

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

**Minutes of the Meeting held at Three Parishes Hall,  
Grafton Flyford, Worcester on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Present** Richard Davey (Chairman) John East Pauline Wakemen  
Simon Kennedy Steve Nesbitt  
Mark Broughton - Taylor was present as Clerk  
Linda Robinson

**1. Apologies:**

D Waide & Robert Adams had tendered their apologies for absence.

**2. Declaration of Interest:** None

**3. Public Participation:** Tony Gale attended the meeting and reported a pothole on Bishampton Lane outside Hedges.

Mr Broderick spoke in explanation of the final amendments to planning application 17/02210. He explained that the planning officer had asked for the proposed building to be set forward. The planning officer was now willing to recommend approval under delegated powers and he asked for the support of the parish council and withdrawal of the request to go to committee.

**4. Minutes of the meetings held on 23rd January 2018**

Minutes of the meetings held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed Simon Kennedy                      Seconded John East                      All in favour

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

The clerk asked if arrangements were in place for the litter pick arranged for the next weekend and made arrangements for the litter pick equipment to be available.

The clerk reported that a meeting of the three local parish councils had taken place concerning the Grafton Society but it transpired that the bank account has been frozen and discussions were required with the bank before any further action could take place. The clerk will report in further detail when more information is available.

The clerk had circulated a revised introduction for the home page of the website to councilors and clarified that they approved the wording before uploading it.

**6. Vacancy**

Mrs Morgan was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting tonight but it was still hoped that she would be available and the clerk will inform her of the date of the next meeting.

## **7. Correspondence:**

A letter had been received from the UK parliament outlining community events planned this year to commemorate the centenary of universal suffrage. Councillors did not consider that the events were suitable for the parish council to organise but suggested that the letter was passed on to the Flyford Flavell Social Group.

The clerk had had his attention drawn to some manuscripts that were for sale concerning the disposal of the Abberton Estate in 1905. A local history group was anxious that these documents should be preserved and kept locally for the public to access rather than going into private hands. The price of the documents is £95. The clerk was asked to contact other parish council in the area to see if they were prepared to contribute to the cost and purchase the documents when the funds were available. The documents should then be offered to The Hive for public keeping. The description of the documents is as follows:

‘Abberton HISTORICAL FREEHOLD ESTATE to be Sold in 44 Lots on Thursday, September 7th, 1905 at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham. The Abberton Estate, Worcestershire, comprising the Entire Parish of Abberton, and a large Part of the Parishes of Flyford Flavel, Naunton Beauchamp, Bishampton, North Piddle, Kington, Dormston and Grafton, containing about 2,408 Acres... the Manorial and Residential Estate of Abberton with Country Mansion, Part of Village... The Manor Farm, Abberton Mill, Baynhall Farm, The Court Farm with the Advowsons of Kington and Dormston... 40pp., size 18" x 11", original wraps with photo, some scuffing of surface of paper on part of front wrap, foxing and some dust- staining on front wrap. 15 very large coloured folding plans, key map on back wrap. 23 photographs in text, many with groups of people, cart horses, pony carts etc. Some damp spots on top half of title page, and two spots on first page with Summary of Lots. 1905. - 95.00 (pounds sterling)

\* With interesting historical notes on the Manor and Hall.’

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

No report had been received from the local police officer.

## **9. Dog Fouling**

It was reported that the bin has now been emptied on a regular basis. The clerk asked if he could be informed immediately if there was a problem again.

## **10. Flyford Green**

It was reported that the bulbs have been planted and are now coming up.

It was reported that the application for New Homes Bonus for benches on the green has been successful and the clerk and Pauline Wakeman will arrange for them to be purchased and fitted.

The clerk reported that he had received two quotes for the grass cutting of the green but was still awaiting a further quotation. It was agreed that the clerk would circulate the costs to councillors as soon as the figures were available and a decision could be taken by consent of email.

#### **11. Flyford Church**

It was reported that progress is being made on the church development and the pews have now been removed. The chairs have been ordered and will be arriving next week.

#### **12. Flyford Flavell Social Group & Community Arts Grant:**

This matter has been referred back to the parish council. The clerk was asked to prepare a report for consideration at the next meeting.

#### **13. Broadband**

The clerk had reported to councillors by email on progress that had been made on this matter. Steve Nesbitt outlined the proposal that has now been made in conjunction with BT and Worcestershire Faster Broadband but one detail concerning the use of vouchers had still to be ratified by the County Council.

61 properties had been identified by BT which could be upgraded to "Fibre To The Premises". A letter had been drafted that explained the situation which was due to be sent to the householders when clarification of the use of vouchers had been received. The letter explains the current situation and the present draft is as follows:

"Over the past six months the Parish Council has been working hard with BT and Worcestershire County Council (WCC) to come up with a scheme to provide improved broadband for the properties in our parish which have the worst service. The Parish Council initially identified 94 addresses which appeared to have a very poor service but following improvement in some areas and updated rollout plans from WCC, we have agreed with BT that the worst serviced properties are 61 homes in the Lower Grafton, North Piddle and Libbery area.

BT has no obligation to provide improved broadband services to areas where it believes it is not commercially viable. The only solution for these areas is for the community to make some contribution to the costs.

BT has provided a quotation to bring fibre broadband directly to these 61 properties and we are writing to you today because your property is included in this list.

As a community partnership scheme it requires all those involved to participate so that the cost per household can be kept as low as possible.

Through the County Council, the Parish Council has secured a very good subsidy and we are recommending this offer to all the households as the best prospect for getting fibre broadband within the next few years.

### **In figures this is the deal.**

BT has quoted £155,948 to connect the 61 properties to fibre broadband (using a solution called Fibre To The Premises or FTTP) which would provide you with access to the very fastest broadband possible. This equates to £2,556 per property. However with the subsidies that the Parish Council has managed to negotiate, this cost will be reduced to £278 per property if *all* 61 households sign up. We have explored other areas of funding but **no** other public money can be added to this subsidy for legal reasons.

### **What happens if we do not accept this offer now?**

WCC has delivered 2 of 3 phases of broadband development in the county. The 3<sup>rd</sup> phase will be announced in about three months' time. It is expected to provide about £5 million but this is only about half the amount that is required to deliver fibre broadband to the estimated 8,000 rural properties still without the service. To provide broadband to us is about £1,000 per property above the average because we are so spread out and so it is thought that the money can be spent more effectively in other areas. We are therefore extremely unlikely to be included in the third phase. After that there is no plan for another phase. You may also have heard rumours about a statutory 10Mbps but that is all they are. Government has not yet set a statutory goal for improvements in broadband service. If, in the remote possibility we are included in a free broadband improvement in the phase 3 scheme before this community partnership is complete we would be refunded our contribution. The bottom line is that this offer is probably our best chance of a full broadband service for the foreseeable future.

### **What are the benefits of fibre broadband?**

Fibre broadband means that you will be getting the best technology available. It will provide a faster, cheaper and more reliable service than any other option on the market.

Although you will have to apply for faster broadband when it is available, BT tell us that they will not make another connection charge. You may have to pay more per month

but that will depend on the service you sign up for. Details of the various services BT provide are on their website.

You will be able to choose your provider and so can shop around for the best deal.

Good broadband service is so important to people these days that a poor service can depreciate the value of your house by 8%-10%. This service will be the best available and will have an instant positive effect on the value of your home.

### **What happens if I don't need better broadband?**

You can stay with your current service but we would urge you to consider the negative effect that this may have on the value of your property.

The more people that join in the scheme the cheaper it will be for us individually. We have to find £16,958 or £278 per property if everyone joins in, unless we can find further private money to subsidise the fee. The fewer people that join in, the more the individual cost will be so by joining in you will be helping your community as well as yourself.

### **What do I need to do?**

Please act quickly. Our application is registered with the County Council but the sooner we confirm our application and accept the quote from BT the better. Please fill in the attached form and send it back to Mark Broughton-Taylor either by email or by post by ..... Do not send any money at the moment.

**Grafton Flyford, North Piddle and Libbery  
Broadband Community Partnership Scheme.**

Name

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Address

.....

Post Code

.....

Email address

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Present Broadband speed (if known)

We can find this out if you don't know it ..... Mbps

I would like to be part of the broadband community partnership scheme and would be willing to pay a minimum of £278 towards the cost.

I do not wish to participate in the scheme and will not contribute to the cost.

I would be willing to make a further contribution towards the cost of the scheme should there be a shortfall.

To the best of my knowledge I have not already redeemed a government (BDUK) voucher.



(Please tick the appropriate boxes)

Signed

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Please return this form to Flyford Flavell, Grafton Flyford and North Piddle Parish Council, Mark Broughton-Taylor, Columbine Cottage, North Piddle, Worcestershire, WR7 4PU by ..... email markbroughtontaylor@mac.com”

#### 14. To Report Comments

##### 14.1 InstaVolt

Alcester Road Service Station **W/18/00334**

Alcesret Road

Flyford Flavell

*Installation of two EV charging bays, along with associated equipment*

No objection

##### 14.2 Mr Darren Humphreys

The Butts **W/18/00128**

North Piddle,

Worcester

*Erection of shed for storage of tools to maintain paddock*

No objection

**15 To Report Approvals**

15.1 Mr Barry Nurrish **W/17/02553**

Rowans

Grafton Flyford

WR7 4PJ

15.2 Mr G Fernihough **W/18/00066/HP**

The Lenches

Bishampton Road

Flyford Flavell

WR7 4BT

**16 To Report Comment**

16.1 Mr Broderick **W/17/02210/FUL**

Meadow Croft

Bishampton Road

Flyford Flavell

WR7 4BT

It was agreed to withdraw the application to refer this matter to committee and in effect to agree to the planning officer's recommendation.

Proposed Steve Nesbitt    Seconded Simon Kennedy    1 abstention

**16. Highways/Footpaths:**

It was noted that the speed tests had still not been done on Bishampton Road. This matter to be referred to Rob Adams.

The clerk had reported the pothole on the A422 near the Piddle bridge. It appeared that this had been done but that the repair was unsatisfactory. The matter will be reported again.

## 17. Report from District Councillor

Cllr Robinson reported that a new scheme for New Homes Bonus was now under discussion and a seminar will be held in July to introduce the new scheme to parish councils. There was a move to provide funds for “legacy” projects rather than minor items that parish councils had spent the money on in previous years.

## Report from County Councillor

No report provided

## 18. Treasurer’s Report:

### 18.1 Balances

Balances were:	Deposit Account	£8,497.42
	Current Account	<u>£5,254.22</u>
		£13,751.64

Made up of:	General Fund	£12,181.64
	Funds Invested	£88,042.39
	Appeal Fund	<u>£1,570.00</u>
		£101,794.03

## 19. Data Protection

It was agreed to employ DM Payroll services Ltd to provide Data Protection Services for the price of £250.00.

## 20. Any Other Business:

No items.

## 21. Dates of Next Meeting: 22nd May 2018

Proposed Richard Davey

2<sup>nd</sup> Pauline Wakeman All in favour

2018

22 May  
17 July  
18 September  
20 November

22 January 2019

19 March  
21 May  
16 July  
17 September  
19 November

Signed:

Date: