

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

**Minutes of the Meeting held at The Flyford's Hall
on Tuesday 18th January 2022**

Present Sadie Densham Ceri Bennett Andrew Short
 David Waide (Chairman) John East David Rhodes
 Richard Davey

Mark Broughton-Taylor attended as clerk
Linda Robinson District and County Councillor (attended via Zoom)

Apologies None

2. Declaration of Interest:

None

3. Public Participation:

No members of the public were in attendance. As reported at the last meeting the live streaming equipment is not complete. It was hoped that it would have been finished for this meeting but some of the equipment is still on back order.

4. Minutes of the 16th November 2021

Minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2021 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed: Sadie Densham Seconded: Richard Davey All in favour

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

None.

6. Councillor Matters

Ceri Bennet tendered her resignation from the council due to work commitments. The chairman thanked her for her considerable contribution to the council for the time she had been a member. All councillors echoed the chairman's thanks and it was universally agreed that her contribution to the council would be very much missed. It is hoped that Ceri will be able to re-join the council when commitments allow.

Charlie Braidwood, a resident of North Piddle has volunteered to join the council and was expected to seek co-option at the meeting. Unfortunately, family illness had prevented her from attending the meeting but she had intimated that she will attend in March.

7. Local Police Officer and Neighbourhood Watch

There was no police report but a copy of the Local Beat had been distributed to councillors.

The Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator has reported that she would like to revisit the Smartwater project. Councillors were generally supportive of this initiative but the meeting was reminded that the stumbling block in the past has always been obtaining a large enough majority of residents to take part.

It was agreed that David Rhodes would act as liaison between the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and the parish council.

Ceri reported that people were well engaged with the Facebook Page. Councillors enquired whether residents in North Piddle and Grafton Flyford could join the Watch Scheme. It was agreed to take this request back to the co-ordinator.

8. District and County Councillors

The following report had been received from Linda Robinson

District & County Councillor's report for Flyford 18^h January

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy new Year.

I was hoping to join you all in person but having had our first covid case in my immediate family recently, It is my intention to continue to take extra precautions. Consequently I would like to take up the offer of joining you on Zoom if that is acceptable .

Last week on the 7th January our Coronavirus infection in Wychavon rate was up by 46.5% at the highest it has ever been at 1,401 per100,000. As of yesterday, the overall picture both locally and nationally is improving with Wychavon 's rate down to 1,152

From this Monday the Government has reduced the mandatory numbers for self-isolation from seven to five days. However, this is conditional that there needs to be a negative test undertaken on day 5 and day six and no evidence of a raised temperature.

Fortunately, the Omicron variant is proving to give milder symptoms but we still have 75 patients in our Acute Hospitals with 5 in intensive care. There were 7 deaths due to Covid since Xmas.

The NHS is widely reported to be under significant pressure due to a combination of more covid 19 patients, usual winter workload and staff absences. Care homes across Worcestershire are reporting having lost ' hundreds of staff since the mandatory vaccine came into effect .The Government has extended Plan B measures until 26th January.

The advice remains to stay alert and take precautions to stay safe and encourage further take up of vaccines.

Both County & District Councils are busy preparing their draft budget proposals for 2022/2023 having finally received their local government Settlement. WCC are proposing an increase of 3.94% to their share of Council tax. which will equate to £1 per week for a band D property. Three quarters of the increase is to be ring fenced for Adult social care Services.

Finally, I would like to attach further information re The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations as shared to LOCAL Authorities.

District Councillors and Parish clerks have been sent details of new District Ward proposals for Wychavon as part of an electoral review There is an extensive and detailed consultation which closes on the 21st.March. This is being conducted by The Local government Boundary Commission and is relevant to you in so much as it concerns changes for neighbouring Kington & Dormston. Please note this will not affect the County boundary for the Upton Snodsbury Division.

Your views are being asked on these proposed new electoral arrangements for Wychavon.

The Boundary Commission want to know :

Do the proposed wards reflect local communities?

How do you think the proposals can be improved?

Are the names of the proposed wards right?

Find out more and have your say on : www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk & www.lgbce.org.uk

I hope you will all participate both collectively as a parish council and individually.

9. Footpaths Officer

There are 62 unresolved issues recorded by WCC but it is unlikely that any action will be taken to resolve them. The footpaths officer is dealing with a loose stile on the North Piddle – Flyford Flavell footpath. He also enquired about the ownership of the low laying meadow along the A422 opposite the filling station as this was now exceedingly muddy in places.

10. Website and Communications

Ceri Bennet reported that the new website is now ready to go live. There are still articles to update but the basic site is now finished and fully complies with present legislation.

It was agreed that the present website should now be replaced by the new one.

Proposed David Waide Seconded Ceri Bennett. All in favour

Ceri was thanked for all the hard work she had put into helping to shape and design the new site over many months. The clerk was also asked to pass on the councillor's thanks to Miles who had carried on the development work.

11. Flyford Green

David Rhodes reminded the meeting that the first quarterly inspection of the play equipment would be required soon. The clerk was asked to ascertain what the inspection would require. In the meantime, it was agreed that David Rhodes and David Waide would carry out an inspection.

The clerk was also asked to advise about the extent of the annual inspection and obtain quotes from qualified inspectors who could carry out the work.

An email had been received from Bridget Quinn via David Rhodes suggesting a number of improvements that could be made on the green.

- I It was agreed to refer these to the working group for further discussion but it did seem possible to proceed with a picnic bench to be sited near the raised beds. Linda Robinson thought that she might be able to provide funds for this from one of her bursaries. The clerk was asked to provide a quote and details to Linda asap.

The clerk reported that the other planting already agreed was in hand and should be complete by the time of the next parish council meeting.

12. Flyford's Hall

The clerk reported that the AGM at the end of November had been well supported with about 30 members of the public in attendance. It had also provided the opportunity to make a presentation to Rob Adams on behalf of the parish council to thank him for his many years work on the County Council. Mrs Margaret Bluck also turned on the Christmas lights and drinks and snacks were served afterwards. It is hoped that the occasion will be repeated this year.

The hall is proving very popular and there is an encouraging number of enquiries being made.

Improvements to the facilities are expected to continue throughout the year

13. Planning Matters

To Report Planning Matters

- i Green Farm **21/02824/HP and 21/02825/HP**
North Piddle
Worcestershire
WR7 4PR

Ground floor extension

No objections

ii Hilltop Farm **20/02435/S106**
 Old Hill
 Flyford Flavell

Reserved matter

This application has been restarted and revised drawings had been issued concerning the driveway and access from the highway. Councillors considered this development but could not see that the proposals made any great difference and so agreed to maintain their objection.

14. Correspondence

None

15. Highways/Footpaths

15ii. Transport Plan

Linda Robinson reported that she would be able to help with the financing of a new TAS sign to replace the old one. It was agreed that it would be beneficial to have 2 cameras permanently on the Radford Road and Bishampton Road sites and that the parish council would cover the cost of the second one. This should be implemented as soon as possible.

It was agreed that a meeting will be arranged with Highways to discuss the implementation of a Quiet Lane on North Piddle Lane and a cycle lane on the A422. The clerk was requested to draw up some proposals to present to highways and Linda Robinson would arrange the meeting.

It was agreed to hold the cycle funding in abeyance until there was more clarity about the prospect of a cycle lane.

It was agreed that these would be the three priorities to work on for the present moment.

16. Treasurer's Report:

Present Balance

Grafton Society	£1,500.00
Appeal Fund	£1,570.00

Deposit Acc	£12,384.47
Current Acc	£2,170.92

Precept 22/23

It was agreed to raise the precept requirement to £14,020 to cover the expected rising in costs during the year.

17. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Sadie Densham presented the following report to the meeting:

PROVISIONAL PLANS FOR CELEBRATING THE PLATINUM JUBILEE OF H.M. THE QUEEN

AS THE PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, AT THIS EVENING'S MEETING (18 JANUARY 2022) I WILL BE SEEKING GRANTS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR FUNDING OF BOTH FLYFORD FLAVELL'S EVENT AS WELL AS THAT BEING ORGANISED BY GRAFTON FLYFORD, LIBBERY AND NORTH PIDDLER. EVENT ORGANISERS ARE ALL KEEN TO MAKE THIS HISTORIC JUBILEE MEMORABLE FOR ALL PARISHIONERS.

THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE PROPOSAL DISCUSSED AT OUR PREVIOUS MEETING IN NOVEMBER TO PRESENT A COMMEMORATIVE GIFT TO ALL PARISH CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE.

To ensure all age groups are covered it is planned to hold two distinct events – one primarily organised by Flyford Flavell Social Committee (contact point Ruth Edge and Linda Houghton) and one organised by 3 residents (Jeannie Smith, Diane Burman and Sadie Densham) representing Grafton Flyford, North Piddle and Libbery.

The events to be held on two consecutive days thus making it a Platinum Jubilee weekend.

Flyford Flavell will advertise their event through their Facebook page, and Mark will be asked to e-mail all those on the Parish Council distribution list with details of both events.

A leaflet advertising both events to be drawn up by the Grafton Flyford committee will be hand delivered to every household in all three Parishes. Residents can attend both events if they wish but in respect of Grafton Flyford's celebration – numbers permitting. The leaflet will contain tear-off strips for residents to complete and return indicating which (or both) events they wish to attend.

Whilst there is no limit on those attending the Flyford Flavell organised event an indication of numbers is required as it is proposed to end the afternoon with a Toast to HMQ – Prosecco/non-alcoholic wine/soft drinks to be provided by the organisers.

Flyford Flavell – Saturday 4th June 2022

This will take the form of a Village Party on the Green from 12.30pm. Attendees will be asked to bring their own picnic.

In the past school facilities were available, but are not able to be used this year, so the Social Committee will need to provide tables, chairs, gazebos, toilets and jubilee decorations. Entertainment will be by way of games for young and old. (For example: Quiz, make a hat out of newspaper, pass the parcel, pin the tail on the Royal horse, running races/egg and spoon etc.)

Grafton Flyford, Libbery and North Piddle – Sunday 5th June 2022

This will take place in Flyfords Hall (or in the Hall garden if the weather is fine) and will be either lunch or afternoon tea with a tea dance, followed by a Church Service (Evensong) in Grafton Flyford Church. The day will conclude at Flyfords Hall with a Toast to HMQ – Prosecco/non-alcoholic wine/fruit juice to be provided by the organisers as well as all food, bunting/decorations etc.

N.B. Timing – i.e. lunch or afternoon tea – will depend on the availability of the clergy and timing of Evensong – awaiting confirmation from Claire Billingham.

(It is hoped a Flower Festival can be arranged for Grafton Flyford Church but details need to be finalised)

Food and drink for the Grafton Flyford event to be provided by the organisers. To comply with Flyfords Hall criteria, numbers will be limited to 60 for this event.

Initially it had been planned to sell tickets for the Grafton Flyford event, but on reflection the organisers do not want anyone to feel excluded from joining in the celebration. However, if parishioners wished to bring guests who are not resident in any of the 3 Parishes a small charge may have to be made to cover non-parishioner costs.

The following taken from the 2019/2020 Electoral Roll:

Total number of households in Flyford Flavell (Number of residents 18+)	270	120
Total number of households in Grafton Flyford (Number of residents 18+)	99	46
Total number of households in Libbery (Number of residents 18+)	19	8

Total number of households in North Piddle (Number of residents 18+)	<u>98</u>	43	_____
TOTAL	<u>486</u>	<u>217</u>	

**** Ruth Edge is currently working on an estimate of the number of children under 16 in the 3 Parishes – thought to be around 100. If the Parish Council is to present a commemorative gift to each child under 16 this could be incorporated into the leaflet with a tear-off slip for parents to complete with name and age of child to whom a gift is to be made.**

It was agreed that the parish council would make a grant application to cover the cost of children's gifts, the two parties, a mural for the Flyford's Hall, the pond in Flyford Flavell and a suitable development for the village green.

In the meantime it was agreed that the parish council would underwrite expenditure to the amount of £1,700.

Proposed David Waide 2nd David Rhodes. All in agreement

18. Climate Change

This matter was deferred to the next meeting

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It was noted that some building work was taking place at the Old Post Office in Flyford Flavell. No one was aware of what the development might be.

It was agreed to review the payment made to the churches for maintenance of the church yards. This was deferred to next meeting to see whether there was any decision about the future of North Piddle Church before a figure was set.

Dates of Next Meetings:

22 nd March 2022	17 th January 2023
17 th May 2022	21 st March 2023
12 th July 2022	16 th May 2023
13 th September 2022	18 th July 2023
15 th November 2022	19 th September 2023
	21 st November 2023

Signed:

Date:

Actions Required By Councillors

1. Replacement councillor required for Flyford Flavell – FF Councillors
2. Liaison with Neighbourhood Watch – David Rhodes
3. Website updates – Sadie offered to rewrite the parish descriptions
4. Village Green working group to be convened – David Waide

5. Jubilee matters to be progressed – Sadie Densham