

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

**Minutes of the Meeting held by ZOOM,
on Tuesday 15th September 2020**

Present S Kennedy P Wakeman S Densham
 D Waide(Chairman) J East R Davey
 C Bennett

Cllr L Robinson

Mark Broughton-Taylor attended as clerk

Apologies: Cllr R Adams

2. Declaration of Interest:

None

3. Public Participation:

Members of the public attended the meeting to ask questions to clarify conditions of the planning permission recently granted for Auntea Rita's café:

Specifically, clarification was asked about what permission would continue after March 2021 and was there any restriction on opening hours.

Councillors expressed their disappointment that although the LA had imposed a number of conditions, they did not seem specific enough. The P C had asked for the windows to be sealed but the condition is simply that they will be closed during opening hours. Councillors felt that this wasn't stringent enough as smells emanated from the café even when it was closed.

It was agreed that it would be difficult for Worcestershire Regulatory Authority to take action unless they had the necessary information. It was agreed that the situation concerning odours and lighting will be monitored on a continual basis and any problems reported back to Worcestershire Regulatory Services. The clerk was asked to try and arrange a meeting with WRS and to clarify the conditions with the planning authority.

Proposed: David Waide Seconded: Simon Kennedy All in favour

4. Minutes of the 14th July 2020

Minutes of the ZOOM meeting held on 14th July were accepted as a true record of the meeting with the addition of the following sentence in item 3. "It was noted however that the takeaway business had been advertised and started before the regulations had been eased."

Proposed: Sadie Densham Seconded: Simon Kennedy All in favour

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

No matters arising

6. Co-option to the Parish Council:

Ceri Bennett had offered herself for co-option to the parish council. Ceri has lived in Flyford Flavell for five years and is currently not working and would like to get involved in community matters. Following a short introduction, the clerk used the waiting room facility on Zoom to take each councillor's vote in confidence. Ceri Bennett was unanimously appointed to the council. Ceri had been provided with a consent form and duly signed and joined the rest of the meeting as a voting councillor.

7. Correspondence:

None.

8. Local Police Officer and Community Support Officer:

No report had been provided. Councillors took the opportunity to discuss Smartwater and Neighbourhood Watch. It was agreed that some clarification was required concerning the terms of the Smartwater requirements and that this would be discussed again at the next meeting once councillors had clarified the situation.

9. District and County Councillors

"The District & County have continued to demonstrate commitment to their slogan: Here to Help. Wychavon's emphasis is now on recovery and encouraging people back into our high streets thus supporting local businesses. So far £29 million has been paid out from our legacy grant to small businesses and hospitality. Government also through their Bounce Back loan and Coronavirus Business interruption loan has paid out 1,810 loans to businesses in Mid Worcs. totalling £66.5 million.

To help to continue to keep you safe I have sent your clerk a copy of Wychavon's publication Easing of Coronavirus measures from 15th August which includes advice on staying safe particularly for those who have recently been shielding and includes a useful link to download face covering exemption cards and also some of Distance Aware Scheme's 'give me space badges'. (possible display on notice board.)

In a matter of weeks new measures are being re-introduced due to an increase in cases nationally and close to our District. From yesterday we have been advised of limiting social meetings of more than six people. Please see attached report on further changes. We do seem to go two steps forward to go one step back, but the clear message is to keep aware and stay safe.

At Wychavon we now have a new Chief Executive in post Mr Vic Allison who was formerly Deputy to Jack Hegarty who has now retired. The Civic Centre has been closed for several months but staff are returning in a phased approach, but I suspect many will continue to work from home and all Council meetings remain online. There is limited access to the front desk.

Hopefully you have all had a chance to look at the papers that Mark has kindly distributed for me. I would draw your attention to those concerning proposed Government's white papers for this Autumn.

The first is on proposals for Devolution and the handing down of powers to local government with potentially an enhanced role for town & parish councils. As mentioned by Mark in his recent update there are also two proposals on Planning and changes to the current planning system with a 1/. Focus on streamlining & modernising the planning process.

This raises concern that the local voice could be taken away from the planning process and with it the benefit of local knowledge and has raised much consternation at District level.

The second is on changes to the recommended standard method for calculating the housing requirement in a local plan such as our SWDP Review. This could have consequences for Wychavon as the proposals suggest nearly a doubling of numbers so may not be in our favour particularly with our review of the current SWDP pending.

Our SWDP consultation on the preferred options has fallen behind and is now more likely to go public next October.

NALC has recommended to all town & parish councils to send representation to the relevant consultations and to assist with this Wychavon are hosting a zoom briefing for town & parishes on Thursday 8th October and I have forwarded a poster with more details and would encourage some of you to attend and then send your comments .

Finally, Wychavon have set up a Community Recovery Fund to help local communities and our local economy recover. More details on this have been sent to you. This afternoon I have attended a briefing on it so hopefully can try and clarify a little more."

10. Flyford Green

The clerk reported that he was expecting revised quotes for the landscaping imminently.

The clerk reported that the water service had now been connected and the parish council was responsible for the water service. The locking tap box was expected soon. The chairman reminded the clerk that a hose and locking box would be required adjacent to the tap.

Councillors chose the design for the village sign. This will be the illustration with the butterfly in the middle.

Proposed: John East Seconded: Pauline Wakeman All in favour

A meeting will be arranged by Jenny Fazliu to discuss the details of the community garden.

11. Three Parishes Hall:

The clerk reported that the building works on the hall were on track to start in October.

12. Speeding Issues in Flyford Flavell and A422:

The clerk reported that a meeting had been arranged with Nigel Huddleston MP for Friday 25th September. It was suggested that Emma Austin should be invited to the meeting to represent the residents of Flyford Flavell.

The clerk asked for comments on the outline Transport Policy that had been circulated to councillors.

13. Broadband

The clerk reported that the broadband contract had now been delivered to all but one property. This property is actually in Dormston but was added to the contract as it is on the Upton Snodsbury exchange. It is hoped that a further report will be available soon concerning the properties on the Himbleton exchange.

14. Planning Matters

There are currently two government consultations about planning matters. A view into the calculation of house number requirements across the country ends on 1st October. The government white paper consultation on planning reform ends on 29th October. The clerk reported that the CPRE had an online petition concerning the reforms and it was agreed that this should be circulated to councillors to sign up to. It was also agreed that the parish council would sign up to the concerns raised by NALC but that a full comment would be made by the parish council individually. The clerk was asked to prepare a document to be circulated to councillors for comment.

There was a short discussion concerning Neighbourhood Plans. This was still currently on hold due to difficulties communicating with the neighbouring parish councils. It was also stated that the future of Neighbourhood Plans was in question due to the proposals in the government White Paper. It was nevertheless agreed that this subject should be retained on the agenda for the time being.

Planning Applications

Flyford Flavell Post Office
Radford Road
Flyford Flavell
WR7 4BS

20/01142/FUL

Approved subject to conditions

Grafton Nursery,
Worcester Road,
Grafton Flyford,
WORCESTER,
WR7 4PW

20/00907/RM

Approved subject to conditions

Hill Court Farm
Grafton Flyford
Worcestershire
WR7 4PL

20/01208/CU

The parish council discussed this application and agreed that it had no objections.

Proposed: Richard Davey Seconded: David Waide All in favour

15. Highways/Footpaths

It was agreed to ask the lengthsman to clear the footpath at the back of Church Mead. This is a portion of footpath that has been illegally diverted and so WCC are unable to take action to clear it. It is understood that a long standing action is still going on about the route of the footpath.

It was noted that the footpaths on Flyford Green were getting overgrown with weeds. The clerk reported that he thought it was a standing job for Smart Cuts to treat these with weed killer but he would remind them.

16. Treasurer's Report:

The clerk presented the annual audit report which needed to be agreed by the council. The report was agreed in the normal way and a vote to accept the audit and accounts was proposed.

Proposed: Richard Davey Seconded: David Waide All in favour

Present Balances

Deposit Acc	£21,795.58
Current Acc	£9,061.04
<u>Total</u>	<u>£30,856.62</u>
General Fund	£11,572.97

Appeal Fund	£1,570.00
Grafton Society	£1,500.00
Village Green Fund	£11,522.81
TPH Fund	£4,690.84

Total £30,856.62

Investment Fund Valuation suspended

17. AOB

The next meeting on 17th November will include the AGM to appoint a chairman and take any other annual matters that have been missed during the year due to the Corona Virus disruption.

18. Dates of Next Meetings: 17th November 2020
(Provisionally to be held at the Three Parishes Hall).

Signed:

Date: