

MINUTES

FLADBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Fladbury Parish Council held on Monday, June 21st, 2021 at 7.00pm in the Pavilion

PRESENT: Chair I Southcott Vice Chair G Mills Cllr D Day Cllr S Insall
Cllr P Palmer Cllr M Neilan County Cllr E Eyre
County Cllr T Rowley Clerk L Yapp 1 parishioner

1. **APOLOGIES** - were received from Cllrs A Hughes and N Manser
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Mills - SWDP
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Minutes from meeting 17th May 2021 were approved, proposed Cllr Palmer, seconded Cllr Neilan – all in favour
4. **COUNTY CLLR'S REPORT** – Cllr Eyre reported:
 - **Covid** cases for the County are down 2%, with Worcestershire have 20 cases per 100,000. Lateral flow tests are freely available. Testing is carried out within schools, and support is being given to care homes with regard visits.
 - **Wrubble** planning application scheduled to be considered at Committee no earlier than 28th September
 - **Footpath 517** – a meeting to be scheduled with Cllr Mills
 - **Footways** – A small amount of funding had been set aside for footway works, and this has included Rectory Green and Millbank – *concerns were raised by Cllrs that the Rectory Green works have taken priority over Millbank, which is in a far more serious condition and one that was highlighted by the parish council some time ago. The PC was also concerned that it had not been consulted or advised on the works carried out on Rectory Green.*
 - Cllr Eyre advised she was actively working for parish councils to be included in discussions and to have more input in any decision making, i.e. highway works . She suggested the Clerk / Chair write to officers at WCC in support of this move.
 - Cllr Eyre was advised that the water leak on Station Road had re-appeared
5. **DISTRICT CLLR'S REPORT** – Cllr Rowley reported:
 - **SWDP Review** – this is now starting to pick up pace. The final draft document will be ready by September, going back out to consultation during October / November and to be presented to the inspector at the beginning of 2022.
 - **Traveller and Travelling Show People Consultation** draws to a close on 5th July. *The parish council will be submitting comments*
 - **The Boundary Commission Review** is underway. There is nothing that would affect the Fladbury ward. Ward 'shaping' will take place later in the summer.
 - **Fly Tipping** continues to be a problem for the local villages, in particular Fladbury, Charlton and Crophorne. The police are aware of the situation and are working with Wychavon.
 - **Community Transport Scheme** – Cllr Rowley is involved and WDC are looking at options available

6. FINANCE

- a) Approval of receipts and payments to 13th June 2021 - proposed acceptance of payment by Cllr Insall, seconded Cllr Neilan and approved by all

DD		Pavilion Electricity	23.68
DD		Pavilion Gas	77.43
SO		Clerks Expenses	32.00
SO		Clerks Salary	407.76
	2514	Add'l Office Expenses	50.60
	2515	Gas Service	486.00
	2516	Fire Safety	117.32
	2517	Handyman	180.00
	2518	Grasscutting	391.20
	2519	Lengthsman April	144.00
DD		Pavilion Gas	70.47
DD		Pavilion Electricity	17.20
	2520	Honorarium	200.00
	2521	Honorarium	150.00
	2522	Village Hall Donation	100.00
	2523	Community Orchard Donation	100.00
	2524	Air Ambulance Donation	100.00
	2525	Severn Area Rescue Donation	100.00
	2526	Lengthsman May	144.00
	2527	Barrier Repair	42.18

Account Balances:

Current Account (after o/s cheques):	£39494.57
Deposit Account:	£20275.45

- b) On-line Banking – this has been approved as a positive way forward. The clerk would need to be added to the account as a ‘non-authority’ signatory, to enable payments to be ‘set up’ before final approval by two named signatories. Copies of invoices would be circulated to Cllrs prior to payment being made.

7. PARISHIONERS: One parishioner was in attendance and made the following comments:

- Rectory Green – a question asked as to why this footway resurfacing was being carried out
- Footway, Station Road to A44 – question asked as to why the parish council deemed it necessary to challenge WCC on their plans to re-surface the footway, and to suggest the works were not necessary. In addition, a photograph of a defect on the footway over the railway bridge was presented to the parish council. *Since the meeting, investigations have been carried out on the railway bridge, and it would appear the crack in the surface is due to a problem with the bridge itself. Network Rail are investigating.*

8. PROGRESS REPORTS

- (a) Lengthsman – Cllr Palmer reported that the LM has been carrying out his duties, with emphasis on gullies.
- (b) Handyman (LM) – Chair Southcott reported that works have been carried out in Pool Garden and on the notice board.
- (c) Defibrillator Scheme – Nothing to report.
- (d) Conservation Area – Nothing to report
- (e) Traffic Calming – In his absence, Cllr Hughes had sent a report, advising that all agreed traffic calming measures had been carried out. There have been a few incidents where larger vehicles have entered the village, mainly caused by drivers mistaking the access for EVG. A request has been made to WCC for improved signage

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(f) Street Lighting – The clerk reported that she had tried to make contact with the officer at WCC to establish if all works had now been carried out. It was recorded that the streetlight outside the school has now been replaced. The clerk would chase this up.

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS/ HOUSING SURVEY – Chair Southcott reported that he had re-drafted the questionnaire to be distributed to parishioners, giving them the opportunity to give their views on any new development in Fladbury. There are no plans for any such development, but the question being asked as to whether there would be any support for new homes if the situation changed.

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 – Nothing to report
- b) Neighbourhood Watch – Nothing to report.
- c) Community Speed Watch – A new rota has been put in place to run through to the beginning of September. Another volunteer is needed to balance the numbers. Speed checks are scheduled to be carried out towards the end of July. Cllr Hughes feels unable to take on the task of organising Speedwatch at this time. Following the meeting Cllr Neilan agreed to take over the role of coordinator.

11. PLANNING:

- 20/000027 – Wrubble – The earliest date for this application to be considered at full committee is 28th September. Additional highways information has been submitted, which the parish council will be consulted on. Should they so wish, additional comments can be made, although, those that have already been made will still stand.
- 20/02898 – Vine Cottage, Fladbury Hill – replacement of 3 x ground floor windows to match and replacement of soft wood cladding – *application withdrawn by applicant*
- 21/00857 – Brooklands, Station Road – relocation of the brick and stone pillars and replacement of main access gate with additional pedestrian side gate – *approved by WDC*
- 21/00836 – Long Acre, Station Road – proposed detached garage with storage above – *approved by WDC*
- Network Rail – Chair Southcott reported that weekly meetings with NR are still continuing. Scaffolding is due to be delivered to enable shot-blasting to be carried out. This has been delayed until the beginning of July because Avon Navigation Trust need to be in attendance. It was further reported, that in general, Network Rail have been very communicative and responsive to issues raised.
- Minerals Plan Update – Chair Southcott reported that there was to be a Zoom meeting with officers and Cllr Eyre on 29th June.

Planning / Enforcement : Nothing to report

Glasshouse Liaison Group: Chair Southcott has advised EVG of the amendments to the Wrubble application.

Vale Crematorium – Chair Southcott and Cllr Mills have met with the new manager.

SWDP – Covered in Cllr Rowleys report above

Section 106 monies:

- Pool Garden – Cllr Southcott advised that an application is being finalised for a new piece of equipment
- Canoe Club – Nothing to report
- Sports Pavilion – thought needs to be put into the best use of the funds allocated to the pavilion, taking into consideration the criteria set by WDC – *not to be used for maintenance or repair works.*

12. FOOTPATHS/TREES

Trees:

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

Footpaths:

- Footpath 517 – Cllr Eyre and Cllr Mills to meet and discuss

13. RECREATION GROUND/PAVILION:

- Tennis Club – Chair Southcott reported that he had been in communication with the tennis club and a conclusion has been agreed by both parties which includes any legal fees to be shared between both parties. Steps have been put in place to get a new lease drawn up.
- The clerk reported that she had been doing some background on the pavilion running costs over the past few years, along with income from hire charges. It is obvious that the pavilion has been running at a loss, and the significant loss of income because of Covid in 2020 did not help. Chair Southcott reminded the council that it was never an intention to make a profit from the hiring out of the facilities, but it has been identified that we need to minimise these losses. An action plan has been put together, which includes promotion of the facilities, both within the local community and outside sports clubs, and to replace the boiler with a more 'efficient' model (which would also greatly reduce repair charges). A new gate / barrier has been ordered for the entrance.

14. SLUICE UPGRADES – Cllr Mills reported that works could be starting in July and that the parking facilities for Crophorne Mill on the wharf would be used and therefore not available to those staying at the Mill. Works are expected to take several weeks to complete. Two new benches will be provided and put in place once works have been completed at no cost to the parish council. Concerns were raised with regard the use of any traffic management. Cllr Mills would take this up with the Environment Agency. He would also communicate with them regarding the tree works that have been identified.

15. LAND & THE NAIT – Nothing to report

16. MY PARISH/WEBSITE/COMMUNICATIONS:

- Broadband – A newsletter/flier has been sent out to parishioners. Chair Southcott reported that Airband (proposed providers) would be organising some 'drop in' sessions in the village to raise the profile of the scheme. He commented that the 'footprint' for the village did not extend past the railway bridge and that he had written to WCC on this matter.

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

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18. OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION:

- Email addresses – Cllr Neilan raised the point of personal email addresses for Cllrs – the clerk would chase this up

19. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS – Monday 19th July – apologies were received, in advance from Cllr Day