

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

**Minutes of the Meeting held at The Three Parishes Hall and by
ZOOM,
on Tuesday 18th May 2021**

Present S Densham C Bennett (Z) A Short
 D Waide(Chairman) R Davey (Z)

Mark Broughton-Taylor attended as clerk

Apologies Apologies were received from John East and Linda Robinson

2. Declaration of Interest:

None

3. Public Participation:

Members of the public attended the meeting by Zoom.

It was reported that David Rhodes, a resident on Flyford Green was interested in becoming involved on the parish council.

4. Minutes of the 23rd March

Minutes of the ZOOM meetings held on 23rd March 2021 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed: Sadie Densham Seconded: Richard Davey All in favour

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

No matters arising

6. Correspondence:

None.

7. Local Police Officer and Community Support Officer:

The following report had been received from Julie Pardoe

“The last 12 months have certainly been different in the policing world and has brought with it new challenges. Halfway through 2020 we had a new call recording system installed which has taken a lot of adjusting to and is not user friendly when it comes to producing reports such as these. That said due to

COVID the crime figures have been skewed and to compare the figures to the previous 12 months would not achieve anything.

I have reviewed the last 12 months and there was a reduction in the number of calls and incidents as we would expect.

In June we received a report of a burglary where a caravan was accessed on someone's property.

There has been a couple of business crimes recorded due to non-payment of fuel and there has been a couple of ASB incidents in the same locality. The SNT have been engaging with other agencies regarding an individual involved to resolve this.

Throughout the year we have received a handful of reports relating the issue of speeding which I know the PC are already aware of and in near-by villages there has been a number of shed thefts.

There has been a number of incidents throughout South Worcestershire where cat converters have been cut from vehicles. A number of arrests have been made.

We have had a number of COVID breaches reported to us throughout our area. All reports were taken seriously and were dealt with via the four E's 'engage, explain, educate, enforce'. None of these have gone to enforcement.

As a team we are grateful to everyone who has followed government guidelines and stayed at home however we have been made aware and have dealt with visitors to the area who have travelled from further afield causing disruption and concern to the residents of villages especially those surrounding Bredon Hill."

There is a website www.police.uk where you can enter your postcode and this will give you the crimes by month for your area. I'm not sure if this will be of any use to the PC for future reference.

Any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

8. Website and Facebook Page

Ceri reported that good progress was being made with the updates for the website and the new site should be live by July. Councillors were reminded of the matters reported in emails from Ceri and in the clerk's updates.

The Facebook Page was now up and running and is being administered by Ceri. There are 60 followers to date.

9. Neighbourhood Watch & Smart Water

The Flyford Neighbourhood Watch scheme has now distributed all the bin stickers around Flyford Flavell. There are some spares and these will be given to the clerk in due course for distribution elsewhere in the parish.

9. District and County Councillors

The following report had been received from Linda Robinson

District & County Councillor's Report for the Flyford's Annual Parish Meeting
May 18th 2021

I am really sorry not to be meeting with you in person tonight which would also have offered the opportunity to see the progress on the hall. As I have yours and Upton Snodsbury's AGM's at the same time I hope to be able to attend both via Zoom if that works?

Having recently read my Annual report from last year's minutes, I am reminded yet again of what a huge effect Coronavirus has had and continues to have on our everyday lives.

The main difference between the position this time last year and now is undoubtedly the introduction of vaccines. More than half of the UK's population have now received an initial dose. A quarter of adults are now fully immunised having received both doses. Vaccines are now being offered to those under 38. The Midlands have the highest rate of take up in England with 6m having received the first dose and over 3m their second. This is testament to the key role councils continue to play in promoting vaccine uptake across our local communities. Many thanks to all our volunteers and health workers involved in the rollout. The Community testing Centre next to the Civic Centre in Pershore closed last week though the drive in one at County Hall remains open. There is a mobile testing unit at Abbey stadium in Redditch. Rapid tests are however available from selected local pharmacies and home testing kits can be collected from Pershore library.

Surge testing is underway in Redditch following a number of cases being found for the South African variant. Home testing kits are being provided in affected areas. I realise that this is not too far away so to visit affected postcodes log on to www.worcestershire.gov.uk/covid19variant .

As a direct consequence of these measures plus the effect of strict lockdown procedures our local infection rates are decreasing. Across Worcestershire they have fallen to levels not seen since August 2020. Wychavon's rate last week was down to 9 cases per 100,000. This however is not replicated across the whole of the country. The Prime Minister has warned us that we need to remain vigilant as we are 'not out of the woods just yet, as variants continue to pose a threat'. He states that we need to be 'realistic' about the prospect of a third wave of infections as lockdown measures are lifted between July and September. We are also seeing an increase in cases of the Indian Variant in certain cities to the North of us.

Step three of the rollout is due today when indoor leisure/entertainment and hospitality is due to re-open while mixing between two households or groups of six will be allowed inside. We can still expect some social distancing measures to continue in public places. Hopefully we can all look forward to all legal restrictions on social contact ending on June 21st if infection levels remain low.

The advice remains to stay vigilant to stay safe.

Wychavon's reception will re-open on the 21st June and virtual Council meetings will not be possible after the 6th May following a recent High Court hearing. We have however all learnt a new skill in participating in remote working which I am sure could continue to have benefits going forward. Much effort from our Economy Team is now focussed on business Covid recovery and residents are being encouraged to shop local to support our traders and local businesses.

Many of you may be aware that following the retirement of your long-standing County Councillor Rob Adams I stood for election in the recent County Council elections. I had the second highest turnout in Wychavon of 34%. beaten only by Broadway by 1% and I was delighted to receive 68.23% of the votes cast. Continuing Rob's excellent legacy will be a challenge but I am looking forward to my new role as both your County & District Councillor. This is my first meeting as a 'twin hatter' representing you at both District & County level. I am fortunate though to have had the support and guidance from Rob for the last 14 years since I first became your District Cllr. so, I have a fair idea of what my new role entails.

I signed my declaration at County Hall last Monday and am looking forward to attending Worcestershire 's Annual Council meeting in person this Thursday. I have to confess that I am slightly less keen on doing the COVID mandatory lateral flow test shortly beforehand!

In closing I would like to thank you all as Parish Councillors, Chairman and Clerk for all your hard work over the past year through such difficult unprecedented times. Congratulations are also due for managing your virtual meetings so well.

My thanks also go to your retiring County Councillor Rob Adams for all he has done for our Communities since the inception of Worcestershire County Council back in 2005 when he first stood.

10. **Flyford Green**

The parish council had been successful in securing a grant for the play equipment on the village green and it was hoped that this would be completed this summer.

It was agreed that should there be a delay in drawing down the funding from the Legacy Grant then the deposit for the play equipment could be paid out of existing funds.

Proposed D Waide.

Seconded Sadie Densham

All in favour

The Christmas Tree has now been planted and the parish council reiterated its thanks to John Broderick for providing it.

It was reported that The Woodland Trust were giving trees away.

Pond

The clerk had undertaken some research into the pond and was now in possession of correspondence which trace the history back to 1974. It was reported that the land is not registered. The clerk recommended that the parish council should take steps to register the land in its name and had approached Hallmark Hulme Solicitors for a price for the work. It was agreed to make £550 available to cover legal fees and the clerk was asked to proceed with instructions to solicitors.

Proposed: Andrew Short Seconded: Richard Davey

11. Notice Boards

The clerk asked if a review could be made of the existing notice boards in the parish. There are presently 4 noticeboards which were provided at the Millennium but these are rarely used these days. Most notifications are now made online. Councillors undertook to discuss this in more detail at the next meeting.

12. Three Parishes Hall

Works to the Three Parishes Hall were now substantially complete and it had reopened for business on 17th May. There are a few minor items to finish off to the building and there is an on-going landscaping project required for outside.

13. Adoption of Transport Plan

It was reported that the Transport Plan had been endorsed by Nigel Huddleston MP and that it was now ready for adoption.

It was resolved to adopt the Transport Plan.

Proposed: David Waide Seconded: Sadie Densham. All in Favour

14. Planning Matters

There were no planning applications for this meeting.

It was noted that the SWDP team were presently consulting on sites for travellers. The clerk was unaware of any sites within our parish and it was agreed that no action needed to be taken.

15. Highways/Footpaths

Concerns were raised about speeding motorists on Old Hill. This was noted as a matter of ongoing concern that would be hopefully addressed through the Transport Plan in due course.

The footpaths officer reported that the steps to the south footpath off New Hill were to be rebuilt by Highways.

The clerk had enquired whether there could be any money provided by the County Council towards the cost of repairing the path off Church Lane. Unfortunately, there was nothing available at this time.

It was resolved that the parish council would fund up to £75 to provide the material for volunteers to undertake the work.

Proposed. D Waide

Seconded Andrew Short

All in agreement

It was agreed that a litter pick should be scheduled for October.

16. Treasurer's Report:

Present Balances

The first quarter divided was £876.69

Balances

Deposit Acc.	£39,772.08
Current Acc.	£1,499.66

TOTAL	£41,271.74
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General Fund	£14,207.32
Appeal Fund	£1,570.00
Grafton Society	£1,500.00
Village Green	£10,124.58

17. AOB

The concerns about parking at the school were raised again. The clerk reported that he had spoken to the chief traffic warden but she was reluctant to send any of her team out to patrol the area because there were no yellow lines and so no statutory way they could enforce people to move. The clerk was asked to refer the matter to PC Julie Pardoe.

18. Dates of Next Meetings:

Several councillors asked if the date of next meeting could be changed to 20th July. This was agreed.

Signed:

Date: