

FLADBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Fladbury Parish Council held on Monday 17th May 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Sports Pavilion, Fladbury

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR.

Cllr Day proposed, seconded by Cllr Mills, and the meeting that Chair Llewellyn continues as Chair for the year 2010/11 and he signed his acceptance.

2. RECEIVE CHAIR'S ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE.

Chair Llewellyn thanked the councillors for their continued support and would do what he could as usual. However he wished it to be known that this should be his final year in the Chair position.

3. APOLOGIES.

Present: - Chair Llewellyn
 V/Chair Southcott Clerk – R J Coles
 Cllr Stephens Parishioner 0
 Cllr Anderson
 Cllr Day
 Cllr Mills
 Cllr McDonald (also WDC Cllr)

Apologies were received from Cllrs Carter, Ounsted and WCC Cllr Eyre.

4. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR.

Chair Llewellyn proposed, seconded by Cllr Stephens, and the meeting agreed that V/Chair Southcott continues as V/Chair for the year 2010/11.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

V/chair Southcott – personal & prejudicial – wind farms.

6. CONFIRM PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES (OUTSIDE BODIES): -

- a) Fladbury Village Hall – (currently WL)
- b) CPRE Liaison Officer (currently GM)
- c) Evesham, Pershore & Districts Police & Community Consultative Group (currently BC)
- d) School Governor (currently IS)
- e) Internal Auditor – Mr R Bailey

Cllr Anderson proposed and the meeting agreed that the above representatives continue for the year 2010/11.

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8. CONFIRM MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES.

- a) Finance (currently Chair, Vice Chair, GM, AS and BC)

Chair Llewellyn proposed and the meeting that the above representatives continue for the year 2010/11.

9. CONFIRM RESPONSIBILITIES FOR: -

- a) Planning (currently IS/DD)
- b) Mowing (currently MO - tbc)
- c) Footpaths (currently GM)
- d) Publicity (currently AS)
- e) Lighting (currently BC)
- f) Insurance (currently DD)

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- g) Removed – Village Appraisal to planning above
- h) Sporting Facilities (currently MA)
- i) Tree Warden (currently AS)

Chairman Llewellyn and the meeting agreed that the above representatives continue for the year 2010/11.

10. CONSIDER RENEWAL OF INSURANCE FROM 1.6.10 AND AUTHORISE PAYMENT.

Chair Llewellyn proposed, seconded by Cllr Anderson and the meeting agreed that the AON/Allianz Cornhill quote for renewal of £2700.72, up 7.5% including 1.5% for speed activation sign, against a budget of £2600 be accepted and paid. The Clerk and Cllr Day will be reviewing the current arrangements for accuracy and Cllr Mills noted that the two new benches donated for the Nait need adding.

11. CONSIDER ANNUAL GRANTS, RESERVES and BALANCES.

Grants

- a) Fladbury Village Hall (budgeted £100)
- b) Parochial Church Council for Church Clock (budgeted £30)
- c) Citizens Advice Bureau (budgeted £100)
- d) Cotswold Line (budgeted £25)
- e) Air Ambulance (budgeted £100)
- f) Fladbury Flyer (unbudgeted £120)

Reserves and Balances

- a) Day to Day contingency £2000 – 10% of expenditure
- b) Election cost £2000 – one event
- c) Legal ability to move quickly £6000 – between precepts
- d) Pavilion residual fund (less recent £1175) £1960
- e) new street lights/upgrades etc £3500
- f) M&T funds £500
- g) Playground mnte £1000
- h) Recreation trees £2000
- i) Speed activation Sign £4000 (unbudgeted)
- j) Free reserves for future projects etc £3562

Chair Llewellyn proposed, and the meeting that the above grants are paid, and reserves and balances are accepted.

12. CONFIRM MEMBER'S ALLOWANCES.

- a) Chair's allowance (budgeted £150)
- b) Vice Chair's allowance (all other councillors have declined) (budgeted £100)

Cllr Mills proposed and the meeting agreed that the above allowances be accepted.

13. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cllr Stephens proposed, seconded by Cllr Day, and the meeting agreed that the minutes of 22nd March 2010 be accepted and signed by Chair.

The meeting continued as there were no parishioners present.

14. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Affordable Housing – V/chair Southcott reported he had received further information from Nigel Potter who was indicating an October timescale subject to funding and new government policy.
- b) Parish Trees – The clerk reported that this was outstanding with WDC involvement.
- c) Old Rectory Green ownership – Cllr Anderson confirmed that this area was mowed by the Parish Council, used by the walkabout and contained the Parish Sign & a bench. His investigations are proceeding.

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- d) Pugh's yard trees – Chair reported that likely badgers had damaged the 300 popular trees originally planned for landscaping. An additional bund is now ready for replanting. Cllr Stephens agreed to investigate any possible third party help.
- e) Dog fouling – The clerk reported that apart from the total banning of dogs as has happened in an area of Nottingham this problem will continue and depends on the goodwill of the public and vigilance in trying to spot any offenders.

15. PARISH PLAN - nothing

16. POLICING

The police have reported opportunistic thefts from vehicles mainly around the Harvington area. It is a case of "HIDE IT OR LOSE IT!"

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

WDC Cllr McDonald lodged a report to be included in the circulation pack. This included Election went well, Efficiency Managing Finances, Small Workforce, less staff less management, Iceland investment, Parks subcontractor savings of £30,000, Steven Jordan move from WDC Environmental Services Head to WCC Regulatory Services under new WETT Programme (not called unitary authority but more like a two tier system?), Flooding under Tony Jones, Parish Plans event on Monday 7th June 3:15-6:30pm, Working to improve Rural Play Initiatives (grants) and a new play area at Abbey Park, Evesham. A letter from Peter Luff to Eric Pickles, SoS for Communities and Local Government formally requests tearing up of top down SWJCS for 30,000+ homes (see later).

Traveller's enforcement at Canada Bank, Charlton has been dealt a severe blow with WCC highways, the main objectors, suddenly changing the rules for the site from rural to urban which results in visibility requirements being cut from 160-190 metres to only 90 metres

18. 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/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** – An objection to the extension of the existing landing stage has been filed following an extensive onsite meeting including WDC Cllr McDonald, Conservation Officer, Planning Officer, Cllr Mills and V/chair Southcott and a decision is awaited. An additional amendment to shorten the landing stage extension from 18 to 12 metres has also been objected to and a formal request for the application to be considered by the Planning Development Committee has been made, therefore a decision is still awaited. A date of May 27th has been indicated and Chair Llewellyn and/or V/chair Southcott will attend.
- **W/09/01992/CU – Mrs W Crowe, Longacre, Station Rd – Construction and change of use of riverbank for boat moorings, slipway and hard standing.** – A major objection was lodged and following the Environmental Agency filing the application has now been withdrawn. It was noted that following closedown of this application the officer notes filed in handwriting form were almost illegible and the Clerk was asked to notify Gill Collin about the problem requesting a typed version be added.
- **W/10/00994/PP – Dr VJ Richards, Weir Cottage, Mill Bank – Proposed replacement conservatory to rear. First floor extension to rear** – It was agreed that a no objection response would be filed by the clerk.

Cllr Day reported that the **wind farm** application was in the process of being filed. This was confirmed by WDC Cllr McDonald who indicated that as no fee has been lodged yet consideration had not started. The consultation period is likely to be 16 weeks and VVASP will be holding meetings in all village halls showing reasons for objections. It is thought that individual letter stating specific reasoning would have the most impact and they would advise on their contents. The next step is for legal representation to advise on the application.

V/chair Southcott reported that the glasshouse liaison group was still to be organised. Following a lengthy discussion on the problems of conditions and lack of enforcement it was generally concluded that the inspectorates conditions are ignored by the developer, WDC are less than enthusiastic to enforce, developer is driven by commercial reality alone and WDC does not want to risk legal costs or loss of local economic activity especially in these difficult times. The situation was thoroughly depressing for the future of the area.

SWJCS proposals to change Fladbury's access categorisation from 3 to 2, affordable housing – needs only, to a specific allocation of about 30 would be subject of a visit from WDC at the next meeting. Although any subsequent new government promise to scrap the exercise in its totally to be replaced by local planning would require vigilance as "the genie had been let out of the bottle".

19. FINANCE

a) Cllr Anderson proposed, seconded by Cllr Stephens, and the meeting agreed to accept the Receipts and Payments A/Cs up to 31/03/2010 and 17/05/2010 for signature by Chair.

b)	Invoices for Payment from above approval –	£
1447	1 Aon/Allianz insurance	2,700.72
1448	2 npower pav	scrapped
1449	3 npower pav	87.58
1450	4 Parish meeting vhall	10.00
1451	5 npower lighting 1Q10 4Q09/10	645.35
1452	6 Playsafety inspection	74.03
1453	7 NALC review mag	13.50
1454	8 npower sensors 09/10	62.99
1455	9 CALC standing orders	17.00
1456	10 Pavilion clean apr/may	320.00
1457	11 Community First silver sub	20.00
1458	12 CALC subs	329.97
1459	13 Limebrisge mowings x2 apr	270.25
1460	14 Westcotec speed system	3,366.38
1461	15 Clerk sal/all apr	283.71
1462	16 Playground hedge cut	50.00
1463	17 Village Hall grant	100.00
1464	18 Church Clock grant	30.00
1465	19 Wychavin CAB grant	100.00
1466	20 Cotswold Line Grant	25.00
1467	21 County Air Ambulance	100.00
1468	22 Fladbury Flyer grant	120.00

20. LIGHTING

In his absence Cllr Carter reported that the light opposite Coach Drive on Station Road had been reported for repair.

21. FOOTPATHS

Cllr Mills reported that WCC had requested timesheet analysis of all his footpath warden activities; this was confirmed by Cllr Stephens with respect to her tree warden duties. Although this seemed onerous and overly bureaucratic Cllr Anderson explain that from his background it was information required to prevent further government cut backs by showing how much activity was being donated free by the public at large.

Cllr Mills also reported a mix up between Network Rail and himself following intervention on the Porters Path clearance from WCC Cllr Eyre who had arranged for the Probationary Services to carry out their normal duties as in the past. The clerk apologised for any inconvenience but had been led to believe that they were due to carry out a new H&S risk assessment on the site and that no work was imminent and they were informed that Network Rail had been asked to clear their problem but the issue of the trees from Fletcher's plot would still be outstanding anyway.

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22. CORRESPONDENCE

19th April 2010

1	C&C	Direct March 2010
2	LCR	Spring 2010
3	Wychavon Sport	AGM minutes
4	CALC Update	7 11/03/10
5	WM Planning	Involve Winter 10
6	WDC	Draft Residential Design Guide
7a/b	WDC	Drainage
8	CALC Update	8 22/03/10
9	WDC Cllr McD	Ward Report March
10	WCC Cllr Eyre	Ward report March
11	CAB	Grant request
12	St Nicholas	Middle School
13	NALC	Conferences – Localism in Action
14	WCC	Partnership matters Spring 10
15	CALC Update	9 01/04/10
16	WCC	Green Wood & West Wood Children's centres
17	CPRE	Fieldwork April
18	CALC Update	10 08/04/10
19	FoPG	Friends of Pool Garden
20	SWJCS	SHLAA January 2010 published
21	CALC Update	11 15/04/10
22	WCC responses	Parish Conference

23. OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

a) Rural Rate Relief application will be considered – 50017431X Anchor Inn.

Option A – WDC £2442.00 of which Parish Council pays £305.25

Option B - WDC £1221.00 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 Stephens, and the meeting agreed to support Option B. WDC will be notified by the clerk.

b) A thank you card has been received from Ann Embury following her retirement from the local school and thanking the Parish Council for its present of a vase which was funded out of V/chair's allowance.

c) A letter from Evesham Golf Club requesting Parish Council support for all the continuing efforts at speed restrictions on the A44 at Fladbury Cross to continue with consideration also for Pedestrian Lights at the crossing to the club car park. Following discussions it was agreed that the lights would probably not be forthcoming and could cause their own problems. The Parish Council's preferred solution was the moving of the 40mph limit from Upper Moor to Craycombe Bank and that numbers crossing at the Golf Club would be useful. The clerk was asked to write to Highways stating its position with a copy being sent to George Marston on behalf of Evesham Golf Club. WDC Cllr McDonald indicated that there was to be a site meeting in June.

d) A letter from a parishioner with concerns over traffic and related damage to his property was considered. All councillors were requested to familiarise themselves with the Farm Street/Broadway Lane traffic issues particularly just west of Woodward's Park and also with respect to any Pool Garden play area plans by 'Friends of Pool Garden' following a letter of complaint from a neighbour.

e) One of the large wooden posts at Fladbury Cross/Station Road has been knocked over. The clerk will report to the hub.

24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

Monday 28th June 2010 – 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 June 2010.

The meeting closed at 9:25pm.

Signed:

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