

FLYFORD FLAVELL, GRAFTON FLYFORD & NORTH PIDDLER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Three Parishes Hall, Grafton Flyford, Worcester on Tuesday 22nd January 2019

Present S Kennedy J East
 D Waide P Wakeman J Wood
 Mark Broughton - Taylor was present as Clerk
 District Councillor - L Robinson

Apologies S Nesbitt, R Davey and R Adams

2. Declaration of Interest: None

3. Public Participation:

Two residents from Flyford Flavell attended the meeting to discuss Neighbourhood Watch and The Smartwater Scheme. Initial contact with the community had proved difficult and a request was made for the parish council to get involved with some form of mass communication. The residents were prepared to be involved, but as they had received some negative reaction from some villagers they did not want to be identified on any correspondence. The chairman stated that the parish council is intending to undertake a wide ranging consultation about plans for the village green and that this subject could be all part of that initiative. A further discussion will take place later in the meeting.

Residents handed over some information about Smartwater which is published by the police. The clerk was asked to investigate further for the next meeting.

4. Minutes of the 13th November 2018

Minutes of the meetings held on 13th November 2018 were accepted as a true record of the meetings.

Proposed Simon Kennedy Seconded David Waide All in favour

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

The clerk reported for information only that a Mailchimp account had now been set up and had been used once for a limited mailing. The clerk reported that designing the emails was not all that straightforward but was confident that practice would help. The mailings will in future have the opportunity for recipients to unsubscribe from the mailing list and there would also be feedback about how many emails were received and read.

6. Correspondence:

No correspondence

7. **Local Police Officer and Community Support Officer:**

The following report had been received from Pershore Police:

“There are 4 incidents to report for the last 2 months.

On the 20/11 a garage door was forced and power tools were stolen.

We received a report on the 01/01 that power tools had been stolen from a container in Grafton Woods.

On the 5/01 diesel was stolen from a tank at a property on Bishampton Road. The victim believes that the thieves attended the following night and stole more.

Yesterday we received a report that a caravan had been stolen from Grafton Flyford. The fence had been cut to access the van between the 16/17th.

Please can you keep me updated regarding the NHW as I need to place it on our database along with the details of co ordinators etc.’

We have also been notified that PC 375 Zoe Carter has been promoted and has left our area. No replacement has yet been announced.

8. **Jubilee Recognition Awards:**

The parish Council was delighted to learn that its nomination of Tony Hughes for the award had been successful and he had won the award this year. However, Tony had turned the award down. The clerk had asked him to reconsider. At the present time there had been no communication from Wychavon concerning the matter. The award ceremony is to take place on 4th February.

9. **Broadband:**

The clerk had recently received an update from BT which had been circulated to those in the scheme. BT have now completed the preliminary survey and planning stage and work is due to commence shortly.

10. **Litter Pick:**

The clerk noted that we had missed our usual litter pick in the autumn and asked for a date to arrange a date in the spring. Flyford councillors reported that there was a private initiative in the village and that a considerable amount of litter had been collected. However, it was suggested that the parish council should organize 4 litter picks a year.

The flowing dates were agreed:

April	6th-7 th 2019
July	6 th -7 th
October	5 th – 7 th
January	4 th -5 th 2020

The clerk was asked to check that there was sufficient equipment available and to arrange the insurance and pickup with Wychavon.

11. Flyford Church:

There had been little progress concerning the church improvements since the last meeting. The clerk had attended the Carol Service and he reported that the church was clean and tidy but not looking completely finished.

The clerk had received a request to supply the rest of the chairs and this was agreed. For the time being these will not be stored at the church but at Lower Church Farm House.

13. Flyford Green:

The chairman reported at some length on a meeting of the village green working group which had convened on 16th January. (NB. Notes other than those appearing in these minutes are available at their discretion from the working group not the clerk).

The parish council had contacted the school about the casual use of the play equipment within the school grounds. The school had responded; that regrettably due to safeguarding procedures and inadequate surveillance of the site this would not be possible.

A price of £274.76 had been received for a litter bin to be sited by the gate to the village green. Advice had been received that although a waste bin could be used for dog waste it is preferred that the two things are kept separate. It was agreed that if the two bins could be sited together and that they could both be emptied under one contract that would be the preferred option. The clerk was asked to clarify whether this would be possible.

Proposed D Waide Seconded John East All in favour

The bulb planting season for 2018 had been missed but the parish council confirmed that the £200 allocated for this will still be available in 2019.

The working group had submitted a proposal for four benches that had been accepted at the last parish council meeting. However, whilst clarifying the detailed installation of the benches it has become apparent that the work will be more extensive than at first thought. It was therefore agreed that a further £1,500 should be made available. Final details to be circulated by email to councillors before commencing the work.

Proposed D Waide Seconded John East All in favour

The working group is developing a planting scheme which will be reported on in due course.

The working group have now discussed the provision of play equipment on the green at some length. A specific proposal is yet to be made but some indicative quotations have been received. These were shown to councillors but the chairman pointed out that they were for a more ambitious scheme than had been generally considered by the group. Costs are however likely to range

between £20,000 and £40,000. The style of equipment in the indicative quotations was liked by councillors. Some questions were raised about usage levels and repair and maintenance costs. The chairman asked if the parish council wished the working group to continue to develop a specific proposal, bearing in mind that the parish council would have to find the funding for it a. A discussion considering funding ensued ranging from grant aid from funds such as Wychavon Community Fund and Play England to a loan from the Public Works Board. It was noted that loans from PWB were at a rate less than the investment yield from the parish council investments and were therefore an attractive option. The council supported a specific proposal being developed.

The working group have also discussed the issue of communication within the village. It was noted that out of 161 subscribers to the Flyford Facebook page only 21 people had seen the latest posts. Discussion had also encompassed the noticeboards, the Flyford Family News and leaflet drops but no conclusions or recommendations have yet been made. Simon Kennedy agreed to prepare a consultation on how parishioners would prefer the parish council to communicate.

The working group to meet again prior to 19th March 2109.

Following the next PC meeting it is intended to consult with the local community on specific proposals for planting and play equipment on the village green, plus how best to communicate to parishioners, and to establish parishioner interest in Neighbourhood Watch and Smart Water.

To Report Planning Approval by Wychavon District Council

Mr Charbel Akiki
Elms Farm
North Piddle
WR7 4PU

W/18/02252/CU

Change of use of existing agricultural building to mixed agricultural and commercial to allow for processing of produce from the farm.

Mr & Mrs Turner
Grafton View
Libbery Lane
Grafton Flyford
WR7 4PE

W/18/02226/HP

Two storey extension and single storey rear extension

Mr Tarplet
Green Farm
North Piddle
WR7 4PT

18/02599/AGR

Application for prior notification of a proposed agricultural building – forestry storage building for implements, machinery, tools and timber.

Mr David Waide

W/18/02400/LB

Libbery Farm
 Libbery Lane
 WR7 4PE

Extension to kitchen, install internal insulation, replace 2 windows and reposition a staircase.

13.1 To Formulate Comment

Mr & Mrs Collins
 Grafton Nursery
 Worcester Road
 North Piddle
 WR7 4PW

W/18/02583/OUT

Erection of rural workers dwelling – self build

The following comment was agreed:

Whilst not wishing to encourage development in the open countryside the parish council acknowledges that the planning system makes allowance for development in some restricted areas. The parish council has no specific comment on the location and asks the planning authority to use due diligence in assessing the needs and merits of this application."

Proposed D Waide Seconded S Kennedy All in favour

Mr J Lang
 Church Farm
 Church Lane
 Flyford Flavell
 WR7 4BZ

W/18/02668/CLE

Erection of a new dwelling and continuous occupation as such for more than four years – application for certificate of lawfulness (existing).

The following comment was agreed:

"The parish council can not support a retrospective application of this kind but has no information which may be of use to the planning authority in determining the application."

Proposed D Waide Seconded P Wakeman All in Favour

14. Highways/Footpaths:

The issue of speeding on Bishampton Road was noted again for discussion next time.

15. Report from District Councillor:

Cllr. Robinson took part in the discussion about the development of the village green and noted that The Woodland Trust had free trees available for suitable projects.

It was noted that 20mph speed limits were now being enforced.

The working group were advised to consider the ongoing maintenance and repair costs of play equipment.

16. Treasurer's Report:

16.1 Balances

Balances were:	Deposit Account	£19,453.13
	Current Account	<u>£1,556.34</u>
		£21,009.47

Made up of:	General Fund	£19,439.47
	Appeal Fund	<u>£1,570.00</u>
		£21,009.47

Village Green Repair and Maintenance Fund

Income from investments	2017	2018	TOTAL
	£1,383.07	£2,842.40	£4,225.47
Expenditure from investment income	Nil	£1,842.99	£1,842.99

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 made. eg December dividend is declared on 31st December but not paid until January.

17. Precept

The clerk presented a report and recommendation that the precept should be increased by 2.78%. Following discussion and consideration it was agreed to raise the precept by 4%.

Proposed John East Seconded S Kennedy All in favour

18. Any Other Business:

None

Meeting closed at 10.50pm.

21. Dates of Next Meetings: 19th March 2019

19 March
21 May
16 July
17 September
19 November

Signed:

Date: