

**MINUTES**

**FLADBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Fladbury Parish Council held on Monday, May 17th, 2021 at 7.00pm in the Pavilion

**PRESENT:** Cllr I Southcott                                 Cllr D Day         Cllr S Insall                                 Cllr P Palmer  
                   Cllr A Hughes                                 Cllr M Neilan     Cllr N Manser  
                   County Cllr T Rowley                            Clerk L Yapp                                 1 parishioner

**ELECTION OF CHAIR:** Chair Southcott proposed as Chairman by Cllr Day, seconded Cllr Insall – all in favour. Cllr Southcott accepted this but reminded Cllrs that it may be time for someone else to take the role next year.

**ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR:** Cllr Mills proposed Vice Chairman by Chair Southcott, seconded Cllr Insall – all in favour

**1. APOLOGIES** - were received from Cllr G Mills and County Cllr E Eyre.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None declared

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Minutes from meeting 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were approved, proposed Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Neilan – all in favour

**4. COUNTY CLLR’S REPORT** – Nothing to report

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

- WDC are now carrying out ‘face to face’ meetings although there is still restrictions on numbers
- Planning Committee – there are no applications affecting Fladbury
- Travellers and Travelling Show People Consultation has commenced
- Elections – Cllr E Eyre had been re-elected as County Cllr
- Boundary Commission – Ward Shaping was now in process with two less Cllrs for the District, which will come into force in 2023. Parish Councils will be consulted
- Car Parking charges have now been re-introduced in Wychavon car parks

**6. FINANCE**

a) Approval of receipts and payments to 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 - proposed acceptance of payment by Cllr Neilan, seconded Cllr Manser and approved by all

2493	Minerals Admin (website)	72.50
2494	Lengthsman February	204.00
2495	Lengthsman March	192.00
2496	Pavilion Water	428.82

SO		Clerks Salary	380.72
SO		Clerks Expenses	32.00
	2497	Street Lighting	2968.23
	2498	Clerks Salary u/pmet	27.24
	2499	Playground Safety Inspec.	86.40
	2500	Weedkiller	50.00
DD		Pavilion Electricity	9.17
DD		Pavilion Gas	94.37
	2501	Defibrillator Battery	276.00
	2502	Tree Stump Removal	200.00
	2503	Subscription Costs	591.36
	2504	Pavilion Cleaning	95.00
	2505	Part Share Zoom / SLCC	45.26
SO		Clerks Expenses	32.00
SO		Clerks Salary	407.96
	2506	Pavilion Cleaning	90.00
	2507	Village Sign repairs	624.00
	2508	Insurance	1324.30
	2509	Grasscutting	391.20
	2510	Cheque Cancelled	
	2511	Office Expenses / Audit	34.45

## Account Balances:

Current Account (after o/s cheques): £45,835.85

Deposit Account: £20,275.28

- b) The clerk reported that Zoom membership had been renewed and she had subscribed to Society of Local Council Clerks – membership costs to be shared with her other parish councils
- c) Funds received:
- £500 donation from WI due to suspending the local group and closure of the bank account, with a request it be spent on a tree(s) within Fladbury and a suitable plaque to commemorate the work of the WI between March 1930 and March 2021. A letter of thanks had been sent and consideration would be given to a suitable variety taking on board the specific requests made by the Group.
  - £500 from Network Rail – donation received for the use of the pavilion car park during rail bridge repairs in Charlton
  - £7,898.09 from Fladbury Tennis Club – part share of Covid grant funding
  - £10,396 from WWDC- half year precept
- d) WaterPlus / Water Costs – the clerk and Cllr Mills had previously raised concerns over the excessively high water bills received by the Parish Council during 2020/21 – almost twice as much as in previous years and particularly as the pavilion has not been used due to Covid restrictions. The clerk has been in contact with WaterPlus, who had not proved to be very helpful and would be taking this up direct with Severn Trent.
- e) Approval of Year End Accounts 2020/21 – these had been circulated to Cllrs, no issues were raised, and acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Cllr Neilan, seconded Cllr Day – all in favour
- f) Annual Governance & Accountability Return Part 3– Internal Audit – The Internal Audit had been carried out satisfactorily

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- g) Annual Governance & Accountability Return Part 3 – Section 1 Annual Governance Statement – this was presented to Cllrs and approved, proposed Cllr Insall, seconded Cllr Neilan – all in favour
- h) Annual Governance & Accountability Return Part 3 – Section 2 Accounting Statements – these had been presented to Cllrs and approved, proposed Cllr Insall, seconded Cllr Neilan – all in favour
- i) Donations: the following annual honorariums and donations were considered and approved:
  - Chairman £200
  - Vice Chair £150
  - Air Ambulance £100
  - Severn Area Rescue £100
  - Community Orchard £100
  - Village Hall £100
  - Fladbury Flier £120 *Chair Southcott to check if this payment is required as there were no paper copies sent out last year due to Covid – the donation is towards the printing costs*

**7. PARISHIONERS:** One parishioner in attendance but only as a 'viewer' and had no issues to raise.

#### **8. PROGRESS REPORTS**

- (a) Lengthsman – Cllr Palmer reported that the LM had been out and about the village. The LM was asked to view the tree on Rectory Green and replace the stake.
- (b) Handyman (LM) – Some works had been carried out by the handyman in Pool Garden
- (c) Defibrillator Scheme – Cllr Insall reported that both defibrillators are now fully functional
- (d) Conservation Area – Cllr Rowley reported that he would 'kick start' communication with the new Conservation officer
- (e) Traffic Calming – Cllr Hughes reported that we are now only awaiting the new flashing school sign to be installed. Thanks were given to Cllr Hughes for all of his hard work on this project.
- (f) Street Lighting – It was reported that some of the upgrades had now been carried out, but the light by the school has not yet been replaced.

**9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS/ HOUSING SURVEY** – Parishioners have been advised in the Annual Report circulated to all households that the Council would conduct a survey on attitudes to new housing development.

**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 – There have been no meetings during the past 12 months, but Cllr Hughes reported there were no particular issues affecting Fladbury
- b) Neighbourhood Watch – Chair Southcott reported he would speak to the NW co-ordinator.
- c) Community Speed Watch – Cllr Insall reported that a new rota had been produced and a few new volunteers were now on board. Cllr Hughes volunteered to take over the administration.

#### **11. PLANNING:**

- 20/000027 – Wrubble – Date for WCC Committee meeting 6<sup>th</sup> July. Objection letters have been lodged by a wide range of individuals and organisations including WDC, EVG and the crematorium.
- 20/02749 – Windrush, Broadway Lane – first floor front and single side extensions and porch.  
*Approved by WDC*

- 21/00357 – Land at (OS9949 4573) Mill Bank – Creation of Wetland – approved by WDC
- 20/02898 – Vine Cottage, Fladbury Hill – replacement of 3 x ground floor windows to match and replacement of soft wood cladding – *awaiting decision by WDC*
- 21/00857 – Brooklands, Station Road – relocation of the brick and stone pillars and replacement of main access gate with additional pedestrian side gate – *no objections were raised by the PC*
- 21/00836 – Long Acre, Station Road – proposed detached garage with storage above – *no objections were raised by the PC*
- 21/00661 – Springhill Nurseries – proposed gas decanting facility with ancillary gas dispenser for EVG gas vehicles together with associated infrastructure – *no objections were raised by the PC. Cllr Day reported that he considered this to be a safer option*
  
- Network Rail – Chair Southcott reported that there are weekly meetings with NR. There have been issues with access via Sidings Lane, but NR are very quick to address any concerns raised. Works on the bridge may be slightly delayed, but ‘possession’ of the bridge is still scheduled for the end of May
- Minerals Plan Update – Chair Southcott had been hoping to have had a meeting with the Officer, but ‘Purdah’ had prevented this from happening. The report from the EIP is expected and it is hoped that this can be reported on at the next meeting

**Planning / Enforcement :**

- Chadbury Turn – it was reported that new, additional activity was noticed at Chadbury Turn although it was difficult to see from the road exactly what

**Glasshouse Liaison Group:** Chair Southcott and Cllr Mills had met with EVG recently – and appropriate signage is expected to go up on the A44

**Vale Crematorium** – Westerleigh have advised they are making objections to the Wrubble application. Chair Southcott had asked if they intended making a donation to the parish council for ‘community use’

**SWDP** – Nothing to report

**Section 106 monies:**

- Pool Garden – Cllr Southcott reported that a revised quote had been put together.
- Canoe Club – The clerk has reminded the Canoe Club of the s106 funds available to them.
- Sports Pavilion – Quotes had been received for a gate/barrier at the entrance to the Pavilion, cheapest being £2,300. A proposal was made that we accept the quote and place the order, proposed Cllr Insall, seconded Cllr Day – all in favour. *Ian – are you going to place the order?*  
*YES*

**12. FOOTPATHS/TREES**

**Trees:**

- Trees at Wharf – Currently on hold.
- Replacement tree opposite Rectory Green – nothing further to report

**Footpaths:**

- Footpath 517 – Nothing further to report at this stage but discussion with WCC should now be able to re-commence

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**13. RECREATION GROUND/PAVILION:**

- Tennis Club – Chair Southcott reported that we were no further forward with regard a new lease with the Club and the two parties were unable to reach an agreement. However, without a lease, the Tennis Clubs occupation should come to an end. Chair Southcott would communicate direct with ‘Officers’.

**14. SLUICE UPGRADES** – It was reported that the Environment Agency’s plans have been delayed due to works being in close proximity to a listed building

**15. LAND & THE NAIT** – Nothing to report and the Parish Council awaits further communication from the current owner

**16. MY PARISH/WEBSITE/COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Broadband – A newsletter/flier has been distributed to parishioners encouraging them to register to the scheme. There are currently vouchers available to the value of £1,500 for every residential address that registers and £3,500 for each business. It was reported that OpenReach are proving to be slow in communicating on the Charlton project, and that an alternative company Airband were offering a cheaper overall package to Fladbury and other villages in this part of the county.

**17. CORRESPONDENCE** – emails had been circulated to all Cllrs.

**18. OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION:**

- Flower tubs – 2 new tubs have been supplied by Chris Jordan and plants and compost ordered for the replanting.
- Village Event – as an alternative to the Walkabout, this has been scheduled in for July but is aimed at residents only
- Vehicles parked at Mill Bank – complaints had been made regarding parking of vehicles on the verge at Mill Bank. Cllr Hughes would speak to the police

**19. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS** – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021