

FLADBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Fladbury Parish Council held on Monday 22nd February 2010 at 7:30pm in the Sports Pavilion, Fladbury

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

WDC have granted permission for the Parish Council to fill the vacancy following Cllr Worthington's resignation at the next meeting with applications due to the clerk by 14/03/10 5pm.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Wind farms – personal and prejudicial interests declared by V/chair Southcott.

3. **Approval of Minutes** – V/chair Southcott proposed, seconded by Cllr Mills, and the meeting agreed that the minutes for the 18th January 2010 be accepted and signed by the Chair.

4. **TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SPEED INDICATORS**

It was proposed by Cllr Carter, seconded by Cllr Anderson, and agreed by the meeting, following the rejection of an amendment from Cllr Mills proposing that the northern site be north of the railway bridge, that a Speeding Indicator system be purchased for application in the north at or near the recreation ground and in the south on Millbank at a cost of approximately £2750 for the sign system and £750 per extra post, if required. The clerk indicated that he would approach WCC for their agreement to the proposed sites and to the necessary details in order to see if any other authority permission may be required (i.e. use of existing poles etc.). The clerk was asked to approach WCC to carry out a Signage Clutter audit as part of the project.

The meeting continued as there were no parishioners present.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- a) Affordable Housing – V/chair Southcott and Cllr Mills reported on a meeting with Nigel Potter, Rural Housing Enabler that other villages had mixed reviews on the outcome of their projects with Eckington wanting more and Bretforton being dissatisfied. The current timetable should try to involve the Annual Parish meeting (see below) with a survey planned for the end of summer, funding and political changes in the meantime aside.
- b) Tennis Club 'Greenfield' lease condition – Cllr Anderson reported that there was still no approach from the Tennis Club.
- c) Parish Trees – This item was carried forward.
- d) Pool Garden Tree – The immediate request for this item has been withdrawn.
- e) Old Rectory Green ownership – Cllr Anderson and Cllr Mills reported that investigations were still ongoing with the likelihood that ownership was complicated by historic bankruptcy but the parish council would have material grounds for claiming ownership in the absence of any other claims following years of maintenance of the area.
- f) Micro Generation at Weir - Cllr Stephens has agreed to host the subject at the Annual Parish Meeting on 29th March 2010.
- g) Procedure card – The meeting agreed to the sample shown with minor changes.
- h) Topics for the Annual Parish Meeting – Apart from the micro generation, it was suggested that Affordable Housing (clerk to approach Nigel Potter) and the Glasshouse (V/chair Southcott to approach EVG etc.) developments could be included. The meeting also agreed to door-by-door flyer to generate public interest.

6. PARISH PLAN (Jane Bugg belatedly apologised for non attendance.)

a) The following items were considered: -

- i) Play facility investigations for the young and teenagers are already underway with a village group looking at a £20k upgrade to the Pool Garden and possible additional facilities in the recreation ground for teenagers if they can be safely fitted in to a crowded facility.
- ii) Timing of any 20 mph speed limit is currently dictated by WCC and their proposed speed limits around schools initiative which is due in the next couple of years subject to finance and politics aside. The Parish Council wishes it to be noted that it has constantly campaigned for reduced limits both within the village and on the A44 which may finally prevail in the very near future but that it is a county and national issue unless serious accident data can prevail.
- iii) Village Hall improvements were a matter for their Management Committee but the Parish Council understood that there was a major difference in how to proceed. Either maintain what is there or a major rebuild on a new site with adequate parking which would require a far bigger public commitment to the Village Hall than has been shown of late.
- iv) Cycle Route is being considered by WCC with 'Sustrans' as a way of rejuvenating the Porter's path amongst other things.
- v) Feedback on anti-flooding and road improvements has been provided by WDC and WCC extensively in the local press. Flooding in 2007 was minimal in Fladbury compared to many other villages and work has concentrated on clearing historic infrastructure after years of neglect (i.e. drains in Station Rd north and Farm Street, ditches around Fladbury Cross, and culvert at Wood Norton).
- vi) Publicity leaflets on Sporting Pavilion and Village Hall availability have not been carried out due to the very restricted use and availability of the former, and the more than current adequate usage of the latter.

b) The Parish Council would welcome the opportunity to be represented in the Fladbury Flyer content through Cllr Stephens. However support would require a detailed proposal of what is being asked for.

c) The Parish Council is unable to offer use of the notice board which at is already a very limited facility already showing legal documents required for Parish, District and County Council business.

d) Road closure is the responsibility of the organiser (in this case the Church) dealing directly with WCC and would cost £1250 and require 10 weeks prior agreement. The meeting considered that there was not a major problem if drivers where asked to stop and turn off their engines around the few minutes of the Remembrance service.

e) The Parish Council considered a request for support of a Christmas tree as too vague, noting that it does not own either proposed sites (Old Rectory Green or Village Green/Anchor) and that there was no suitable power supply to either site. It was noted that there should be space within the current Church grounds or that local traders should organise, as was the case in many other areas. The Parish Council would then be available to consider a detailed specific request.

7. POLICING

Cllr Carter reported that he would be attending the quarterly area liaison meeting on Wednesday 24th February.

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

WCC Cllr Eyre had previously submitted and circulated a detailed three page report and only wished to update the status on Council Tax which was back up to 2.5% from 1.95% due to the belated Personal Home Care Bill which is being discussed at national level between the three main parties.

WDC Cllr McDonald has issued a three page report covering WDC adoption of the Fladbury Parish Plan, Gypsy & Travellers meeting on 24th February (Chair Llewellyn, in place of Cllr Carter, and Cllr Stephens attending), Charlton enforcement at Canada Bank, extension of garden waste bins from 7150 to 9000 to cover over 1100 waiting list residents, WDC award of Member Development Charter, Droitwich Spa brine baths experience project regeneration, Evesham Leisure centre design award and bedding in, and play facility project at the Sheppey covering Charlton and Crophorne.

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.
- **W/09/03013/PP & W/09/03037/LB – Mr T Seaton, Little Manor Cottage, Station Rd/Coach Drive – Erection of new timber garden shed, alterations to double gates at side entry and fence on top of listed building boundary wall to be reduced in height** – A no objection response has been filed and permission has been granted.
- **W/10/00143/PN – Mr J Turner, Environmental Agency, Sentinel House, Wellington Crescent, Fradley Park, Lichfield Staffs WS13 8RR – Extension of existing landing stage, new ferry cable and landing stages, canoe access and egress ramps** – The WDC reply required within 21 days of 04/02/10 (i.e. 25/02/10) has been extended by two weeks in agreement with WDC planning officer Vicky Stone. The meeting in general agreed with everything apart from the extension to the landing stage. V/chair Southcott and Cllr Mills will continue to handle this application under delegated v/chair-clerk authority.

Cllr Day reported that VVASP had been criticised by the Advertising Standards Agency on recent material claims. A search for bats in the area is taking place as a potential 'showstopper'.

10. FINANCE

- a) Cllr Stephens proposed, seconded by Cllr Anderson, and the meeting agreed to accept the Receipts and Payments A/C up to 22/02/10 for approval and signature by chair.
- b) Invoices for Payment from above approval – £
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| 1434 | 72 Severn Trent water – pav | 144.98 |
| 1435 | 73 Superiorclean pav jan | 150.00 |
| 1436 | 74 Lengthsman dec/jan | 149.38 |
| 1437 | 75 Clerk sal/all/exp jan | 307.17 |

11. LIGHTING – Cllr Carter will report.

Cllr Carter reported that 2-3 failures had been dealt with and the leaning lamppost outside the Moorings, on Station Rd had been fixed. The clerk reported that the invoice for damages to the lamppost in the Chantry had been forwarded to Jewson's of Worcester to pay at their request and will follow the action through to conclusion.

12. FOOTPATHS

Cllr Mills reported that Footpath 526 (Porter's South) had been badly breached by a ditch and his contact at EVG had failed to get back to him, in the meantime the clerk has reported the matter to WDC Enforcement due to the serious nature of the action taken as part of the glasshouse drainage development south of the railway line. It was also reported that the Porter's path, both the end near Lower Moor and the end near Fladbury were in dreadful states. The glasshouse developer's damages and resulting mud bath of the Porter's and Salter's Lane had also been reported to WDC Enforcement. WDC Cllr McDonald asked the clerk to forward all information for him to follow up with the relevant enforcement officer.

Network Rail have been out to remove the only major tree between Fladbury and Lower Moor on the railway with the clerk ascertaining that they claimed the tree had been condemned as diseased by official survey. The clerk asked if all the overhanging brambles blocking the Porter's were being removed and Network Rail staff knew nothing about it but promised to report the unacceptable situation on return to their depot.

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13. CORRESPONDENCE

22nd January 2010

1	MacMillan	Grant request letter
2	Wsport	Wychavon Parish Games 2009
3	Charlton	Flood Committee News Winter 09/10
4	CAB	Grant request
5	WNHS	Wellbeing Jan 10 Issue 2
6	Standards	Meeting 20/01/10
7	C&M Rail Line	News Winter 09/10
8	SWJCS	Information Gathering – Villages Jan-Mar 2010
9	C&C Direct	Councils Suppliers Guide and Yearbook 2010
10	C&C Direct	Jan 2010
11	WDC	Gypsies & Travellers – a discussion evening 24/02/10 6pm
12	WDC Cllr McD	January 10 report
11	WCC Cllr Eyre	January 10 report
12	CALC	Update Issue 1 21/1/2010

14. OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- a) Pool Garden main swing safety mat will be repaired by clerk/chair who are waiting for the necessary bonding chemicals to be delivered.
- b) A WCC possible initiative on Grit Bins will be monitored and a list of possible sites identified in due course. Cllr Mills reported finding a ‘missing grit’ bin on the entrance to Fladbury Hill which the clerk will follow up on getting it put back into service.
- c) Unacceptable parking at Yew Tree Cottage, Station Rd and Farm St junction will be addressed by a repeat of individual letters from the clerk and a request to the Fladbury Flyer.
- d) The lengthsman usually inspect the roadways/verges etc on alternate Thursdays subject to a number of variables, weather etc.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s)

Monday 22nd March – 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 14th March 2010.

Monday 29th March – 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 March 2010.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.

Signed:

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