

MINUTESFLADBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Fladbury Parish Council held on Monday, December 14th, 2020 at 7.00pm, via ZOOM

PRESENT: Chairman I Southcott Vice Chairman G Mills Cllr D Day Cllr P Palmer
 Cllr A Hughes Cllr M Neilan Cllr T Cheung
 Cllr S Insall County Cllr E Eyre District Cllr T Rowley
 Clerk L Yapp

1. **APOLOGIES** - were received from Cllr Manser

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

- Cllr Mills – SWDP
- Cllr Cheung – Tree Quotes

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** A comment made by Cllr Cheung regarding the reference in the minutes *Item 12 – ‘Cllr Cheung reported that he thought the willow may be a memorial tree’* – when in fact it was more like a sycamore tree. However, Cllr Mills had checked his records and it was not considered to be a memorial tree. Other than that, the minutes from the meeting dated 16th November 2020 were approved, proposed Cllr Palmer, seconded Cllr Hughes – all in favour.

PARISHIONERS: Nothing to report.

4. **COUNTY CLLR’S REPORT** – Full report annexed to Minutes. Cllr Eyre reported in brief:

- Fladbury First School is consulting on a proposal to convert from a first school to a primary school (2-tier to 3-tier). The Local Authority had not raised any objections in principle but there were concerns as to whether the school would be able to support the change, both financially and with regard available space for expansion. The reasoning for the proposed move was that 3-tier schools tend to be the norm now, and it would strengthen the school and encourage a higher number of pupils.
- Footpath 560 – WCC Footpath Officer had been out to look at the PRowF and could not see what the problem was. Cllrs reminded Cllr Eyre that there was a very ‘misleading’ sign on the gate to the path, cleverly worded in an attempt to deter walkers. Cllr Eyre would refer this back to the Officer
- Water Leak Station Road / Weston Orchard – This has been inspected by WCC and believed to be a Severn Trent issue. It has been referred to ST
- Street Lighting – following on from communication from Chair Southcott regarding recently received street lighting invoices dating back to 2017/18, Cllr Eyre would investigate if these could be paid over a couple of years.
- Street Lighting Repair / Replacement Costs – Chair Southcott asked if we could use the £11,500 promised to the parish council at our meeting December 2019 by Paul Robinson (WCC) for these repairs. Cllr Eyre would make enquiries and report back

5. **DISTRICT CLLR’S REPORT** – Cllr Rowley reported:

- Minerals Local Plan EIP – Cllr Rowley reminded Cllrs that the additional date set was on Friday 18th December. Chair Southcott reported that another ‘weighty’ document with modifications had been submitted by Worcs. County Council (almost 400 pages) just a few days before the

EIP. This was a repeat of a similar action by WCC just a few days before the EIP dates in November. It was considered extremely unreasonable for the amount of data and additional reports to be digested in such a short time. Cllr Eyre agreed that this was unacceptable and would make representation at the EIP to this effect

- SWDP – Covid continued to delay the review. The Inspector will need to be satisfied that ALL proposed sites have been fully considered – there were no sites in Fladbury.
- Covid cases have increased slightly, although still low in comparison to other areas of England. It is thought that this may be due to an outbreak in a school or workplace and is being investigated. The Three Counties Showground will become a vaccination centre
- Boundary Commission Review – Wychavon has submitted a recommendation that the number of Cllrs could be reduced slightly
- Community Legacy Grant - Chair Southcott has submitted an ‘Expression of Interest’ in applying for funds to improve the facilities at the pavilion. This included plans for energy efficiency and safety/security. The application was rejected on the grounds of not being ambitious enough. Cllr Rowley felt that a meeting with Officers at WDC would be useful.

With regard the CLG funds that had been received for the improvements to the village hall, Chair Southcott had been asked to put together a progress report. There is still £3,677 remaining. Chair Southcott would make this known in his report, but would ask of we could keep £1,500 back to cover the cost of re-sealing the floor (which will be due to be done next year)

6. FINANCE

- a) Approval of receipts and payments to 9th December 2020 - proposed acceptance of payment by Cllr Neilan, seconded Cllr Palmer and approved by all.

DD		Pavilion Gas	90.97
SO		Clerks Expenses	32.00
SO		Clerks Salary	380.72
	2470	Lengthsman Oct / Nov	312.00
	2471	Clerks PAYE	6.20
	2472	Pavilion Cleaning	85.00
	2474	Phone Bx Painting	120.00
DD		Pavilion Gas	0.99

Account Balances:

Current Account

(before unrepresented cheques): £36168.99

Deposit Account: £20274.44

7. PARISHIONERS: Nothing to report

8. PROGRESS REPORTS

- (a) Lengthsman – Cllr Palmer reported the LM had been continuing to work throughout the village. The phone box has now been painted and looks very good (this was not paid out of the LM grant)
- (b) Defibrillator Scheme – Cllr Insall reported both defibrillators were now operational but one battery was running low. She is hopeful she can secure one from the Ambulance Service.
- (c) Conservation Area – Nothing to report

(e) Traffic Calming – Cllr Hughes reported that the line marking and flashing light for the school will be installed during a dry spell in the New Year. A virtual training meeting had been held for operating the new VAS sign with delivery and fitting at Millbank due to be carried out on 17th December

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS/ HOUSING SURVEY – Nothing to report at this time but it is hoped that this can be actioned in January

10. POLICING - contacts are PC Paul Brown and PCSO Karen Kempton
(03003 333000 Ext 3408/3499)
(Also new less urgent 101 services complement 999 emergencies)

Cllr Hughes reported that increased police patrols were being carried out. Leaflets had been left on vehicles that were obstructing the footways

- a) PACT –Nothing to report
- b) Neighbourhood Watch – Nothing to report.
- c) Community Speed Watch – Cllr Insall reported that speed checks had now resumed but had to be abandoned last week due to fog. However, it was reported that during a half hour period 12 vehicles were recorded exceeding the speed limit, with one recorded at 47mph, and one at 45mph

11. PLANNING:

- 20/000027 – Wrubble – This current application has been withdrawn by the applicants, but an amended application is expected. *Since the meeting an amended application has been received*
- 20/02312 – Forty Winks, Lazy Lane – demolition of garage and erection of new garage with accommodation over and 2-storey side extension. *Approved by WDC – Cllr Day that the amendments were in relation to the headroom in the loft space*
- 20/02365 – The Orchards, Station Road – raising of garden / boundary wall and new entrance gates – *Approved by WDC*
- 20/02545 – Springhill Nurseries Ltd – proposed gas decanting facility with ancillary gas dispenser for EVG gas vehicles together with infrastructure – *Cllrs were asked to review the application documents and to report back to Cllr Day. It was reported that there was very little data in the application regarding safety aspects.*

Planning / Enforcement : *The Chair had spoken to the owners of Weir House with regard to the removal of the hedge during the construction of the new garage. They were planning to replace some of the hedge but not that adjacent to the garage wall as this would hinder maintenance. The hedge was in their ownership.*

Glasshouse Liaison Group: Chair Southcott reported that an application for the gas installation will be forthcoming. EVG are now in regular communication with parishioners when tractor activity / harvesting will be taking place.

Vale Crematorium – The PC had been in contact with reference to the Wrubble application.

SWDP – Covered in Item 5 - District Cllr Rowley's report above

Minerals Local Plan – Examination in Public – Covered in District Cllr's report above

Section 106 monies:

- Kendrick Homes – Chair Southcott is awaiting a meeting with WCC Officers
- Pool Garden – Nothing to report
- Canoe Club – Nothing to report
- Sports Pavilion – Covered above re Community Legacy Grant (Item 5 – District Cllrs Report)

12. FOOTPATHS/TREES

Trees – Three quotes had been received for the necessary tree works at the Wharf with some additional options included. These had been received just before the meeting and time is needed to fully consider. Defer to next meeting

Footpaths:

- Footpath 517 – Nothing further to report
- Footpath 560 – covered in Item 4 – County Cllrs report

13. RECREATION GROUND/PAVILION:

- Tennis Club – Chair Southcott reported that the Tennis Club had now started to play. He has written to them again with regard the lease

14. LAND & THE NAIT – Nothing further to report

15. MY PARISH/WEBSITE/COMMUNICATIONS – Cllr Neilan reported that he is still waiting for an update with regard to progress

16. BROADBAND – There had been no response following a recent circulation to parishioners asking for a volunteer to lead on the Broadband initiative, although it was suggested that one parishioner may be interested to help. Whilst the general feeling was that the Broadband speed in Fladbury was good, it was reported that we should be considering whether this would be the case moving forward.

17. STREET LIGHTING – Already covered in Item 4 – County Cllr's report above

18. CORRESPONDENCE – emails had been circulated to all Cllrs.

19. OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION:

- Cllr Insall reported on verges that were encroaching onto the footways on the Fladbury side of the railway bridge, forcing pedestrians into the road. The clerk reported that this is something the LM can attend to and would speak to him
- Cllr Palmer reported on the increased parking on the grass verges in Mill Bank. It was agreed in the first instance that this be referred to the police who were putting advisory notices on windscreens.
- Cllr Mills reported on communication he had received from the Environment Agency regarding their plans to replace the 'timber' sluice gate at the weir, which has failed in places and showing sign of decay. A full assessment will be carried out, to include heritage and access. A detailed explanation of what was needed and why, and the proposed works, along with diagrams and photographs

20. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS – The next full parish council meeting would be held on Monday 18th January 2021 via Zoom at 7.00 pm, with a meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on Thursday 14th January at 2 pm