

MINUTES

FLADBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Fladbury Parish Council held on Monday 20th January 2020 at 7.00pm in the Sports Pavilion, Fladbury

PRESENT:	Chair I Southcott	Vice Chair G Mills	Cllr S Insall
	Cllr D Day	Cllr A Stephens	Cllr P Palmer
	Cllr N Manser	Cllr M Neilan	County Cllr E Eyre
	District Cllr T Rowley	3 x Members of Police / Smart Water	
	Ian Baldry – NW	4 Observer	Clerk - L Yapp

INTRODUCTION & PRESENTATION was given by Ian Baldry and Police Officers, reiterating the information given previously regarding the benefits of Smartwater and the effectiveness in reducing crime rates. At worst, whole village coverage of SM would cost the parish council in the region of £1,000 but it could be as low as £600 if funding comes in from Fortis and Rooftop. Chair Southcott advised that this would be an agenda item for our meeting in February.

CO-OPTION – Chair Southcott introduced Andrew Hughes as the proposed new Cllr to fill the vacant seat on the parish council. No other interest had been received and Mr Hughes had indicated he would like to be considered. This information came forward too late to be included on this meeting's agenda, but would be the first item at the February meeting and Mr Hughes could formally be co-opted, sign the Declaration of Office and participate in the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES – none received

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None declared

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The minutes from the meeting dated 16th December 2019 were approved. Proposed Cllr Insall, seconded Cllr Mills, all in favour.

4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT – Full copy of report attached. Cllr Eyre reported:

- s106 (Kendrick Homes) - WCC Highways are costing the infrastructure works for the footway on Station Road and the new VAS sign at Millbank.
- Line marking in Broadway Lane is still outstanding, but it is a long process.
- Footpath 517 – a meeting is to be scheduled between WCC and the parish council. Cllr Mills was concerned that the deadline set by WCC for resolving this matter was 31st January and if the meeting was after this date, whether this would have any impact on the officer's decision. Cllr Eyre advised that no decision would be made until after the meeting.
- Minerals Local Plan – A 'call for sites' had been made and that she was working with Charlton Parish Council with regard weight limits on Fladbury bridge
- EVG – a resident had been in contact with concerns over the number of tractors and ongoing issues with odour
- Rural Transport - WCC are investigating electric bikes, improved Hopper bus service and 'lift share' scheme

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT - Full copy of report attached. Cllr Rowley reported:

- Minerals Local Plan – site investigations have been carried out in Charlton causing concerns to the parish councils in the Fladbury Ward (Charlton, Cropthorne, Wick and Fladbury). All of

these villages could be affected either by extraction or impact from traffic / dust etc. Two open meetings are scheduled for 22nd January (afternoon and evening) to advise parishioner. *Chair Southcott reported that he had been in contact with one of the major companies and Evesham Journal. He voiced concern that comments made on social media indicated a lack of action from the parish council before now, but in fact this had been a topic for discussion at the Annual Parish meeting in April 2019 and was a regular agenda item for parish council meetings since then.*

6. FINANCE

- a) Approval of receipts and payments to 14th January 2020 – accounts and payments were approved proposed Cllr Neilan, seconded Cllr Palmer – all in favour

SO		Clerks Salary	371.64
SO		Clerks Expenses	32.00
	2385	Lengthsman December	144.00
	2386	pavilion Water	84.23
	2387	Pavilion Cleaning	210.00
	2388	Clerks PAYE refund	24.24

- b) Budget / Precept – the Finance committee had previously met to discuss the budget requirement for 2020/21. It was explained to Cllrs that an increase would be necessary to cover rising running expenses for the pavilion, insurance etc., but also to make provision for any maintenance costs for The Nait – this would include mowing, fencing, pollarding of trees and upkeep of two footbridges. A proposal was made by Cllr Insall to increase the budget requirement by 6.8% to £19,791, seconded by Cllr Stephens – all in favour

7. PARISHIONERS : Nothing to report

9. PROGRESS REPORTS

- (a) Lengthsman – Cllr Palmer reported that the ditch in Salters Lane had been referred to EVG. There was a blocked gully by the post box which he would ask the LM to look at. A question was asked as to whether the LM was able to do works on the A44. It all depends whether or not he would be working off the verge. Cllr Palmer would discuss this with the LM.
- (b) Defibrillator Scheme – Next training session 27th January 2020
- (c) Conservation Area – District Cllr Rowley reported that he would speak to Jim Bergin (WDC)
- (d) Minerals Consultation – Already covered under District Cllrs report above

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS – A meeting to be scheduled

**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)

- a) PACT – Cllr Stephens advised that reporting of digital data and footage from dashcam was now being used to report incidents. Cllr Mills would communicate with PC Brown regarding ‘lamping’ on the meadow
- b) Community Speed Watch – Cllr Insall reported that she was hoping to involve the police to carry out some speed watch monitoring with the volunteers. In addition, they were looking to add additional sites within Fladbury and some more volunteers

- c) Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr Southcott voiced concerns over the lack of reporting to parishioners of criminal activity via the NW scheme

11. PLANNING

- 18/02119 – Riverview Mooring, Evesham Road – Nothing further to report
- 19/02114 – Millstream House, 10 Old Rectory Green – This had been approved by WDC but with conditions.
- 19/02609 – Spring Bank, Mill Bank – conversion of garage to form kitchen, first floor extension over garage, single storey side and first floor rear extensions – Cllr Day reported that both neighbours had made comments on the application and suggested that the parish council should comment that as long as the neighbours concerns were taken into consideration, we would have no objections
- Brooklands – the point was made that it seems as if the extension exceeds the original application. A suggestion was made that this should be investigated further to ensure it satisfies building regulations.

Glasshouse Liaison Group : Chair Southcott advised that a meeting had been scheduled for Tuesday 21st January

Vale Crematorium – It was reported that a donation of £700 is to be paid to the parish council for use on a community activity. Westerleigh have a policy to distribute funds raised from retrieved ‘precious metals’ to local charities / organisations for use within the local community

Section 106 monies:

- Kendrick Homes – Already covered – funds to be made available
- Canoe Club / Pool Garden – Friends of Fladbury have a proposal for use of the allocated monies and this is awaited. The Canoe Club are aware that there are funds available
- Sports Pavilion – In hand

12. FOOTPATHS/TREES

Trees – Nothing to report

Footpaths:

- Footpath 517 – already covered

13. RECREATION GROUND/PAVILION

- Canoe Club / Tennis Club Charges – Chair Southcott reported that he had met with the tennis club to discuss a way forward. Their existing lease expires in August this year. They are keen to take out a further lease but the PC will take advice on the removal of Trustees from the lease terms. The existing lease requires the club to carry some re-instatement works but this had been reduced following an earlier agreement. The club had indicated that they would like a 99-year lease, but it was felt that 25 – 30 years was sufficient. They are aware that they should have been paying rent to the parish council, but this has been overlooked; however, it has been agreed that a payment of ca. £2,500 is to be paid in respect of unpaid rental. Because of their in-house administrative procedures they would prefer that any new lease annual payment is based on the index in January 2021. The club indicated that they would like any legal costs to be shared but this was to be discussed further.

14. LAND & THE NAIT – It is hoped that negotiations will resume shortly

15. SMARTWATER – Already covered

16. CLERK'S APPRAISAL – this had been carried out between Cllr Insall and the clerk.

17. MY PARISH/WEBSITE/COMMUNICATIONS – Cllrs Day and Neilan were in the process of handing over responsibility

18. CORRESPONDENCE – emails had been circulated to all Cllrs

19. OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION:

- Signs – suggested signage for the car park and green outside The Anchor had been forwarded to Chair Southcott for approval
- Code of Conduct – a revised Code of Conduct had been issued by WDC for adoption by WDC. To be added to February agenda
- Cllr Eyre is involved in a non-statutory consultation for school and is asking for feedback from Governors. Chair Southcott advised that he would speak to Fladbury School

20. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS – Monday 17th February 2020 at 7pm. Apologies were given from Cllr Eyre and Cllr Neilan