

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

**Minutes of the Meeting held at Three Parishes Hall,
Grafton Flyford, Worcester on Tuesday 4th September 2018**

Present S Kennedy S Nesbitt
 D Waide
 Mark Broughton - Taylor was present as Clerk
 District Councillor - L Robinson
 County Councillor - R Adams

Apologies R Davey, J East, P Wakeman

2. Declaration of Interest: None

3. Public Participation:

Jenny Fazliu attended the meeting to report that some initial conversations had taken place in the village concerning the provision of play equipment on the green and that she thought she would be in a position to report back in more detail in November. The chairman thanked her for her interest in this matter and added that in due course the parish council would conduct a formal consultation following the formulation of clear proposals.

4. Minutes of the 17th July and those deferred 22nd May 2018

Minutes of the meetings held on 17th July and 22nd May 2018 were accepted as a true record of the meetings.

Proposed Steve Nesbitt Seconded Simon Kennedy All in favour

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

No matters arising

6. Cooption to Council

Mr John Wood of Grafton Flyford had accepted a nomination to join the council. He was asked to give a brief introduction before a ballot was taken. Mr Wood was unanimously co-opted to the council until the next elections. Mr Wood will represent North Piddle in village matters.

6. Correspondence:

No correspondence

7. Local Police Officer and Community Support Officer:

No report received.

The clerk was asked to enquire about the process of setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and advertise for someone to act as coordinator.

8. Broadband:

Steve Nesbitt presented his written update report concerning the broadband campaign as follows:

Broadband Update – September 2018

Background

On 14th June 2018, following an extensive round of negotiations between the Parish Council and Openreach, Openreach presented a revised community broadband offer comprising:

☒ _A single project to deliver FTTP broadband capability covering 92 properties (now 90 after removal of duplicates) in Libbery, Grafton Flyford, North Piddle and the lower end of Flyford Flavell along the A422

☒ _A cost of **£52,495** including VAT, including all civil engineering costs (i.e. no requirement for community self-dig), equating to a much reduced cost per property of **£583** before any voucher subsidies

At around the same time, the Government introduced a new subsidy scheme in the shape of the Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme (GBVS), which was initially funded by a pot of £67m (and now being extended), aiming to provide vouchers worth up to £3,000 for SME businesses or £500 to residents (as part of a group project) to help with the costs of connecting to FTTP.

Current Status

The Parish Council enlisted 15 businesses, each applying for a £3,000 voucher, together with 16 private residential customers each applying for a £500 voucher and our formal application was submitted on 26th June.

Together these vouchers will cover the full cost of network implementation.

This has been a successful (albeit slow) process so far, with just one setback when one of the businesses failed to complete the application process, despite much coaxing and encouragement.

A replacement business has now been enlisted, their voucher request successfully validated and, subject to the usual challenge process whereby evidence of business trading has to be validated by The Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), we expect this final voucher to be issued very soon.

We will then have all the funds needed to enable Openreach to commence delivery.

Next Steps

Once the final voucher has been issued and the scheme fully approved by DCMS, Openreach will ratify the premises to be connected and infrastructure work should begin with a view to superfast broadband being available by this time next year.

9. Flyford Green:

It was reported that 1 bench has now been fitted while the other is still on order. It should arrive in the next week.

It was noted that the steering committee had not met for some time and that it had probably served its purpose and run its course. It was agreed that a working group of councillors should replace this group and other villagers invited to join.

The working group in the first instance will consist of Simon Kennedy, David Waide, Pauline Wakeman and Jenny Fazliu.

Proposed David Waide Seconded Simon Kennedy All in favour

11. Three Parishes Hall:

John Wood (Treasurer) and Rob Thompson (Events Organizer) presented a draft of the expression of interest for the New Homes Bonus Legacy Scheme which would require backing from the parish council.

The chairman and councillors indicated the council's support for the proposals and offered assistance to complete the final draft.

It was agreed that Simon Kennedy and Steve Nesbitt would meet the Three Parishes Hall Team at a convenient time.

It was agreed that a range of activities should be available at the hall and the facilities should be available for all the community including children. It was noted that the Flyford Church project would provide some community facilities in the future but the parish council were prepared to back this expression of interest at this stage.

It was resolved that the parish council would submit an expression of interest to Wychavon DC in respect of Legacy Funding for the Three Parishes Hall Project.

Proposed David Waide Seconded Steve nesbitt All in favour

12. Speed Control Bishampton Road:

Simon Kennedy gave an analysis of the results of the speed tests that had recently been carried out on Bishampton Lane.

In summary 57% of all motorists were travelling above the speed limit and 50% of those were travelling at more than 45 miles an hour. Around 1% were travelling in excess of 50mph. Mr Kennedy left that this was unacceptable and would inevitably result in an accident if nothing was done about it.

It was agreed to bring this matter back to the council at the next meeting when Rob Adams was in attendance. The clerk was also asked to see if a representative from Highways would be available.

It was noted that the speed camera was now in place on Bishampton Road but that it did not seem to be working. The clerk to investigate.

13. South Worcestershire Development Plan:

The council's attention was drawn to two further consultations concerning the South Worcestershire Development.

The first was concerning the methodology of reviewing the village boundaries. Cllr. Robinson stated that this was a technical consultation and that we didn't need to worry about it. A further consultation would take place in the autumn.

The second consultation concerned public assets and the clerk was asked to complete this on behalf of the council.

Planning Matters

i/. Chicken Farm Environment Agency License.

Notice had been received from the Environment Agency that it was minded to approve the license for the chicken farm in Upton Snodsbury. A final public consultation is due to take place at Upton Snodsbury Village Hall on 3rd September and final submissions can be made up to 13th September.

Cllr Robinson reported that a recent discovery of 9 inch land drains on the site was a concern and this had been reported to the EA.

To report approvals

ii/. The Grange 18/01420/FUL

Bishampton Road

Flyford Flavell

Formation of Menage

To Report Comments

lii/. The Barn at Church Farm 18/01446/HP

Church Farm Lane

Flyford Flavell

Retrospective application for insertion of

Windows, flue and external cladding.

“The parish council supported local objections to this application and considered that it should be built in accordance with the original approval”.

14. Highways/Footpaths:

It was noted that hedges were over grown and some of the footway impeded along the A422. The clerk will refer this to the lengthsman for investigation and maintenance.

It was noted that the bridge adjacent to The Green in Grafton was in poor condition and this had been reported to WCC.

15. Report from District Councillor:

Cllr. Robinson reported that the waste contract is due to change shortly. There will be variations to the procedures such as special arrangements for the collection of small electrical appliances and batteries. Households will be informed in due course. Collection days may also change.

Cllr. Robinson reported that ‘ichooser’ was available for better deals concerning gas and electricity supply. This is available on Worcestershire.gov.uk/energyswitch.

Cllr. Robinson reminded councillors of the drop in event on 16th October at Peopleton Village Hall.

17. Treasurer’s Report:

17.1 Balances

Balances were:	Deposit Account	£16,593.13
	Current Account	<u>£2,444.95</u>
		£19,038.08

Made up of:	General Fund	£17,468.08
	Appeal Fund	<u>£1,570.00</u>
		£19,038.08

Income from investments since Sept 17	£3293.50
Expenditure from investment income	£1242.00

18. Any Other Business:

The clerk reported that slow progress was being made concerning the reactivation of the Grafton Society bank account but he hoped that this would be resolved and a proposition put to the council by the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 10.15pm.

19. Dates of Next Meetings: 13th November 2018

22 January 2019

19 March

21 May

16 July

17 September

19 November

Signed:

Date: