

FLADBURY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 2015

The 2015 Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Village Hall on Monday 20th April 2015 at 7.30pm

Present:	Chair I Southcott	60+ Parishioners
	V/Chair G Mills	PC Dave Shortell
	Cllr B Carter	Inspector J Heritage
	Cllr S Insall	
	Cllr D Day	WCC Cllr E Eyre
	Cllr N Manser	
	Cllr A Stephens	Parish Clerk Lisa Cole
	Cllr M Anderson	
	Cllr P Pike.	

1 Apologies for Absence – Martin and Jean Ounsted, Mary and Edward Fisher, District Cllr B Thomas.

2 Approval of the Minutes of the 2014 Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes had been distributed to all Councillors and copies were made available to those at the meeting. Cllr Insall proposed, Andy Parsloe seconded and it was AGREED that these be signed by the Chair as a true record.

3 Matters Arising from the Minutes – none

4 Special Topics

a) Planning Situation – New Housing – Permissions and Applications – Full Update.

The Chair outlined 4 proposed sites for development.

1. Pugh's Broadway Lane - Bellway Development.

This development is on a Brownfield site at the end of a narrow lane. The site is beyond the Village boundary, traffic issues related to number of vehicles using a narrow lane with a pinch point at the entrance / exit from Farm Street and odour problems related to the site being in a very close vicinity of the Chicken Farm. The site is believed to be heavily contaminated through previous usage. Wychavon District council recognise there are a number of issues and believe they can demonstrate that they have a 5 year housing supply.

2. Black Barn – Farm Street.

The site has been approved for the development of 18 houses. The site had been allocated for 7 units in the development plan. The barn is currently being demolished. There are concerns relating to parking and the badger sett that is present on the outskirts of the site. An ecology consultant would be appointed to assist with redirection of the badgers and oversee the development in relation to ecology issues.

3. Alicon Site – Station Road, North of the railway bridge.

A planning application had been submitted for 4 units, following designs for up to 15 units. The planning application had been rejected due to its position beyond the Village boundary and the inappropriate position. The applicants have appealed against the decision and will be dealt with by written representation.

4. Golf Club – Development of one unit, north of the railway bridge.

This site is also beyond the Village boundary and faces the same issues as those on the Alicon site.

Questions from the floor:

Q. Has the 5 year supply been met?

A. Yes at this time but it is evaluated on a rolling timetable.

Q. Why are the sites north of the village in an inappropriate position?

A. Due to the rural nature of the Village.

b) Parish Council Elections 2015.

On Thursday 7th May 2015 Parish Council elections will be held at the same time as District and General Election. Six current councillors would be standing again for election and Fladbury Parish Council will be looking to co-opt a further 3 Councillors. The meeting was asked if persons were interested to contact the Chairman or the Clerk for further information.

c) Housing needs Survey – Affordable housing.

A proportion of housing on new development sites will be allocated as affordable housing. A Housing Needs Survey would help identify where affordable housing is required and assist with allocation. A questionnaire will inform the needs of the local population. A Housing needs Survey will be conducted in the near future. The Chairman invited residents to help with the survey.

d) Extending the Conservation Area.

The Parish Council is planning to review the boundary of the conservation area. Wychavon District Council (WDC) reviews the boundaries of Conservation areas on a rolling programme of 6 per year. At present the Conservation area does not include the Nait or the island in the river and follows an arbitrary path across fields. The boundary review will involve the historical review of documents and meetings with WDC and landowners. Any persons interested in getting involved should contact Vice Chair Mills or Cllr Day for further information.

e) New Homes Bonus/S106- latest update regarding funding and what should it be spent on.

- New Homes Bonus allocations had previously been spent on Defibrillators in the Village.
- Current projects included:
 - (i) The purchase of a Solar Powered speed sign to be sited on Station Road. This will visually show the speed at which vehicles are travelling and will require very little maintenance and no ongoing costs due to being run by solar power.
 - (ii) Improvements to the car park and access to the Pavilion providing secure fencing and a level footpath.
- The meeting was asked that any ideas for projects should be forwarded to Cllrs for consideration.
- New Homes Bonus monies should be spent on projects that have a community benefit and comply with the rules set out by Wychavon District Council.

f) Defibrillators

The second tranche of training is to be held on Saturday and will cover new responders and refresher training for those already on the responder list. Two defibrillators are sited in the Village at the Pavilion and outside the Village Hall. Anyone interested in becoming a responder should contact Cllr Insall for further details

g) Jubilee Circular Walk/Wynn's Field Update and Timetable.

Cllr G Mills advised the meeting that the circular walk was near to completion. The work on Jubilee Bridge had caused some delay. Way markings and gates were being installed with alterations required to the railings in Anchor lane and the installation of drop curbs.

The circular walk should be ready for opening in the next 2 months.

5. Local Authorities - WCC Cllr Liz Eyre.

- Reduction in staff by approximately 50 % planned.
- County Council to become a Commissioning Council – seeking bids to drive up the quality of the service.
- A strong overview and scrutiny panel would ensure that services were delivered.
- Works for Fladbury included resurfacing, footpath improvements and structural / paint work to Jubilee bridge.
- A crossing in Church Lane was discussed but there were issues arising from correct siting and lighting.

6. Policing- including PACT panels, speeding, safety and Crime

- A higher profile of more Police was planned with Officers walking around Villages.
- Police had ceased carrying out speed monitoring in the Village and would continue to educate on the need for safer driving.
- Residents were encouraged to contact PC Dave Shortell if there was any local intelligence. Rod Gurney would be the local contact for any village issues. Residents to contact 101 with non-emergency issues and channel ideas and speeding issues through the PACT panel
- PACT is made up of the Police and community partners together. Their remit is to fix problems and to get projects up and running.
- Website gives details of how people can get involved and issues concerning Rural Watch.
- Inspector Janet heritage introduced herself to the meeting and outlined her role in charge of the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

7. Approval of the Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31st March 2015(P)

A summary copy of the accounts had been distributed to all Councillors and was made available to those at the meeting. Vice Chair Mills proposed, Cllr Insall seconded and it was AGREED that the Receipts and Payments account be approved and were duly signed off by the Chair and RFO.

8. Chair's Report on the Past Year

- Chair thanked the retiring Councillors for all their hard work over the years.
- Chair also thanked the Clerk and other Councillors who were standing for election.
- Chair requested that any persons who were interested in joining the parish Council would be encouraged to find out more details from the Councillors or Clerk.

9. Question from the floor / AOB

Q. Would the wall by the Jubilee Bridge be rebuilt?

A. Vice Chair Mills stated that it would be rebuilt.

Q. Traffic movements to and from EVG over Friday and Saturday had increased in number and were speeding.

A. Chair Southcott stated that he would follow this up and that the public should contact EVG.

Q. Why was £11 000 being spent on the bus shelter form the new development?

A. This is section 106 monies and was currently under review.

Mike Izod thanked the Chair and the Councillors for all their hard work on behalf of the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.