

MINUTES

FLADBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Fladbury Parish Council held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at the Sports Pavilion, Fladbury at 7pm.

**PRESENT:** Chairman I Southcott, Vice Chairman G Mills, Cllrs: D Day, A. Hughes, S. Mills, S. Stephenson, County Councillor E. Eyre, District Cllr A. Crump and one parishioner.

The Chair explained that the clerk was unable to attend the meeting this evening and as a result he would be recording the meeting to assist in preparing the minutes. The parishioner present confirmed that she was also recording proceedings.

The Chair also confirmed that he had received emails of resignation from Cllrs P. Hill and M. Neilan. *(It was confirmed after the meeting that Cllr Hill has withdrawn her resignation but would be taking a leave of absence for a few months due to work commitments.)*

1. **APOLOGIES** were received from Cllr N. Manser.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None declared.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from meeting 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were approved by Cllrs, proposed Cllr Day, seconded by the Chair.
4. **COUNTY & DISTRICT CLLR REPORTS :**
  - County Cllr Report – annexed to these Minutes (via the website) or on request from the Clerk.
    - Cllr Eyre reported that the Transport Plan was imminent.
    - She reported on the proposals for an on-demand bus service and this was being considered but would depend on population groups to justify. Bids were being submitted. She added that such a system works well in Malvern.
    - The leak at Weston Orchard remains unresolved.
    - Siding out of the footway north of the railway bridge – awaiting completion of the A44 works.
    - Flooding in the village particularly down from the golf club along Station Road was raised by Cllr Stephenson. This was exacerbated by ditches being blocked by hedge cuttings.
    - Highway works required at the entrance to the Wrubble site on the A44 – the Chair asked if the extent and cost of these works had been identified. Cllr Eyre would attempt to find out.
  - District Cllr Report – Cllr Crump reported:
    - The draft Conservation Area Review would not be acted upon in the foreseeable future due to the lack of staff. The Chair asked if the draft could nevertheless be published so residents could see the proposals. Cllr Crump would find out. In the meantime and until the draft was consulted upon and approved or otherwise, all existing boundaries would remain in force. Cllr Day understood that the draft 'ironed out' some garden and property boundaries. Cllr Hughes reported that there was some concern on how the proposed inclusion of the allotments may impact this area.
    - On pollution of the River Avon, Cllr Crump that significant investment was being planned. She added that Louise Bugg and her monitoring group were doing a great job

and a successful meeting had been held with Severn Trent. The Storm Overflow Reduction Programme would be circulated again. Proposals on how residents could assist in reducing pollution problems were to be encouraged and the Chair requested a bullet point list which could be published on the website and included in KIT.

- SWDP review – ongoing, awaiting feedback.
- Cllr Crump was seeking clarity on the S106 agreement for the development on Broadway Lane. It was understood the allocation of funds for community transport would go into the pot as opposed to being allocated to Fladbury specifically. Greater clarity on the public open space proposals was also needed.

## **5. FINANCE / GOVERNANCE**

Due to the absence of the clerk, any questions or queries on financial matters would be recorded and passed on to the clerk for a response.

Three queries were raised:-

- Cllr Mills queried the fact that about £2,000 had been spent on the pavilion electrics in 2024. The second invoice related to the replacement of the external lighting and the resolution of the issue with the PIR light. The invoice had been incorrectly addressed to the Village Hall but did relate to the pavilion.
- Cllr Mills wished to clarify the amount spent on the dismantling and removal of the piece of equipment on Pool Garden. It was confirmed that £200 was labour and the remainder for skip hire which included VAT which would be reclaimed.
- Cllr Stephenson queried the electricity charge for the supply on the village green. It was confirmed that the clerk was in discussion with supplier and would be able to clarify at the next meeting.

**Account Balances at 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024, including payments listed:**

Current Account:       £7,259.42

Deposit Account:       £41,552.82

**PARISHIONERS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – the parishioner in attendance had nothing to raise.

## **6. PROGRESS REPORTS**

- a) Lengthsman – Cllr Stephenson would continue to monitor the LM's activities and it was intended to renew his contract at the end of March.
- b) Handyman – the LM had repaired the gate on Pool Garden.
- c) Defibrillator – new pads had been acquired and the equipment is monitored regularly Cllr Hill.
- d) Conservation Area – see above.

**7. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** – With Cllr Neilan resigning it seems likely this will remain on hold. The process needs to be led by the Parish Council but a working group of up to six individuals to manage the process is required.

**8. POLICING:** Contacts are PC Martin Kennedy and PCSO's Karen Kempton / Andrea Beech (03003 333000. 999 emergencies and 101 less urgent crimes) – [eveshamsrw.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:eveshamsrw.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)

With Ian Baldry's move out of the village, a successor is required to carry out his Neighbourhood Watch

duties. Cllr Hughes is to meet with Ian to ascertain what is involved.

**Community Speed Watch:** Cllr S. Mills had been in touch with the police and encouraged them to undertake a monitoring session in the village. This had occurred today. The police had been present for 35 minutes and recorded 72 vehicles, none had exceeded 33 mph and the average speed was 26.4 mph. She had spoken to the school secretary and the school would welcome a police officer to visit the school to speak to the children about road safety. The police had agreed to attend the Annual Parish meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup> and the issue of traffic and speeding would be on the agenda. Cllr Mills added that she could not lead any revival of the Community Speedwatch scheme due to work pressures.

The VAS sign on Station Road was still not operating and the clerk was in touch with the supplier.

**9. HIGHWAYS** - Nothing to report.

**10. PLANNING:**

- 22/02043 – Pugh Haulage Contractors, Broadway Lane – *awaiting decision by WDC. Highways recommend refusal and suggest that the applicant provides an alternative access through their storage yard.*
- The original application at Whitsunbrook Farm had been rejected. A new application has also now been rejected as it is outside the development boundary and in open countryside.
- The Orchards, Station Road, Fladbury – application for two dwellings refused. Now going to appeal. Exchange of written representations, any further comments by April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Broadway Lane Cottages. Permission in Principle rejected, successful on appeal. Full application now submitted for two semi-detached dwellings and outbuildings. Comments to Cllr Day before April 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Enforcement Issues –**

- Removal of the hedge on Broadway Lane (Lone Star development site) had been reported to WDC. The response indicates that this access is required as the development will sterilise the access to the agricultural land. An application is expected for the newly created entrance.
- Barn conversion, Fladbury Hill. Caravan to be moved once the ground conditions improve.

**Glasshouse Liaison Group:** Nothing further to report following the meeting in February.

**Crematorium:** Nothing further to report following the resolution of the lighting issue.

**SWDP Consultation:** Covered in District Cllr A Crump's report.

**11. SECTION 106 MONIES:**

- Pavilion / Recreation Ground – both the Tennis Club and the Cricket Club are considering how they might apply.
- Pool Garden – one quote had been obtained, a second was expected.

**12. FOOTPATHS / TREES:**

- Footpaths - Nothing to report.
- Trees – Recreation Ground – the Land Registry plan seemed to indicate that some of the trees were inside the red line and others outside. The former clerk and a number of councillors recall

**2023/11**

that the trees had previously been identified as being on Highways land. Previous minutes and records would need to be consulted and discussion with Highways sought.

**13. RECREATION GROUND/PAVILION:** Tennis Club – Chair Southcott had had further discussions with the club. They had now agreed that their contribution towards the legal fees should increase to £1,000 and that the sum ring-fenced for removing the fencing and electrics be increased to £3,000. The lease could now be finalised.

**14. LAND AT THE NAIT** – Chair Southcott reported that he had discussed with Tony the works required to repair the fence and the work needed to be carried out on the trees once the flooding season was over.

**15. RIVER AVON POLLUTION** – See above.

**16. CORRESPONDENCE** has been circulated to Cllrs.

**17. OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION / FUTURE DISCUSSION:**

- ✓ Review of Policies – in hand
- ✓ Website – Parish Council page to be updated with Cllr information.
- ✓ Cllr Hughes raised the matter of the website and the need for the PC to have its own site.

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Annual Parish Meeting scheduled for Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to be held in the Village Hall.