Chair to sign.
- b) Invoices for Payment from above approval – £

1400	37	Lengthsman jun/jul	127.88
1401	38	Clement Keys audit	155.25
1402	39	Network Rail gate rent	24.32
1403	40	Bgas pavilion	106.58
1404	41	FVH parish meeting	10.00
1405	42	Superiorclean pav jun/jul/aug	450.00
1406	43	Severn Trent water - pav	151.94
1407	44	Limebridge mowings x 6 jul/aug	761.30
1408	45	Wychavon Sport	19.00
1409	46	Clerk sal/all/exp jul/aug	577.73

10. LIGHTING – nothing to report.

11. FOOTPATHS

Cllr Mills reported that the part of the Jubilee south footpath near Guy's field which was not strimmed had been reported and should be put right in the near future. Strimming of the Glebe footpath brambles had also taken place.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

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1	Standards	Committee meeting 03/06/09
2	CPRE	Fieldwork magazine June 09
3	Mencap	Donation request
4	WDC McD	Workshop meeting
5	WDC	Building Design Awards 2009
6	Wind farm group	Meeting 03/06/09 notes
7	LCR	Summer 2009
8	BT payphones	Contract cancellation and refund

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9	Standards	Annual Report 2008/09
10	Police	The Bobby Club donation request
11	C&C	Direct magazine July 09
12	WDC	Land drainage x 3 A44 (southwest)
13	WDC McD	August 2009

13. OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- a) The following Rural Rate Relief application was considered – 50017431X Anchor Inn.
Option A – WDC £2633.48 of which Parish Council pays £329.19
Option B - WDC £1316.74 of which Parish Council pays £0.00
Option C - WDC £0.00 of which Parish Council pays £0.00
Cllr Anderson proposed, seconded by Cllr Day, and agreed by the meeting that option B should be adopted.
- b) Recreational facilities for older children was considered in the light of a request for a 6m by 6m basketball area by WDC on the northern (railway) border. It was agreed that this item should ideally be covered in the Pplan exercise proposed earlier. A request from Cropthorne to support a possible major development of facilities at The Sheppey was thought to be against the longer-term ability for Fladbury to obtain its own facilities. Access to Cropthorne from Fladbury was thought to be very poor with regards to safety on the roads, particularly Neigh Lane. V/chair Southcott agreed to pass back this recommendation to CPC Cllr Jane Segar.
- c) Fladbury CC have requested a contribution towards the extra weed spraying costs due to the high wear and tear on the football pitch during the 2008/09 season. This was considered and Cllr Anderson proposed, seconded by V/chair Southcott, and agreed by the meeting that a one off only contribution of 50% towards the £280 + vat be paid.
- d) Chair Llewellyn noted that he had been approached by EMS concerning possible application of solar panels to the sport’s pavilion and it was agreed to invite Richard Bate to attend the next meeting. The clerk will supply energy usage regarding gas and electricity.
- e) Cllr Mills noted that two benches donated to the village would be placed on the privately owned island in the meadows in agreement with Mr Wynn. This was noted for insurance purposes.
- f) Cllr Carter noted that following the Five Alive appeal for wheelie bins to be kept out of the public eye when not being used for collection had not solved the problem.
- g) WI have written expressing concerns over safety crossing Station Rd, near Butt Furlong, to access the Recreation Ground. The clerk will write informing them of the initiatives it is pursuing that would help to alleviate these concerns if successfully implemented however these changes are likely to take some time.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

Monday 26th October 2009 – 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 October 2009.

The meeting closed at 9:25pm.

Signed:

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