

FLYFORD FLAVELL, GRAFTON FLYFORD & NORTH PIDDLER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held by ZOOM, Grafton Flyford, Worcester on Tuesday 26th May 2020

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

Cllr L Robinson and Cllr R Adams

Mark Broughton-Taylor attended as clerk

Apologies J Barratt,

2. Declaration of Interest: None

3. Public Participation:

Two members of the public joined the meeting to bring concerns about the changing business at Auntea Ritas. Since the beginning of March the business has expanded into a fish and chip take away which has resulted in increased traffic and cooking smells which are causing a nuisance to the local neighbours. The matter had been reported to Wychavon enforcement office and Worcestershire Regulatory Services but little action had been taken.

Councillors had some sympathy for the neighbours of the business and felt that the nature of the present trade was far from the original expectation of a tea shop. It was noted that the original planning permission - 16/01859 - was for A3 use which covers such things as tea rooms but take away food requires A5 permission. It was also noted that establishments providing cooked food need to comply with other regulations such as HACCP and it was not clear that this was the case. The chairman stated that the parish council supported all local business but that they had to operate within all legal requirements.

It was also noted that there had been some relaxation of regulations during the Covid lockdown period. However, there were several questions raised about this. How long would the temporary relaxation last? Does it overrule highway safety and had any consideration being given to the disposal of waste?

It was agreed that the clerk would pass on the email correspondence that the neighbours had copied to him to Cllr Robinson who would then take the matter up at district level.

4. Minutes of the 31st March 2020

Minutes of the ZOOM meeting held on 31st March were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed Pauline Wakeman Seconded John East All in favour

The clerk thanked Sadie Densham for taking the minutes in his absence.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

No matters arising

7. Correspondence:

Recorded under Public Participation above

8. Local Police Officer and Neighbourhood Watch:

The following report had been circulated to councilors prior to the meeting.

Annual Police Report 2019-20

The last 12 months has seen a change of Safer Neighbourhood Officer to PC Daren Riley and one of the teams PCSO's has left to have a baby. Whilst this has reduced the team to two we have continued to maintain patrols of an ever expanding area. As of the start of March we are once again up to full staff numbers with the welcome arrival of PSCO Faye Allen-Carter.

Whilst we have not been able to attend the village surgeries as regularly as we would like we have been actively involved with numerous village events especially with the launch and registration of Smartwater in a number of our villages. This seems to have had a positive effect on significantly reducing the number of burglaries over the autumn/winter period. Neighbourhood Watch Schemes are also seeing a resurgence which positively assists us in sharing and gathering information.

We have seen a recent increase in coverage of the rural areas with the introduction of a number of Rural and Business Crime officers and there has been an increase in police officers generally as promised by the PCC.

The team remain committed to tackling all levels of crime throughout the area including rural crime and poaching and providing security advice and support to victims and vulnerable residents.

This report is based using the recorded crime figures between 11/05/19 and 10/05/2020 and the comparison is relating to the corresponding dates in 2018/19.

Overall the police recorded 104 incidents that were reported by members of the public this is compared to 114 incidents reported the previous year.

Of the 104 incidents the Parish had 28 recordable crimes (incidents where a specific offence has occurred) this was in comparison to 44 recordable crimes the previous year.

The breakdown of offences is as follows:

	2019/20	2018/19
Burglary Residential (includes garages and sheds)	5	8
Burglary Business	3	2
Theft of Vehicle	1	1
Theft from vehicle	1	1
Theft other	4	10
Criminal Damage	0	1
Deception/Fraud	1	0
Motor Vehicle Interference	0	1
Make off without payment	3	3
Arson/Vehicle fire	0	3
Other Offences (Includes mostly concerns for welfare or domestic related incidents and assaults)	10	14

9. Broadband:

The clerk reported that broadband was now widely available south of the A422 but there were considerable delays with the infrastructure works to the north. Work had continued during the lockdown but no connections had been made due to the imposed social distancing regulations. It was hoped that some tangible progress will be made soon.

10. Litter Pick:

The lengthsman has been given a separate instruction to collect litter while social distancing rules are in place at a cost of £50.00 a month.

11. Three Parishes Hall:

The planning application has now been made for the Three Parishes Hall. This is to be discussed under planning later in the meeting.

The legacy grant application of £100,000 had been successful and it was anticipated that work on the refurbishment and improvements would be started in October.

12. Flyford Flavell Church:

No matters to report

13. Flyford Green:

It was reported that a £10,000 grant had been received from the Community Lottery Fund bringing the total available for the project to £13,022.81 (Including the Grafton Society Grant). The legacy funding application had not been successful but there is the opportunity to try again in 2021. The clerk is still

exploring other funding opportunities but many funders are concentrating on COVID based projects at the present time. A grant in principle has been agreed from Natural Networks but there is still some negotiation to go. The clerk expected this to be in the region of £5,000.

A quotation has been received for the landscaping works and it was agreed that at least some of this work should be considered for the autumn. It was agreed that the clerk and the chairman would meet the various contractors and agree a programme for the works and report back in July.

Work was progressing to connect the water supply.

14. Councillor Working Group

The parish councillors had met a few times during the spring to discuss long term strategy. A draft document had been circulated to councillors and this is to be discussed again informally and brought back to the next meeting for formal adoption.

It was also reported as a matter of future strategy that the chairman was in discussion with neighbouring parish councils concerning a Neighbourhood Plan. It had been agreed that once it was possible, a face to face meeting will be organized for the leaders to meet.

15. CPRE Membership

The clerk recommended that the parish council should rejoin CPRE. There was common agreement to this suggestion.

Proposed Pauline Wakeman. 2nd Sadie Densham. All in agreement

16. Community Arts Grant

The revised design for the Flyford Green sign had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that this was an improvement on the previous proposal but that the upper right quadrant was now a little too busy. The clerk was asked to see if a further amendment could be made and perhaps a representation of the Brown Hairstreak Butterfly included as well.

15. Planning Matters

15.i Mr Barry Nurrish **20/00668/HP**
Rowans
Grafton Flyford

First Floor Extension Infill

This application has been approved

- 15.ii The Giggling Brew Company Ltd **20/00426FUL**
Flyford Arms
North Piddle
- Two storey extension
- This application has been approved
- 15.iii The Three Parishes Hall **20/00871/FUL**
Grafton Flyford
- Single storey extensions
- The Parish Council resolved to support this application
- Proposed Pauline Wakeman. 2nd David Waide All in agreement
- 15.iv Graton Nursery **20/00907/RM**
North Piddle
- Rural worker's dwelling
- The Parish Council resolved that it had no objection to this application in principal but that the external materials should be approved by the LPA before construction.
- Proposed John East. 2nd David Waide All in agreement

16. Treasurer's Report:

16.1	Deposit Acc	£31,795.00
	Current Acc	£7,556.25
	<u>Total</u>	<u>£39,351.25</u>
	General Fund	£15,719.44
	Appeal Fund	£1,570.00
	Grafton Society	£1,500.00
	Village Green Fund	£11,522.81
	TPH Fund	£9,039.00
	<u>Total</u>	<u>£39,351.25</u>
	Investment Fund	£85,662.00*

* Bid price 31st March 2020

The clerk asked councillors to note that the value of the investment had gone down since the last valuation. (£87,562.81 31.12.2019)

17. District and County Councillors

The following report had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

District Councillor's Report 19th May

We are all living in unprecedented times and are having to get used to not seeing each other and working remotely. So, here is my report for your Parish Council's second virtual Parish Council meeting which I presume will go on to your excellent village website together with the minutes of the meeting.

We have now been in lockdown as a result of Covid 19 for more than seven weeks and many of us may have experienced or know others who have sadly lost their lives or been very unwell, they have my heartfelt sympathies and of course sadly it is not over yet. As restrictions are being slowly lifted the message is very clear that we should still stay alert to stay safe and control the virus. I know many of your residents are in the vulnerable category and shielding. From those that I have made contact with they are so grateful for the wonderful support offered by their Community. I would like to add my thanks to theirs. Not surprisingly rural communities tend to pull together at such times and support each other and that has been more than evident across my Upton Snodsbury parishes recently.

Wychavon has also been playing its part and whilst the Civic centre remains closed our officers are working remotely from home manning the telephone lines and answering resident and businesses queries. Car parking charges have not yet been re-introduced and in the next few weeks some of our public toilets will re-open.

So far, we have successfully held Executive Board, Full Council and even Planning Committee remotely with webcasting available to the Public. Our rubbish collections have continued as normal and the County have re-opened the Household re cycling centre at Hill & Moor. My thanks go to all of the staff for continuing to offer our essential services in such difficult times.

Many of you have shown your support for the NHS and carers and many ladies among you are busy sewing personal protective equipment and laundry bags so well done.

The latest data from the Office of National Statistics shows that on the 13th May there have been 239 confirmed cases of coronavirus recorded in Wychavon. As of 1st May there have been 78 deaths in Wychavon from Covid19 of which 37 were in care homes

As of the 6 May, 2,108 businesses in Wychavon had received £24.5million from the small businesses grants scheme to 75% of those eligible. This puts us in the top quartile nationally.

Please contact me as always if I can be of any assistance to you on Wychavon matters or signpost you to other volunteers or organisations that can offer further help and support. Do stay safe and well and help others to do so whenever possible. Together we can all make a difference to people's lives.

Cllr Rob Adams joined the meeting after having attended elsewhere. He reported that he had received numerous complaints about the motor bikes on the A422 last Sunday. There had been an unprecedented number of motor cyclists on the road on that day and the noise and disruption had been particularly bad. The authorities had been informed and he was awaiting a report into the matter.

The government have introduced a new initiative to encourage walking and cycling and the parish council was interested in taking advantage of this initiative. A discussion followed concerning 'Quiet Lanes', cycle routes and poor provision for pedestrians. An email from a member of the public had been received by the clerk on this subject and this was shared. There is still considerable concern in the parish for road safety and little seems to be done by highways to improve matters. The clerk was asked to research more details of the opportunities for the parish council and report back to councillors for a fuller discussion at the next meeting in July.

18. Flyford Pond

The clerk was asked to investigate ownership of the pond and report back to Councillors. It was also suggested by Cllr Robinson that the area in Flyford Flavell around the church could be put forward as a conservation area. The clerk to investigate this.

19. Dates of Next Meetings:

14th July 2020 (ZOOM)

14 July

15 September

17 November

Signed:

Date: