

**FLYFORD FLAVELL, GRAFTON FLYFORD &  
NORTH PIDDLER PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting held by ZOOM,  
Grafton Flyford, Worcester on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

**Present**      S Kennedy                      P Wakeman,                      S Densham  
                    D Waide(Chairman)              J East

Cllr L Robinson and Cllr R Adams

Mark Broughton-Taylor attended as clerk

Apologies      R Davey,

**2. Declaration of Interest:**    None

**3. Public Participation:**

Neighbours of Auntea Rita's café in Flyford Flavell joined the meeting to express concern about the planning application which was on the agenda for discussion later. They reported that the fumes emanating from the new fish and chip business were causing a blight to their houses as there was no filtration system fitted. They pointed out that frying of this nature represented a category 10 nuisance and that it had been represented to WRS as a category 4 nuisance on the risk assessments that had been issued by the applicant. They also expressed concern about the hours of business being extended to 12 hours a day, 6 days a week and the added traffic, parking and disruption this was causing. It was pointed out that the flue which had been installed should discharge above the line of the roof but because of the way it had been installed, discharged well below the roof line and appeared to have made the situation worse rather than better.

Concern was also raised about the neon signs in the shop window but it was pointed out that this was not part of the planning application and needed to be dealt with as a potential statutory nuisance.

Neighbours were clear that they did not object to a well run, regulated business in this location but that the relaxed rules introduced by the government in response to the corona virus pandemic allowing businesses with A3 classification to trade as A5 classification had created an unacceptable nuisance in the immediate vicinity. It was noted however that the take away business had been advertised and started before the regulations had been eased.

The chairman thanked the participants for their contribution and brought the matter forward for discussion. (Please note recorded under planning in the minutes).

#### **4. Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

Minutes of the ZOOM meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed: Simon Kennedy      Seconded: David Waide    All in favour

#### **5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

No matters arising

#### **6. Broadband:**

The clerk reported on the latest position concerning the provision of fibre to the premise broadband. By way of a contract taken out with BT under the community fibre scheme, FTTP broadband was due to be delivered to 92 properties in the North Piddle and Grafton Parishes by September 2019. The contract was running very later. FTTP had been delivered to North Piddle in late autumn last year and in the past few weeks most properties south of the A422 had become live. It was reported that the 12 properties forming the cluster around Libbery were now able to apply for the service. A road closure notice was now evident for 20<sup>th</sup> July to install ducting on Grafton Lane from the A422 up to the turning to the parish hall. This would then connect to overhead cabling that was already installed. This would then serve the properties to the lower area of Grafton Flyford which are on the Upton Snodsbury exchange. Recently, confusion had arisen about the properties in Grafton Flyford which are on the Tibberton exchange and whether these are included in the contract. The clerk was waiting for clarification from BT on this matter.

#### **7. Flyford Green:**

A meeting had taken place between the Chairman, clerk and one of the contractors that had provided a price for the landscaping on Flyford Green (Whiting Landscapes). This had been very informative and provided a great deal of useful advice about the proposals. A working group meeting subsequently took place on Monday prior to the parish council meeting. The chairman read out the report from the working group. (Attached to minutes).

Concern was raised about the cost of maintaining the planting in the early years while it was becoming established. It was agreed that a number of volunteers should be recruited to carry out this operation.

The clerk reported that the water service will be connected in time for the watering requirements in the autumn.

It was agreed that the clerk will take the revised plan back to Whiting Landscapes and Botany Bay Nurseries for repricing. Once a revised price has been obtained this will then be taken back to Natural Networks to see if they were prepared to back the revised plan.

It was agreed to provide £4,000 to implement the first phase of the plan this autumn.

Proposed: David Waide    Seconded: Pauline Wakeman    All in favour

A revised drawing of the proposed sign for the village green was displayed on screen. It was agreed that the top right panel still needs to be altered to depict the Brown Hairstreak butterfly.

#### **8. Neighbourhood Plan/Transport & Highways Plan:**

The chairman reported that he was in discussion with the neighbouring councils about a possible Neighbourhood Plan. The councils had indicated that they may be interested in taking such an initiative forward but wished to wait until it was possible to hold a face to face meeting for further discussions.

It was agreed that the council should move forward with a transport and Highways Plan. Sadie Densham and Simon Kennedy agreed to form the working group to undertake this initiative and the clerk agreed to support them.

#### **9. Local Police Officer and Community Support Officer:**

The following message had been received from the Local police officer:

Unfortunately, we have an issue with CMS, please see the explanation below.

We are in the process of appointing a new provider for Community Messaging System as our previous contract has ended and this currently leaves us without a system. We apologise that we weren't able to alert people to the changes in service before they occurred. This was not our intention but due to unforeseen circumstances, the service was ended before we were able to get in touch.

We want to reassure people that this is only a temporary situation and that we are working hard to put a new system in place as quickly as we can, and are confident that the new provision will provide a better service for our communities.

We really appreciate the work and support of our CMS ambassadors in our neighbourhoods who help us better serve our communities, and all those who either help run or support local watch schemes such as Neighbourhood Watch, Rural Watch and many others. We will ensure that the new system includes functionality to complement and support these schemes and enables us to pass on vital information and messages.

We would like to thank everyone for their patience while we put the new system in place. In the meantime, there are many ways in which you can either access information or follow policing news.

You can follow us on social media. We have several central accounts, but your policing area will also have local accounts:

Twitter: @WMerciaPolice Facebook: @westmerciapolice Instagram @WestMerciaPolice

You can access news and advice via our website: [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk) and crime data can be found on [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)

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We will also continue to work with our local media to keep you up to date.

Apologies for any confusion this has caused. We are still struggling with our new system so reports will be limited.

#### **10. Three Parishes Hall:**

The hall committee had agreed to reopen the hall under strict covid-19 rules from 6<sup>th</sup> July. The hall will be thoroughly cleaned on a weekly basis and new terms of hire have been introduced to ensure that suitable precautions are observed. It was expected that user groups will be cautious to return but it was hoped that unless new lockdown rules were introduced the normal routine would have returned by September.

The clerk reported that he had been informed that planning approval would be granted shortly subject to an enhanced bat survey. The survey has now been commissioned and was expected imminently. A tree survey had also been commissioned as the development has some limited impact on the trees in the church yard. This will be issued for public consultation when it is available. It was intended that building works would commence in October with a completion expected in April 2021.

#### **11. Flyford Flavell Church:**

The church was still closed under regulations issues by the Church of England but it was hoped that some limited opening would be possible during the latter part of the summer and autumn. A PCC meeting had taken place on 9<sup>th</sup> July and it had been agreed that Grafton Flyford Church would open each Sunday in August between 10.00am and 12.00pm for private prayer and reflection. Flyford Flavell and North Piddle would follow during the month and then a monthly service would be reintroduced from September.

#### **12. South Worcestershire Development Plan:**

Cllr Linda Robinson reported that there may be some slippage in the timetable for publication of the next consultation due the problems encountered holding council meetings. The clerk will keep a watch on the situation.

#### **13. Councillor Strategy Group**

The council strategy group presented the new Council Strategy which was approved without discussion. Document appended to minutes.

Proposed     David Waide     Seconded     Simon Kennedy     All in favour

#### **14. Planning Matters**

**Flyford Flavell Post Office**

**20/01142/FUL**

Radford Road

Flyford Flavell

WR7 4BS

Installation of flue to side of building (retrospective)

Councillors discussed the presentations made by the members of the public and a number of points were raised from councillor's own observations and experiences. It was resolved that The Parish Council would object to the application on the following grounds:

The Parish Council is satisfied that a substantial part of the business at Auntea Rita's is trading as a fish and chip takeaway. This requires a technically adequate filtration and flue system to mitigate category 10 emissions and as such this application does not satisfy these requirements. The Parish Council therefore objects to this retrospective application unless suitable mitigation measures are taken to protect the neighbours and community from foul odours and other nuisance.

It was further resolved that a comment would be made to Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS) explaining our objection and asking for measures to be taken to ensure that the noxious emissions were ceased immediately.

The chairman asked the district councillor if this matter could be taken to committee if the planning officer was minded to approve. Linda Robinson promised to consider the matter but was not sure that Councillors would wish to rule against the officer on a matter of this nature.

The Old Rectory, Bishampton road, Flyford Flavell

It was noted that work had commenced to demolish the cottage at the Old Rectory even though the environmental construction plan had not been approved. This had been reported to Wychavon but no action appears to have taken place.

## 15. Treasurer's Report:

Deposit Acc	£21,795.58
Current Acc	£12,670.44
<u>Total</u>	<u>£34,466.02</u>
General Fund	£13,895.71

Appeal Fund	£1,570.00
Grafton Society	£1,500.00
Village Green Fund	£11,522.81
TPH Fund	£5,977.50
<u>Total</u>	<u>£34,466.02</u>
Investment Fund	£85,662.00*

\* Bid price 31st March 2020

## 16. District and County Councillors

Cllr. Linda Robinson reported that Wychavon D C had now moved into a recovery phase and that the council was concentrating on bringing back footfall into the High Street and support for business.

The council had distributed £29.3 million in business grants but there were still 75,700 people on furlough in the district. A hardship fund had been sent up which included up to a year's reduction in council tax.

Linda reported that Jack Hegarty will retire at the end of the month and his deputy will take over as chief executive.

Linda reported that travellers had been observed in North Piddle Lane and a complaint had been made by Naunton Beachamp P C. The clerk reported that they had now moved on and the site was all clean and tidy.

Linda thanked the community for their support during the lockdown and pandemic crisis.

Cllr. Rob Adams reported that WCC was concentrating on the economy of the county. The hospitals had not been over run at any time over the past few months and active cases were now very low in the county. There had only been 12 active cases reported in the last 7 days and as of 5<sup>th</sup> July the occurrence was 2.5/100,000 population. This compares with Leicester that went into local lockdown when the figure reached 125/100,000.

It was noted that the 150 or so care homes in the county had seen fewer admissions over the past few months.

Traffic levels had returned to about 82% of the pre-lockdown levels.

Surface dressing of roads had now been priorities to try and catch up with the backlog.

The clerk asked about the resurfacing of the footways along the A422 as there were areas of very poor surfacing along the A422. Cllr Adams referred the clerk to Mr. Barry Barns of the Highways department who would be able to help.

## 17. AOB

It was noted that one councillor had not attended for a period of six months. The clerk reported that under council rules this would mean the councillor no longer qualified for the post and he would contact the councillor and explain the situation.

18. **Dates of Next Meetings:** 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
(Provisionally to be held at the Three Parishes Hall)

17th November 2020

Signed:

Date:

## APPENDIX 1

# Parish Council Strategy

## **1. The Environment**

- a. Promote Grafton Wood through the PC
- b. Resolve drainage/sewer problems - *currently on Bishampton rd in Flyford*
- c. Resolve flooding issues - *currently Bishampton rd leaving Flyford*

## **2. Transport & Highways**

- a. Promote quieter lanes and improved cycle routes
- b. Improve road safety and reduce speeding – *currently on A422 and through Flyford*
- c. Promote improved community transport

## **3. Planning & Housing**

- a. Investigate the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan, shared with adjacent PCs

## **4. The Churches**

- a. Maintain contact to understand their concerns and support their requests for help

## **5. Shopping, Services & Public Utilities**

- a. Support local shops and services
- b. Seek to create a focal point for Flyford and the local community
- c. Promote Superfast Broadband for all

## **6. Communication & Local Government**

- a. Improve communication to and from the PC
- b. Improve our website - *how it is used; how could we improve; how do we notify changes*
- c. Improve communication between the PC and local groups

## **7. Education, Employment & Training**

- a. Support Flyford First School
- b. Support local businesses and encourage their mutual support for each other
- c. Support local further education and recreation for adults and young people  
– *support community hall*

## **8. Sport, Recreation & Leisure**

- a. Continue to improve the Village Green  
– *Establish byelaws for the Village Green*
- b. Promote more use of footpaths and maintaining them well
- c. Promote more access to play areas
- d. Promote more sports opportunities for the parishes
- e. Promote more community activities  
– *support community hall, and social groups*

## **9. Health & Emergency Services**

- a. Promote social cohesion through the parishes
- b. Support good medical provision - *Investigate community responders*
- c. Support strong local policing, Neighbourhood Watch and property marking

## **10. Parish Council Effectiveness**

- a. Improve PC effectiveness  
– *Appoint individual councillors to lead on specific topics*  
– *Chair to request input on “hot” topics prior to PC meetings*  
– *Enable parishioners to contact lead councillors direct on their topics*

The above strategy is based on a review of the 2008 Parish plan. The review identified that many of the issues identified in the plan have been tackled and substantial progress made. The proposed strategy reflects areas where less progress has been made and where new opportunities are now recognised.

## **APPENDIX 2**

### **Flyford Green Recommendations**

This led to the following revised recommendations from the working group

- Have a Hornbeam as our feature tree, at least 5M high as planted, and locate it nearer to the water supply for ease of watering



- Choose from Field Maple, Bird Cherry, Aspen [or Prunus Nigra if acceptable to Natural Networks] for the other trees dependent on cost/availability. These trees to be circa 14cm trunk/3m high to keep the cost down.
- At this stage implement the new trees, and the raised beds.
- Set up a volunteer rota for tree watering for the new trees. This will need to be done between weekly and fortnightly during the growing season, depending on weather. [If each of the people who expressed an interest in the raised beds were prepared to volunteer then each person would only need to water once every 3 months or so.]
- The water supply will need to be implemented by the time the trees are planted this autumn.
- Hold back on bulb planting this autumn until after the play equipment has been implemented. This will enable the earth from the play equipment foundations to be used to build up the ground between the path and the hedge by the Radford road. This can be reseeded with the intention of planting bulbs in autumn 2021.
- Hold back on shrub and wildflower planting this year. Review this again in 2021 to determine whether we have an active volunteer group who would be prepared to take on watering and maintenance. [Without this we will either incur an annual maintenance bill in the thousands or are likely to see a lot of the plants die.]
- The tree trunks and Bug hotel can be implemented once the play equipment is installed.

Actions to follow.

- The revised recommendation to be presented to the Parish Council on 14th July to consider for implementation this September.
- Natural Networks to be contacted to determine acceptability for grant funding including the possibility of maintenance funding.
- Botany Bay and Whiting Landscapes to be asked to revise their quotes to cover the reduced first stage content.