

FLADBURY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 2018

The 2018 Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Village Hall on Monday 24th April 2018 at 7.30pm

Present:	Chair I Southcott	Cllr D Day
	V/Chair G Mills	Cllr P Palmer
	Cllr S Insall	County Cllr E Eyre
	Cllr D Cartwright	Clerk L Yapp
	Cllr N Manser	Cllr A Stephens
	Cllr A King	72 Parishioners

Chair Southcott welcomed all to the meeting

1. Apologies for Absence – District Cllr M English, Peter and Jane Bugg
2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting
Minutes had been distributed to all Councillors and copies were made available to those at the meeting. Cllr Cartwright, Cllr King 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) South Worcestershire Development Plan
The review of the existing SWDP has already commenced. 2011 saw a complete review of development plots available. The current review will identify whether additional sites are needed to meet the housing need, followed by a full legal and consultation process, before adoption in 2021. Fladbury Parish Council has so far managed to resist development outside the development boundary, but that is not to say it will not happen. One way of 'managing' future development is by adopting our own Neighbourhood Plan. This can be costly but can be funded by grants. We would be looking for members of the community to assist and join a steering committee. Cllr Eyre commented on the power of a Neighbourhood Plan, and that the Plan could contain policies specific to Fladbury
 - b) Community Speed Watch
This is a national initiative and has been researched extensively by the parish council. Fladbury has been assessed and deemed suitable to participate in the scheme. We would need to rely on volunteers recording speeds. Consistent offenders would be reported to the police. It was reported by a resident in attendance that the VAS signs are not effective in reducing speed. Chair Southcott asked:
 - Does Fladbury want the Scheme? All present were in favour, with one objection

Resident: Whilst supportive of the scheme, the data gathered must be accurate, and had concerns that it may not address those early morning/late afternoon drivers

Resident: Asked if the scheme was used anywhere else locally – Chair Southcott advised that Bishampton/Throckmorton were already participating, and it was proving to be successful.

Chair Southcott advised that he had been in contact with EVG with regard their vehicles and speed.
 - c) Crematorium
Following a recent visit on site, Chair Southcott advised that Westerleigh were confident that they are on schedule, despite the poor weather earlier this year. It was reported that there will be further traffic management systems in place during July and August whilst the third lane is established. The parish council has requested manual traffic lights at peak times to ensure the flow of traffic as much as possible although some disruption will be inevitable.

Resident: Asked why a third lane was necessary when there was a roundabout just a short distance away. Chair Southcott advised that this was a WCC Highways decision
Resident: Advised that signing on the A44 blocked visibility, and that maybe an extra lane at the top of Station Road may alleviate some of the traffic problems. Chair Southcott advised that we had already contacted WCC regarding this. Cllr Eyre would look into this further.

d) Traveller / Gypsy Consultation

The Local Authority has an obligation to provide for the traveller/gypsy community but it was considered that the local area already had more than its fair share of sites.

e) Bus Service

It was reported that the bus service had now been re-instated but it was a case of 'use it or lose it' – new time tables were available to everyone.

f) Conservation Area

The Parish Council have asked for the Conservation Area to be extended, reviewing the current boundary. This is subject to a consultation process. All present were supportive of this course of action.

5. County & District Councillors Reports

a) County Cllrs Report - Cllr Eyre reported that

- Farm Street and Weston Orchard had benefitted from maintenance works
- Signage at the Golf Club had been moved following complaints that visibility was impaired
- She had made a donation to the village hall toilet re-furbishment
- She had made a donation for the white village gates
- Gully/drainage issues at Mill Bank are being attended to, followed by surface dressing and re-marking of the highway
- £11K from Kendrick Homes is to be used for highway projects in Fladbury
- EVG – still an ongoing problem with the odour, and that EVG have not made sufficient changes to address the problem. Cllr Eyre continuing to make representations to planning officers and Worcester Regulatory Services. *Chair Southcott advised that the parish council had objected to the recent planning application at EVG*
Resident – advised that load after load of 'feed' were being delivered at 4 am in the morning causing a disturbance
Resident – asked if this was still a concern for County Council, to which Cllr Eyre advised that it was.

Questions to Cllr Eyre:

- *Lighting on A44 – it was reported that there was an issue with some of the lights – to be investigated*
- *Chantry – a request made for the footways to be looked at – **Action Chair Southcott and Cllr Mills***
- *Digester Noise – complaints that this is going all night*
- *Paynes Lane – car parking an ongoing problem – **Action Chair Southcott and Cllr Eyre***
- *Porters Path – this has been cleared*
- *Further footways in Fladbury were in need of improvement*

A Copy of the full report will be available on the village website.

b) District Cllrs Report – A Copy of the full report will be available on the village website.

6. Any Other Business – Questions from the Floor

- a) Thanks were made to the parish council
- b) I Baldry would be taking over the running of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

The meeting closed at 8pm