

MINUTESFLADBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Fladbury Parish Council held on Monday 21st September at 7.00pm, via ZOOM

PRESENT: Cllr I Southcott Cllr G Mills Cllr D Day Cllr P Palmer
 Cllr S Insall Cllr A Hughes Cllr T Cheung Cllr M Neilan
 District Cllr T Rowley 2 Parishioners Clerk - L Yapp

1. **APOLOGIES** were received from Cllr N Manser and County Cllr E Eyre
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Mills – SWDP
 Cllr Cheung – Planning Application 20/01426
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** The minutes from the meeting dated 20th July 2020 were approved, proposed Cllr Insall, seconded Cllr Hughes – all in favour.
4. **COUNTY CLLR’S REPORT** – Circulated.
5. **DISTRICT CLLR’S REPORT** – District Cllr Rowley reported:
 - Despite being able to report back in July that positive cases of coronavirus were dramatically reducing, this is no longer the case. Whilst WDC / Worcestershire cases are below the national average, we are heading towards a second wave.
 - Planning Reforms – Two changes in the planning process are being consulted on. First, ‘Changes to the Planning System’ is being considered by the local authority and Wychavon, along with Malvern Hills and Worcester City councils are working on a collective response in time for the 1st October deadline. The ‘draft’ response will be circulated to parish and town councils. The second, ‘Planning for the Future’ will be commented on by parish and town councils. A ‘virtual’ briefing is being held on 7th October and there will be representation from Fladbury Parish Council in attendance

A parishioner asked Cllr Rowley if our local MP, Mr Huddleston would be briefed on the responses, to which Cllr Rowley confirmed that he would be kept informed.

6. FINANCE

- a) Approval of receipts and payments to 16th September 2020 - proposed acceptance of payment by Cllr Neilan, seconded Cllr Palmer and approved.

2447		Lengthsman June	168.00
SO		Clerks Salary	373.24
SO		Clerks Expenses	32.00
2448		Lengthsman July	96.00
2449		Gift to Cllr	50.00
2450		Grass Cutting	552.00
2451		Pavilion San. Bin	111.60
2452		Fire Safety (2018/19)	90.00
2453		Cheque cancelled	
2454		Additional Office Ex.	248.34
DD		Pavilion Gas	47.99
DD		Pavilion Electricity	29.58
SO		Clerks Expenses	32.00
SO		Clerks Salary	373.24
2455		Grass Cutting	192.00
2456		Lengthsman August	156.00
2457		Underpayment of Clerks Salary	64.96
2458		Phone Kiosk Paint	60.10
DD		Pavilion Electricity	28.54

7. PARISHIONERS: No comments were made at this point.

8. PROGRESS REPORTS

(a) Lengthsman – Cllr Palmer reported that the LM had reported the blocked drain outside village hall. He would be painting the phone kiosk in the coming weeks but this would be paid for by the parish council and not from the LM budget.

(b) Defibrillator Scheme – Cllr Insall reported that the batteries needed replacing at a cost of approx. £300 per battery, which was considered to be very high. It was agreed the clerk and Cllr Insall liaise to see if it was more cost effective to purchase a new defibrillator. Cllr Insall also reported that the ‘contact telephone’ system was currently on hold.

(c) Conservation Area – Cllr Rowley reported that there was nothing to report at this time as ‘face to face’ meetings are still not permitted and there were other important issues taking up officers’ time at the moment.

(d) Minerals Consultation – Chair Southcott reported that Tarmac have withdrawn their interest in the Charlton site, with WCC officially confirming that Charlton has now been withdrawn from the Minerals Plan process. We are still challenging the legitimacy in the way that the Minerals Plan was put together by WCC, but the Examination in Public is not expected to take place until later in the Autumn

(e) Traffic Calming – Cllrs Hughes, Neilan and Insall had been working with officers from WCC on a number of traffic calming options. Cllr Hughes gave a thorough and in-depth presentation on the different options which could be installed at various locations in Fladbury, along with the costs involved. He reported that our County Cllr had offered to contribute £3,500 with WCC contributing a further £3,500. Fladbury Parish Council would be expected to make up the shortfall of £3,457 (on the total project costs); the commitments from Cllr Eyre and WCC require to be taken up during this financial year. The suggestions put forward included a series of ‘dragon’s teeth’, ‘SLOW’, and ‘30mph’ road markings, and a flashing warning light by the school. *One parishioner in attendance commented that the costs were excessive and felt that it would not deter many drivers but was supportive of the flashing lights outside the school.*

Comments made by Cllrs:

- Fladbury would be losing its rural aspect with too much signage.
- Flashing lights by the school would be a good idea, but only if enforced.
- Signage at eye level works better than road markings.
- Direct feedback from one resident to a Cllr – doubtful if the proposals would deter speeding drivers but the flashing sign by the school may work.
- Would like to see some evidence that dragon’s teeth have a positive impact.
- Cllr Insall reported that the Community Speed Watch scheme had recruited three more volunteers who needed to be trained. There was a need for extra special care to be taken when sharing equipment.

It was reported that the village school are looking at education programmes for both children and parents. An order has been placed for a replacement VAS sign at Mill Bank.

Chair Southcott recorded thanks to Cllrs Hughes, Neilan and Insall for their time and effort. It was agreed in the first instance, thought should be given to a gradual introduction of the suggestions made, with priority actions identified. Following an email to parishioners, five responses had been received, 4 in favour with 1 against the proposals made. Cllr Hughes would present a prioritised programme at the next meeting.

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS/ HOUSING SURVEY – Nothing further to report at the moment.

10. POLICING - contacts are PC Paul Brown and PCSO Karen Kempton

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(Also new less urgent 101 services complement 999 emergencies)

- a) PACT – Nothing to report.
- b) Neighbourhood Watch – Nothing to report.
- c) Community Speed Watch / Traffic Calming – already covered under ‘Traffic Calming’ above.

11. PLANNING:

- 20/01229 – Weston Cottage, Station Road, garage extension to provide family room/home office – approved by WDC.
- 20/01426 – Land adjacent to Broadway Lane Cottages – awaiting decision by WDC.
- 20/000027 – Wrubble – following a virtual public meeting a number of specific environmental issues had been raised including noise and dust. Concerns were also raised with regard the access point on the A44 and its close proximity to the roundabout by EVG. The parish council had submitted an in-depth objection to the application covering all these issues and citing a number of planning and waste policy matters. It was also reported that twenty parishioners had also commented. Cllr Rowley advised that objections should also be made to WDC and provided an additional planning reference.

Glasshouse Liaison Group: Chair Southcott reported that he had received an email from EVG regarding their gas transfer facility – this would be circulated to Cllrs.

Vale Crematorium – The parish council had been in discussion with Westerleigh regarding the Wrubble application.

SWDP – Nothing further to add.

Section 106 monies:

- Kendrick Homes – The parish council had previously asked Cllr Eyre / WCC if we could just have the small section of footway (Station Road) attended to and not the whole length. Awaiting feedback.
- Pool Garden – Clerk awaiting details of the proposals in order to check with WDC it meets criteria.
- Canoe Club – still awaiting proposals.
- Sports Pavilion – Awaiting costs for new gate to form of a larger project. Cllr Insall suggested a ‘wheelchair’ friendly bench / table for the pavilion should be included.

12. FOOTPATHS/TREES

Trees – Cllrs Cheung reported:

- He is waiting to hear back from the Tree Officer at WDC regarding trees at The Coal Wharf.
- Tree at corner of Chequers Lane / Church Street – this was considered to be a WCC Highways issue. Cllr Eyre had previously said she would pass this onto WCC Highways. Chair Southcott would liaise with Cllr Eyre.

- Cllr Day reported that hedging had been removed at The Coal Wharf – we should ask if this can be replaced.

Footpaths:

- Footpath 517 – Nothing further to report

13. RECREATION GROUND/PAVILION:

- Tennis Club – Chair Southcott reported that he had written to the Tennis Club some 4-5 weeks ago asking for the legal costs to be split 50/50 and the rent to be increased. Had not yet received a reply and would chase them up. If no response is received the parish council would revert to the old lease.
- Re-Opening of the Pavilion – A request had been received from the football team for five players to be allowed in the changing room at one time. It was agreed that we ask footballers to turn up in kit, play and then go home without any need to enter the pavilion other than to use the toilets. The referee will have a separate room

14. LAND & THE NAIT – Nait remains closed but hoping that this will be opening back up at the end of September. Any further abuse and it will be closed immediately by the owner.

15. MY PARISH/WEBSITE/COMMUNICATIONS – The clerk would chase the new website administrators as to where we are with the new changes.

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

17. OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION:

- Cllr Palmer asked if traffic calming schemes could be shared with Charlton / Cropthorne – the clerk reported that Cropthorne have registered with the Community Speed Watch Scheme and waiting to hear back re training.

18. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS – Monday 19th October 2020 via Zoom.