

MINUTES

FLADBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Fladbury Parish Council held on Monday 21st January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Sports Pavilion, Fladbury

PRESENT: Chair I Southcott
Cllr A Stephens
Cllr A King
Clerk – L Yapp
Cllr G Mills
Cllr D Cartwright
Cllr P Palmer
Cllr Tony Rowley – Chairman Wychavon District Council
Cllr D Day
Cllr S Insall

1. APOLOGIES – were received from Cllr N Manser and County Cllr L Eyre

Cllr Mills reported that Ian Thompson, a local gentleman who sadly passed away and who had previously been a Parish Councillor. A minutes silence was held in respect

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr Mills advised of his interest in any discussion with regard the SWDP, as when it may appear on this or future agendas.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from meeting dated 17th December 2018 – proposed Cllr Insall, seconded Cllr Stephens, all in favour.

4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT – Nothing to report

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR – Cllr Rowley reported:

- s106 Monies allocated from development in Crophorne – He had made request for up to date amounts of funds to be relayed back to the parish council. *Chair Southcott had advised The Canoe Club that there were funds available for them to develop the club, and they would speak direct to Wychavon DC for guidance. Chair Southcott had been in discussion with The Friends of Fladbury regarding the allocation to Pool Garden and they would establish what equipment they require.*
- S106 Monies, Kendrick Homes – Chair Southcott gave Cllr Rowley the history with regard the allocation of funds by Kendrick Homes for the purchase of a bus stop, but due to the lack of the buses, it had been agreed by Cllr Eyre that the money could be re-allocated to other infrastructure projects in Fladbury – this had been formally agreed by Kendrick Homes. We were under impression that monies were held by CC, but Cllr Rowley advised that they were held by WDC – Chair Southcott would forward to Cllr Rowley previous correspondence for him to look into
- Street Sign – the clerk had previously advised Cllr Rowley of the illegible road sign, and the difficulty in getting this reported/actioned on the CC Hub – Cllr Rowley advised that it was in fact a District Council responsibility and that he would look into. Clerk to send details to Cllr Rowley
- Budgets – WDC were actively preparing their budgets for the forthcoming financial year, to be taken to the Executive Board for approval on 6th February and to Full Council on 20th February
- Empty Residential Properties – it was reported that there were recorded 2 in Fladbury. WDC are actively looking at encouraging owners to bring the empty properties in the District back into use
- A selection of notices/information sheets were made available to the clerk
- Cllr Day advised Cllr Rowley of the high car park fees at the public car park in Evesham and the fact that it was predominantly empty – asking if it was privately owned or owned by WDC

5. FINANCE

- a) Approval of receipts and payments to 14th January 2019 – accounts and payments were approved proposed Cllr Insall, seconded Cllr Day – all in favour

SO		Clerks Salary	359.40
SO		Clerks Expenses	32.00
2281		WaterPlus	75.93
2282		Subscription	36.00
2284		Pavilion Cleaning	210.00
2285		Pavilion Leaks	133.20
2286		Pavilion Fire Safety	254.57
DD		Gas Supply	79.72

- b) Bank Accounts – Merging of saving accounts had been completed
- c) Precept/Budget Request – Following the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 17th January, the following was reported back:
- Pavilion Cleaning – a question had been raised as to whether we could save money with cheaper cleaners. It had been discussed and the opinion was that the cleaners do a very good job considering the footballers use the facilities, that their weekly costs were on par with other cleaners, and there would be little to gain by changing company. Again, it was emphasised that we would need to encourage use of the facilities
 - Energy costs were coming out cheaper than in previous years. It had been agreed that up to date meter reading be taken in order for the bills to be an accurate reflection on what is used rather than estimated bills
 - The clerk had advised that the Saturday club had not been able to play for much of the season because of lack of teams. It was agreed that we still invoice them as they had made the booking before the season started.
 - A full income and expenditure to date had been presented to the Finance Committee, with projected figures to year end and a budget for the forthcoming financial year. A contingency of £500 had been included to cover additional tasks that we may require the lengthsman to undertake which are not part of his remit by CC. In view of the increasing running costs of the Pavilion and the parish council, which include clerk’s salary, office expenses, subscriptions fees and insurance, it was agreed that the precept be increase to £18,000 which is an increase of 6.7%. This was agreed by the Finance Committee

The above was presented to the parish council for approval – this was accepted, proposed Cllr Cartwright, seconded Cllr Day – all in favour. It was agreed that we take the opportunity to express to parishioners, at the Annual Parish meeting in April, our concerns over the running costs of the pavilion and to ask their support to promote use of the facilities

6. PARISHIONERS – Nothing to report

7. PROGRESS REPORTS

- (a) Lengthsman – The LM had been in discussion with Cllr Palmer regarding the possibility of converting the battery-power system over to solar. This is being investigated
- (b) Defibrillator Scheme – nothing to report

- (c) Conservation Area – Cllr Mills had been in contact with Charlton Parish Council, asking for support with the plans to extend the Conversation Area. Cllr Rowley asked to be advised regarding their response when they get back in touch. He is hoping that WDC accept the proposal but it is Members who make the decision collectively. Cllr Day reported that he would ‘hand draw’ the boundary map and submit to WDC.

Chair Southcott reported to the Parish Council of the proposal from Historic England to ‘list’ the War Memorial – this was considered to be a very good idea and referred to the History Group for any necessary action required.

- 8. PARISH & NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS** – Chair Southcott reported that he had been in contact with the 10-12 residents who had shown initial interest, with a view to holding a first meeting towards the end of February.

- 9. POLICING** - contacts are PC Paul Brown and PCSO Karen Kempton
(03003 333000 Ext 3408/3499)

(Also new less urgent 101 services complement 999 emergencies)

- a) PACT – nothing to report
b) Neighbourhood Watch – It was reported that 150 homes had registered with the scheme. The police had advised that residents should fit shed alarms because of the increase in shed theft. The co-ordinator is looking into Smart Water costs

The clerk was asked to write to the Safer Road Partnership requesting speed checks to be carried out on the A44

10. PLANNING

- 18/02119 – Riverview Mooring, Evesham Road – awaiting decision by WDC. This application had been complicated because of the Public Right of Way that runs through the site, and is currently inaccessible. Cllr Day suggested that CC Footpath Officers should be contacted again, reminding them that we were expecting action by October 2018. Cllr Mills would speak to WCC.
- 18/02522/LB – Manor Cottage, Station Road – addition of toilet to rear utility including erection of stud partition wall and insertion of door and soil pipe – concerns were raised regarding the lack of detail on plan that had been submitted and accepted by WDC. Cllr Rowley was in agreement that the plan was poor and would refer this back to the planning officer concerned.
- 18/02637 – Windrush, Broadway Lane – non-material amendment to change of use of upstairs en suite to bedroom and removal of dormer window – there were no concerns on this application
- 19/00028 – Fladbury First School- School Fascia Sign – this had been received too late to be included in the agenda but it was agreed that whilst it was considered to be very large, and that there was already 2 other signs there were no objections to this application, and would leave the final decision to the conservation officer

Chair Southcott and Cllr Day would be attending the Enforcement Summit on 31st January

Glasshouse Liaison Group – Chair Southcott reported that they had helped with the removal of the community Xmas tree. He had not received any reports of odour problems, although Cllr Cartwright advised that she had experienced an issue, although it had been minimal compared to how it had been in the past. It would appear that the root cause had been addressed

Vale Crematorium – Chair Southcott and Cllr Mills had corresponded with Westerleigh and raised the following issues:

- Parking/traffic problems caused by the timings of services and cross-over traffic
- Lighting

Chair Southcott had checked the condition on the planning approval and could find nothing restricting operating times and lighting hours but did say that their original application did specify that there would be restrictions. The drainage issue had been resolved

Cllr Southcott, Mills and Insall were arranging a date to meet with the new site manager.

Cllr Rowley suggested that we should discuss with Westerleigh the possibility that extracted metal could be donated back to a local charity, as is the case at other sites. Chair Southcott would take this up with Westerleigh

Section 106 monies – District Cllrs report – awaiting feedback

11. FOOTPATHS/TREES

Footpaths – Nothing to report

Trees – Nothing to report

12. RECREATION GROUND/PAVILION

- Outside Lights – Chair Southcott and Cllr Mills would look into this

13. SPEEDING/ROAD SAFETY

- Community Speed – All PNC checks had been carried out. Training dates are awaited and it had been agreed that it would be preferable to wait until the warmer weather for this is done.
- Mill Bank Speed Sign – LM and Cllr Palmer to investigate conversion to solar power.

14. POOL GARDEN – Options being looked at as to how to spend the s106 monies as reported previously. Chair Southcott advised that the ‘hole’ in the hedge was getting bigger and the LM was asked to see what could be done to stop children cutting through the hedge.

15. BUS SERVICE – Cllr Day reported that The Transport Group are looking at the option of the Hopper Service coming through Fladbury. The clerk reported that Henshaws provide a free ‘shopping’ bus into Tesco, and return, once a week. Details would be placed in the Five Alive

16. MY PARISH/WEBSITE/COMMUNICATIONS – Nothing to report

17. HIGHWAY ISSUES – Nothing to report

18. VILLAGE HALL – Chair Southcott advised that the ‘Expression of Interest’ had been approved and the application would now be placed before the Localism Committee for approval. A flier had been delivered to residents, and also placed on the website, notice boards etc. – a total of 106 responses supporting the scheme had been received back. A total of £40,000 had been applied for with a further £4,000 to be raised by fund raising in the village.

19. CORRESPONDENCE – emails had been circulated to all Cllrs

20. OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION:

- Double Yellow Lines – notification had been received to the effect that CC are considering the painting of double yellow lines at the junction of Church Street and Farm Street – the parish council

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had previously advised County Cllr Eyre that we didn't want them and would report this directly to CC

- Chequers Pub Signs – Chair Southcott would write to the new tenants regarding the fact that there are too many signs
- Minerals Local Plan Consultation – Chair Southcott and Cllr Day would look at the consultation document and review
- Cllr Stephens raised concerns regarding the parking of vehicles near the butchers, and asked if it was possible to have posts or stones placed to restrict the parking – this to be looked at as well as the 2 missing posts by the school

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS–

Monday February 18th

Monday March 18th

Monday April 15th – Annual Parish Meeting in the Village Hall

Monday May 20th

Monday June 17th

Monday July 15th

No meeting August

Monday September 16th

Monday October 21st

Monday November 18th

Monday December 16th