

MINUTES

FLADBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Fladbury Parish Council held on Monday, February 15th , 2021 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 S Insall County Cllr E Eyre
District Cllr T Rowley Clerk L Yapp 1 Parishioner

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

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

- Cllr Mills – SWDP

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Minutes from meeting 18th January 2021 were approved, proposed Cllr Insall, seconded Cllr Palmer – all in favour

4. **COUNTY CLLR’S REPORT** – Cllr Eyre joined the meeting part way through because of a previous commitment and interacted during agenda items

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

- Planning Committee – the last meeting was held on 4th February – no applications affecting Fladbury, with the next scheduled for 4th March
- SWDP – the next stage is Regulation 18 – looking at alternative sites only. Consultation period to commence on 1st March for 7 weeks and will also include a Traveller / Travelling Show People element. The final stage (Regulation 19) will be a review of the whole Plan and is expected to be carried out some time in 2022. With regard the Traveller consultation, Cllr Rowley explained that Wychavon is able to resist sites in the short term but need to be looking beyond the next 5 years. Recent pitches added at Crophorne have helped the situation.
- Covid – Rates are starting to decrease within Wychavon, particularly in the over 60s group (down to 168 per 100,000), although the West Midlands as a whole is still high
- Car Parking – in car parks is still free
- Boundary Commission Review – the first phase has now passed, with a recommendation made by WDC to reduce the number of Members – a confirmation response is awaited. Phase II will look at the ‘wording’. An opportunity for parishes to become involved will take place in the Autumn.
- Minerals Examination in Public – The Inspectors’ report is awaited and clarification of planning advice. Local parishes and WDC would like to see some change in the wording regarding identification of sites and planning applications, from *planning permission will be granted* to be changed to *planning permission will be supported*. In addition, a change is sought allowing modifications to be *delegated to an officer*. Chair Southcott reported that a further meeting should be held with Cllr Eyre, and also to include the County Cllr for the other parishes included i.e. Wick.

6. **FINANCE**

- a) Approval of receipts and payments to 10th February 2021 - proposed acceptance of payment by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Day and approved by all

SO		Clerks Salary	380.72
SO		Clerks Expenses	32.00
	2481	Lengthsman January	156.00
	2482	Expenses - Postage	22.50
	2483	VAS Batteries	192.00
	2484	Training (Cllr Hughes)	30.00
DD		Pavilion Electricity	21.84

Account Balances:

Current Account

(before unrepresented cheques): £34898.07

Deposit Account: £20,274.79

7. PARISHIONERS: Parishioner did not have any issues to raise, and was in attendance as an observer.

8. PROGRESS REPORTS

- (a) Lengthsman – Cllr Palmer had nothing to report, other than the LM was working to his maintenance schedule. Cllr Insall reported that he had attended to the siding out of the footways on Station Road
- (b) Handyman (LM) – Leaves had been cleared from the path to the Pavilion. With regard the phone box, the door was not closing properly. This has been looked at, and a quote for £20 to attend to the ‘self-closing’ arm on the door and some planning off. This was approved. The phone box library has temporarily been closed and sealed off because of the risk from Covid. The handyman is carrying out regular playground checks and reporting back to the clerk on any issues found.
- (c) Defibrillator Scheme – Nothing to report
- (d) Conservation Area – Nothing to report
- (e) Traffic Calming – Cllr Hughes reported the traffic calming measures already approved will be carried out in the drier weather. The old VAS sign can be used at Butt Furlong on an existing post. He also reported that between 17th December and 29th January, a total of 3,200 vehicles were recorded, with just under 95% travelling under 30mph (from data collected within the VAS on Mill Bank)
- (f) Street Lighting – Chair Southcott referred to a Zoom meeting between himself, the clerk, County Cllr Eyre and B Barnes (WCC Highways) and reported that an agreement had been reached with regard the necessary street lighting upgrades and some additional lamps that require upgrading. This would be financed using the £11,000 allocated to the parish council (for use on infrastructure projects only) by the CEO of Worcs. County Council in December 2019. This was agreed to be a satisfactory outcome.

In addition, Chair Southcott reported that WCC have now decided against the previously discussed extension of the footway on Station Road (at a cost of £46k) and to carry out the much smaller section (which the parish council originally requested). Again, this decision was deemed to be a satisfactory conclusion to this heavily debated issue.

Cllr Southcott thanked Cllr Eyre for helping to facilitate these matters.

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS/ HOUSING SURVEY – Nothing to report

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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)

Chair Southcott reported that hedging planted by EVG in Charlton had been stolen. Cllr Hughes advised that one crime had been committed and also 'suspicious activity'

- a) PACT –Nothing to report
- b) Neighbourhood Watch – Nothing to report.
- c) Community Speed Watch – Nothing to report – currently suspended due to the pandemic.

11. PLANNING:

- 20/000027 – Wrubble – Cllr Day reported that the parish council had submitted their response to this application, with Cllr Eyre also reporting that she had submitted a new response. Chair Southcott asked her for clarity on whether the parish council can make representation at the Planning Committee. She replied that there is a process on who can and can't speak, but would report back. *Since the meeting, Cllr Eyre has advised that the parish council has no right to speak, but their response will be outlined in the report presented to the Committee. Videos of the noise / dust will be allowed, but as part of Cllr Eyre's representation. Expected date for the Committee is 6th July*
- 20/02649 – Old Fladbury Stores - Localised repairs to the timber frame and infill panels of the principal elevation (east) - *Approved by WDC*
- 20/02749 – Windrush, Broadway Lane – first floor front and single side extensions and porch. Cllr Day has not received any objections to this application and can find no reason to object.
- 21/00278 – Land at Sidings Lane (Charlton) – Chair Southcott referred to an application which had originally been received by Cropthorne Parish Council – to remove 7m of hedge near the railway bridge. Initial discussion had taken place between Fladbury, Cropthorne and Charlton parish councils and it was agreed that a significant amount of work is needed, via Sidings Lane and potentially up to 400 lorry movements via Cropthorne and Fladbury. In addition to this application, but seemingly linked, Chair Southcott reported that the Paddle Club had been contacted by Network Rail, requesting access to the river across the recreation ground. It was agreed that in the first instance, a Zoom meeting should held between each of the parish councils. Cllr Eyre reported that Network Rail occasionally offer a 'community pay back' and that WCC officers may be able to help.

Planning / Enforcement :

- New wall on Station Road – the clerk had been contacted by a resident asking if the new all had been approved by WDC – the clerk had replied that it had been.
- Possible enforcement issue at Rectory Green – with WDC enforcements for clarification

Glasshouse Liaison Group: Nothing to report, but Chair Southcott would organise a meeting with the management

Vale Crematorium – Despite several attempts by Chair Southcott, he had been unable to make further contact particularly with regard to the Wrubble application.

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

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

Section 106 monies:

- Pool Garden – Cllr Southcott would endeavour to submit the application as soon as possible.
- Canoe Club – Chair Southcott reported that the Canoe Club have been in discussion with WDC regarding provision of a disabled access, which would use the s106 funds and the £10k business grant (Covid)
- Sports Pavilion – Nothing to report

12. FOOTPATHS/TREES

Trees:

- Trees at Wharf – Currently on hold
- Rectory Green Tree – Following removal of the tree, we are awaiting a reply from WDC tree officer with regard the disease which was the reason for the tree being removed. Cllr Eyre advised that she would be prepared to finance a replacement – variety to be agreed. With regard the remaining tree stump, it was agreed that this should be removed.

Footpaths:

- Footpath 517 – Cllr Mills reported that there are a lot of papers to go through and felt it would be better dealt with, with Cllr Eyre, when we are in a position to meet face to face
- Stile – Network Rail – Cllr Day reported that he thought this had now been attended to

13. RECREATION GROUND/PAVILION:

- Tennis Club – Chair Southcott reported that an email had been sent to the tennis club and committee members outlining the ongoing situation and inability to reach a satisfactory conclusion, and the fact that we are aware they may have received monies from the business grants (Covid related). It is still the aim of the parish council to resolve this matter diplomatically.

14. SLUICE UPGRADES – Cllr Mills reported that a second plan for the sluice gates upgrades had not yet been finalised but will be sent to the parish council as soon as possible. The previously reported 'piling' of the banks will not now go ahead. The process has been slightly delayed because of the close proximity to a listed building and the need for WCC approvals.

15. LAND & THE NAIT – Nothing to report

16. MY PARISH/WEBSITE/COMMUNICATIONS:

- Website - The clerk reported that the new village website should be up and running in March. The clerk did suggest that she should have a designated 'parish council' email address, rather than the current 'free version' – this would reduce any risk of being 'locked out' of the email address (which is what happened previously).
- Broadband – An offer of support for this had come forward from a parishioner and a meeting with Charlton PC would be arranged as they are already well advanced in this process. There will be new 'stream' of funding becoming available in April as the current scheme is about to close.

17. SIGN, RECTORY GREEN – The clerk had obtained a quote for the refurbishment of the sign at Rectory Green (£425), which was cheaper than the first quote of £525. The clerk was asked for clarity as to

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whether this included the re-painting of the metal sign (inserted in the wooden frame). She would liaise with Cllr Mills once this point had been clarified.

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

19. OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION:

- Community Legacy Grant Fund (Village Hall Refurbishment) – the remaining funds of £2,609 have been repaid to WDC with £1,068.29 being repaid back to the village hall to cover the next floor treatment needed.
- Station Road Leak – Severn Trent have taken responsibility for this
- Police UK – Cllr Eyre directed Cllr Hughes to this useful website

20. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS – The next full parish council meeting would be held on Monday 15th March 2021 via Zoom at 7.00 pm