

MINUTES

FLADBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Fladbury Parish Council held on Monday, March 15th, 2021 at 7.00pm, via ZOOM

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

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

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

- Cllr Mills – SWDP

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Minutes from meeting 15th February 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. Full report from Cllr Eyre attached to these minutes but in brief:

- Water Leak Station Road / Weston Orchard – works have now been completed, but there is still a leak – to await return by Severn Trent
- Footway Works – this has now been completed and 'signed off'
- Gullies A44 (Fladbury X roads to Golf Club) – these are on the WCC schedule of necessary works

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

- SWDP – the next stage is Regulation 18 is now out for consultation. This will be looking at alternative sites only. Whilst there is nothing affecting Fladbury, Cllrs were encouraged to take a look at the document. The Traveller / Travelling Show People consultation starts on 10th May. Again, there is nothing that would affect Fladbury.
- Elections – County Cllr and police and Crime Commissioner elections will go ahead in May.
- Boundary Commission Ward Shaping is to start in the next few weeks which will look at the number of Ward members in Wychavon
- Covid – cases in the over 60s is now down to 22 per 100,000 – further statistics are in the attached report form Cllr Eyre
- Business Support grants continue to be rolled out with further support for rural businesses being looked at

6. **FINANCE**

- a) Approval of receipts and payments to 10th March 2021 - proposed acceptance of payment by Cllr Neilan, seconded Cllr Manser and approved by all

Account Balances:

Current Account

(before unrepresented cheques): £24058.08

Deposit Account: £20274.95

2485		Repayment CLG funds	2609.00
2486		Repayment CLG funds	1068.29
2487		Pool Garden repairs	150.00
2488		Clerks Email Address	17.94
2489		Minerals Admin (website)	122.54
2490		Fire Safety Checks	55.34
2491		Boards / Fence	67.39
2492		Clerks PAYE	6.00
SO		Clerks Expenses	32.00
SO		Clerks Salary	380.72
DD		Pavilion Gas	44.95

The clerk reported that surplus Community Legacy Grant funds (VH refurbishment) had been repaid to the VH and Wychavon District Council

Clerk's Appraisal – Cllr Insall reported on the recent Clerk's appraisal and the approval to raise her pay scale to SCP 18 after reviewing the NALC 'bench marking' system for delegated responsibilities. This would mean an increase in annual salary of about £80 over budget. Approved by Cllrs

7. PARISHIONERS: No parishioners in attendance

8. PROGRESS REPORTS

- (a) Lengthsman – Cllr Palmer reported that the LM had spent a lot of time clearing out gullies.
- (b) Handyman (LM) – Chair Southcott asked if the LM could take a look at the notice board as it is starting to leak.
- (c) Defibrillator Scheme – Cllr Insall reported that the defibrillator scheme is still on hold due to Covid. The battery for the unit at the pavilion has now failed, but it may be more cost effective to purchase a new defib. suitable for use on children (battery costs are in excess of £200). Cllr Insall would take some advice on this and report back
- (d) Conservation Area – Cllr Rowley reported that a new conservation officer at WDC was looking at boundaries of conservation areas.
- (e) Traffic Calming – Cllr Hughes reported the *dragon's teeth* have now been painted on the roads. Also, repairs have been carried out to some road signs, although we are still waiting for the flashing light by the school. There was a fault with the new VAS sign at Millbank, but this has now been repaired. Cllr Hughes would download data and circulate to Cllrs.
- (f) Street Lighting – The clerk reported that we are just waiting for a date from WCC for them to commence work on the upgrades / repairs

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS/ HOUSING SURVEY – Nothing to report

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 – Date for WCC Committee meeting 6th July. Objection letters have been received by WCC / WDCC.
- 20/02749 – Windrush, Broadway Lane – first floor front and single side extensions and porch. *Approved by WDC*
- 21/02898 – Vine Cottage, Fladbury Hill – replacement of three ground floor windows to match existing. Replacement and extension of soft wood cladding with new waney-edge cladding. Incorporate insulation behind new cladding – *Cllr Day advised he could see no problems with application and the clerk would comment accordingly to WDC*
- Sidings Lane, Charlton (Repairs to Railway Bridge) – Chair Southcott reported on a meeting between Network Rail and Cllrs and residents from Charlton, Crophorne and Fladbury. NR will require some access via the recreation ground, across the river with £500 had being offered to Fladbury Parish Council for the inconvenience and use of the car park. Larger machinery and site traffic will need to go via Fladbury or Crophorne into Charlton to build the necessary haul road – whether the haul road stays in place or is removed will be the landowner's decision. NR have advised that the noisiest element of the works, will be when the sandblasting is carried out. There are a variety of issues that still need to be clarified which will include routes, speed of traffic and any environmental impact. A second meeting is to be scheduled as soon as possible.

Planning / Enforcement :

- Possible enforcement issue at Rectory Green – with WDC enforcements for clarification. Still awaiting a reply from WDC. Cllr Rowley to chase this up.

Glasshouse Liaison Group: Chair Southcott and Cllrs Insall and Mills had met with management and raised both the Wrubble application and Network Rail. Regarding Wrubble, they did have some concerns regarding the settling of dust on the greenhouses. EVG lease a lot of land in Charlton, near to Sidings Lane but had no issues with the works to be carried out by NR. In addition:

- Re-cycling - A resident of Fladbury had been in contact with Chair Southcott re a possible re-cycling initiative using waste plastic from EVG. He would liaise direct with EVG and report back.
- Gas Installation – All safety regulations would be adhered to and works would start in October
- Dog Waste Bins – complaints had been received regarding them not being emptied. This had been reported to EVG
- Traffic / A44 – EVG agreed to organise signage directing vehicles to their site via the A44 and not through Fladbury
- Salters Lane, Hedge Cutting – complaints were received regarding hedge cuttings not being cleared from the ditch. This has now been actioned

Vale Crematorium – Chair Southcott had reminded Westerleigh of their commitment to donate funds to local charities

SWDP – Covered in District Cllr Rowley's report above

Section 106 monies:

- Pool Garden – Cllr Southcott / Clerk to liaise on the requirements of Pool Garden
- Canoe Club – Nothing to report
- Sports Pavilion – Nothing to report

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12. FOOTPATHS/TREES

Trees:

- Trees at Wharf – Currently on hold
- Tree Stump, Rectory Green – the clerk as arranged for this to be removed

Footpaths:

- Footpath 517 – Nothing further to report

13. RECREATION GROUND/PAVILION:

- Tennis Club – Chair Southcott updated on recent correspondence from the Tennis Club and the situation regarding the Covid Business Support grants. It was agreed that there are two completely separate issues - the lease and the grant. Both these issues required resolution as the lease had expired in August 2020 and the grant paid last summer. The Chair was seeking advice on the lease situation from various sources and was preparing evidence with regard to the grant payment context.

14. SLUICE UPGRADES – Cllr Mills reported that he had been in contact with the Environment Agency and was still waiting for the second plan. Works are not expected to start until June

15. LAND & THE NAIT – Nothing to report

16. MY PARISH/WEBSITE/COMMUNICATIONS:

- Website - The clerk reported that the new village website was now 'live' and any information from the parish council was now available
- Broadband – Chair of Charlton Parish Council had kindly offered to help Fladbury 'steer' through the process.

17. SIGN, RECTORY GREEN – Two quotes had been received for the repair to the 'village' sign at Rectory Green. Both varied in the works suggested, but after consultation with the parish council, it was agreed to go with Dovetail, at a cost of £520 plus VAT – proposed Cllr Manser, seconded Cllr Palmer – all in favour. Cllr Mills would make contact with them to authorise works to proceed

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

19. OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION:

- Future Meetings:
 - Annual Parish Meeting - April 19th 2021
 - Annual Parish Council Meeting - May 17th 2021

20. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS – see above