

FLYFORD FLAVELL, GRAFTON FLYFORD & NORTH PIDDLER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Three Parishes Hall, Grafton Flyford, Worcester on Tuesday 21st January 2020

Present S Kennedy P Wakeman, S Densham
R Davey, D Waide(Chairman)

Cllr L Robinson and Cllr R Adams

Mark Broughton-Taylor attended as clerk

Apologies J East, J Barratt,

2. Declaration of Interest: None

3. Public Participation:

Vaughan Farebrother of Lilyvale Cottage attended the meeting and asked the chairman if he could address the councillors:

Mr Farebrother thanked all those who had contributed to the Lilyvale Christmas light display. £46.76 was raised for the Rotary "End Polio Now" campaign, which will pay for 116 children to be vaccinated against polio.

Mr Farebrother also gave notice that he was in the early stages of considering a planning application to build a bungalow at the rear of Lilyvale.

Mr Farebrother also recorded his admiration for the way the parish council had worked with Bloor Homes to develop the village green which he saw as an excellent asset for the village.

The chairman thanked Mr Farebrother for his warm words and for informing the meeting of his intentions and told him that the parish council would give the application due consideration when it was received.

Jenny Fazliu and Ruth Edge gave an update on village green matters. The public contributions now stand at £1,511.32 with a target of £5,000. It was asked if the JustGiving link could be added to the parish council website and details also provided so people could make a direct donation to the parish council. This was agreed.

4. Minutes of the 24th September 2019

Minutes of the meeting held on 26th November 2019 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed Richard Davey Seconded Sadie Densham All in favour

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

No matters arising

6. Vacancy

It was noted that there is still a vacancy for a Councillor for Flyford Flavell.

It was further noted that there is a vacancy for a Footpaths Officer.

It was also noted that there is a vacancy for a Tree Warden.

7. Correspondence:

It was noted that there will be a presentation on Rural Crime at Kington and Dormston Village Hall.

8. Local Police Officer and Neighbourhood Watch:

The following written report was received from PC Julie Pardoe.

“There are three incidents to report for the last two months.

On the 17/12 we received an online report regarding an out of control dog which had entered a farm and was disturbing livestock. Thankfully no livestock was harmed but we cannot express enough that dogs should be kept under control at all times.

On the 18/12 we received a report that the service station was broken into and a vehicle was stolen. Unfortunately on the 6/1 the station was targeted again and this time cigarettes were stolen. Both enquiries are still ongoing.”

The local Neighbourhood Watch scheme is now up and running in Flyford Flavell and the details can be found on the Flyford Facebook page. It was agreed that further information will be added to the parish council website. The clerk was asked to obtain reports from Neighbourhood Watch for forthcoming parish council meetings.

9. Broadband:

The clerk reported that broadband was now being rolled out in accordance with the community fibre programme to the south of the A422 but there appeared to be no progress to the north of the road. He had sent increasingly imploring emails to BT asking for information about the present state of progress for those on the north side of the road but had received no response. Robert Stepniewski from WCC had also tried but to no avail. It was suggested that the clerk contact Clive Selley, Openreach CEO for an explanation.

10. Litter Pick:

It was agreed to hold litter picks for the three parishes on the weekends of 4th/5th April and 3rd/4th October. Additional events will take place in Flyford Flavell on 4th/5th July and 9th/10 Jan 21.

11. Three Parishes Hall:

Simon Kennedy was appointed to represent the parish council on the Parishes Hall management committee.

The clerk reported that the hall continued to attract new users. Tai Chi and Pilates take place twice a week and a new Mindfulness Class is due to start on Monday afternoons. There will be a special Flyfordflix at the end of the month with a premier of a locally made film.

12. Flyford Flavell Church:

It was agreed that the parish council should nominate Sue Peace for the Wychavon Community Award for the work she had done in progressing the work at Flyford Church. The building work is now more or less complete and the building is being used for community events.

13. Flyford Green:

It was reported that three grants have now been applied for. It was now just a matter of waiting to hear about the Wychavon Legacy Grant. The assessment panel will meet on 24th February and report to the executive committee on 18th March. This committee will be webcast but applicants will be informed by 31st March at the latest.

Natural Networks have presented their initial report and this needs to be discussed by the working group. A meeting will be convened and will report back to the clerk by mid February so that the full application form can be submitted before the end of the month.

There appeared to be a hitch with the Lottery Community Fund application but the clerk said that he was working to sort this out.

Coloured drawings of the proposed village sign were circulated at the meeting. It was agreed to ask for some amendment to the top right hand quadrant as it was felt the avenue of trees did not really represent the area. It was agreed to proceed in principle and draw down the art grant towards the cost. It was agreed that the parish council would contribute up to £2,500 but that any shortfall would need to be funded by public subscription or a further grant. A formal resolution will be made at the next meeting when the full details are available.

14. Planning Matters

14.i Mr & Mrs Selvey 7 Williams
Woodend House

19/02581/CLE

Flat Adjacent
Grafton Flyford

Lawful development certificate for independent use

Application withdrawn

- 14.ii Mr & Mrs Roe 19/02633/HP
Bankside Cottage
North Piddle

Satalite dish

No objection

- 14.iii The Giggling Brew Company Ltd 19/02164/CU
The Flyford Arms
North Piddle

Change of use for car parking

Approved

- 14.iv Neighbourhood Plan
The chairman is to contact the neighbouring councils and report back to the next meeting about possible co-operation.

15. Highways/Footpaths:

Rob Adams reported that he had received a report from Kieran Hemstock that recommended three roundels to be painted on the Radford Road in Flyford Flavell. The price is £300 per pair. Councillor consider that there should be four pairs at a total cost of £1,200. Cllr Adams said that he would provide a grant to pay for half of the cost. It was agreed to pursue this option with highways

Proposed David Waide Seconded Simon Kennedy All agreed

16. Treasurer's Report:

16.1	<u>Balances</u>		
	Balances were:	Deposit Account	£15,465.83
		Current Account	<u>£1,681.62</u>
			£17,147.45
	Made up of:	General Fund	£13,203.63
		Village Green Invested	£87,562.81*
		Appeal Fund	£1,570.00
		Grafton Society Fund	£1,500.00
		Village Green Fund	<u>£873.82</u>
			£104,710.26

*Bid market value at 31.12. 2019 (29,422 units)

Village Green Repair and Maintenance Fund

Income from investments	2017 £1,383.07	2018 £2,842.40	2019 £3,917.69	TOTAL £8,143.16
Expenditure from investment income	Nil	£1,842.9	£6,551.74	£8,394.64

Please note these figures are given on an accrual basis and are net of VAT. They do not give a cash position as VAT has been paid and is due to be reclaimed. Income is declared a month before payment is received.

16.2 Precept 2020/21

The clerk presented a proposal for setting of the precept for 2020/21. It was agreed to raise the band D council tax demand by 4% to £42.08 making a budget requirement of £12,657.00 and a precept of £12,393.00. On 23 May 2019 the National Statistics Office reported that the average parish council precept was £67.18 and the average increase 4.9%.

- 16.3 The clerk reported that standing orders required councillors to periodically review its investment strategy. There had been a number of concerns raised in the press recently about commercial property investment and he drew councillor's attention to this matter. It was agreed to conduct a strategic review for the annual general meeting in May.

17. District and County Councillors

Cllr Robinson reported that Wychavon had done very well in the Loo of the Year awards coming seventh overall which was their best ever result.

It was reported that Jack Hegarty was due to retire in July. Jack has been chief Executive at Wychavon for many years and acted as joint head of Wychavon and Malvern for the past few years.

There will be a parliamentary and ward boundary review to take place in the near future.

The SWDP consultation had now closed but Cllr Robinson raised concerns about the proposed development at Throckmorton which may affect our parishes. There will be another consultation later this year and it is hoped that there will be more information about the proposals at that stage.

Cllr Adams reported that Worcester Parkway Station was now complete and was now in the commissioning stage. There was still no date for opening.

A report on safety on the A422 was now in draft form and should be available to the public soon.

WCC are hoping to change procedures to allow parish councils to serve notices for overgrown hedges on highways.

Cllr Adams was updated about the broadband problems.

18. Any Other Business:

The clerk was asked about the water connection to the village green. He replied that an enquiry had been made but that no progress had been made from that point. He promised to follow this up.

The clerk also reported that the weed killer spray had been applied to the village green paths.

It was reported that a local 'Street Link Service' had been introduced to help rough sleepers in the nearby towns.

The clerk informed councilors of an updated Code of Conduct that needs to be adopted by the parish council. Councillors had received the draft arrangements and they will be put forward for discussed and adoption at the next meeting.

19. Dates of Next Meetings: 31st March 2020

31 March
19 May
14 July
15 September
17 November

Signed:

Date: