

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

**Minutes of the Meeting held at The Three Parishes Hall
on Tuesday 20th July 2021**

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

District and County Councillor Linda Robinson

Mark Broughton-Taylor attended as clerk

Apologies Apologies were received from Richard Davey

2. Declaration of Interest:

None

3. Public Participation:

None

4. Minutes of the 18th May 2021

Minutes of the ZOOM meetings held on 18th May 2021 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed: Sadie Densham Seconded: Ceri Bennett All in favour

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

No matters arising

6. Co-option of a new member for Flyford Flavell

Mr David Rhodes has been nominated for the vacant position for Flyford Flavell. David describes himself:

"I am 75 years old and lived in Surrey/South London for 70 years before moving to Flyford Flavell with my wife in 2015 as our 2 children relocated to Cheltenham and Bromsgrove with their families. Unfortunately my wife died in 2019.

I retired 20 years ago after working for GPO/ Royal Mail for 40 years. When I retired I was Area Manager Central London in charge of Mail services in the city and much of the west end. I was also a media spokesman for Royal Mail in London over a number of years.

I chaired several large Sports Clubs over many years only giving up the last position 2 years ago.

After my wife died, I considered moving but I like the area and the people and so I am looking to get more involved locally.

On the down side I am partially sighted which means I can't drive."

A ballot was taken of existing members and Mr Rhodes was unanimously co-opted to serve to the dissolution of the council.

7. Local Police Officer and Community Support Officer:

It was noted that the local police were reporting via 'The Local Beat' newsletter and individual councillors were encouraged to sign up for their email copy.

There was no further report.

Jane Hand has now distributed the Neighbourhood Watch stickers to everyone in Flyford Flavell and had returned the remainder to the clerk. Various bin stickers and a form to sign up to Neighbourhood Watch are now available and councillors were encouraged to take them away for distribution on North Piddle, Grafton and Libbery.

8. Website and Facebook Page

There had been slow progress concerning updating of the website. The clerk was asked to speak to the webmaster about the poor progress.

The Facebook Page is updated about once a fortnight.

9. District and County Councillors

The following report had been received from Linda Robinson

Flyford's Parish Council meeting 13th July

County & District Councillor's report from Linda Robinson:

So nice to be back with you all in person and to see all the great progress on the hall. I am still busy trying to adjust to my new County role and have attended even more inductions and training meetings. As I am sure you can imagine there is a lot of information to process. Whilst there are advantages to this all being done remotely; it is harder to put names to faces that you have not had the opportunity to meet in person. Live meetings are now taking place at County Hall but with strict Covid precautions in place. I am now in regular conversation with Barry Barnes. He has explained in detail his role as my Highways liaison officer which is very useful. I suspect he will be my most used officer contact across our Division and look forward to working with him on highways issues on your behalf.

I would like to share with you a wonderful opportunity for any one from the Flyford's that might like to volunteer to help at the Commonwealth Games which are being held in Birmingham next year.

Please visit www.birmingham2022.com/get.involved/volunteering for more details.

County are very good in communicating latest COVID statistics with members and I will share some of them with you as part of my report.

The vaccination take up continues to be good with appointments now being made for the over 18's. In reaction to a surge in cases and in order to get as many people vaccinated as possible there are now 'walk in' centres where no appointment is necessary in Worcester & Bromsgrove. In Worcestershire 421,680 have received their first dose which equates to 83% Of over 18's and 64% have had both doses. Now we are hearing that it

is likely there will be a third rollout of a booster injection in September to coincide with the annual flu jab. Priority will start with the over 70's and the clinically vulnerable. Confirmed cases of coronavirus in Worcestershire have increased by 117% in the last seven days. In that period there have been 1,409 new cases. There are now 89 cases per 100,000 in Wychavon but only 17 of those are in the over 60 age group presumably an indication of the success of the vaccine rollout. As of July 1st. 3,422 staff and pupils are in self-isolation from schools in Worcestershire which is affecting 40% of our schools. Nunnery Wood High school in Worcester was completely closed today as a result of 19 new positive tests yesterday.

The NHS has warned that hospital waiting lists could more than double from 5.3m to 13m in England this summer if cases continue to rise at the current rate.

Government has indicated that the compulsory wearing of masks and social distancing measures will become optional from July 19th. The wearing of face masks will be encouraged in crowded places and on public transport. Isolation measures will no longer apply to those who have proof of having been double vaccinated nor will quarantine restrictions apply to them on return from certain foreign destinations not on the red list if they have proof of a negative test before and after travel.

There will be a gradual return to work over the summer. However, it is stressed that the Pandemic is not over and life will not be as it was before. We should all consider the risks and act accordingly whilst making use of the covid pass.

The advice remains to not drop your guard and continue to practice 'hands, space and fresh air' at all times.

As of last week at least 2.7m people in the U.K. had downloaded the new NHS app (covid pass) which is separate from the Test & Trace one and allows users to share their vaccination status when travelling internationally or attending large events in the UK such as Wimbledon or Euro 2020 games. A huge bonus from the surge in downloads is that it has triggered a rise in numbers registering for organ donation. 51,000 donor preferences have been added in the last four weeks which is five times more than in April.

Finally, some interesting national travel stats that I came across

On trains passenger levels have fallen to 22% of pre covid levels whilst

Bus travel is currently at 21% and traffic volume is at 90%

n.b. Please refer to this link for details of major road works in Pershore and Pinvin over the next few weeks which could affect your travel plans.

[Closures ahead as roadworks revealed for busy Pershore road | The Evesham Observer](#)

For noting my new County e mail address is LRobinson2@worcestershire.gov.uk

In addition to the above Cllr Robinson reported there was a government imposed review of rubbish collection for local authorities. Further information will be available in due course.

The SWDP has been delayed due to transport and infrastructure reviews and is unlikely to be out for consultation this year.

Complaints had been made about tyre noise from the new road surfaces that had recently been laid but Highways had given assurances that things will settle down in due course.

Councillors had noted that there seemed to be some problems with the tarmac not setting. This could be due to the recent hot weather but it was suggested that if more such weather was to be expected then the specification of the tarmac needed to be changed. This to be referred to Barry Barnes.

Concern was again raised about parking in Flyford Flavell at school times. Cllr Robinson will make enquires about the best department to deal with this.

Cllr Robinson also stated that she was keen to push the transport plan forward, particularly in respect to the A422.

10. Flyford Green

The order has now been placed for the play equipment and the installation was due to commence in mid August.

Ceri was investigating with other councillor whether some form of warning signs were required.

The clerk reported that our present insurance covered play equipment and public liability but it required the equipment to be inspected once a week. Further consideration will be given to this matter by the working group.

The chairman referred to the notes of the working group meeting held on 8th June and updated councillors on the provisions agreed.

The amendments were approved by council
 Proposed David Waide Seconded Sadie Densham All agreed

The clerk reported that the sign was now in manufacture and was expected in September. It was agreed that it should be mounted on a simple pole without a plinth.

An official opening of the green would be organised in due course. Matter to be discussed at the next meeting

Flyford Pond

Solicitors had now been instructed concerning possession of the pond.

11. Notice Boards

It was agreed that the notice boards should be repurposed with generic information about the council and some general information about the local area such as a footpath map. The clerk and footpaths officer to work on this in due course. It was advised that Mike and Leena Sheppard should be consulted about this as the Flyford Flavell board is on their property.

Proposed David Waide Seconded Andrew Short All in agreement

12. Three Parishes Hall

Work had continued on the Three Parishes Hall and the kitchen was now complete and the garden was starting to come together. A grant has been received to instal live streaming equipment and it was agreed that once this had been installed parish council meetings would be broadcast again.

The official opening of the hall had been set for 25th September 2021.

13. Planning Matters

To record approvals

Land at Alcester Road
Flyford Flavell

21/00959/FUL

Change of use of land for the keeping of horses, formation of a menage and the erection of stables.

Forest View
Grafton Flyford

21/00205/FUL

Replacement dwelling

As a matter of information

Church Farm
North Piddle

Possible use of land as a campsite

It was reported that there were plans to set up a 'Pop UP' campsite in North Piddle. There was some confusion about where this would be as it is advertised on two websites but locals had been given differing information. Some concern was felt by neighbours and this had been referred to the clerk.

It was reported that The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, Schedule 2, with additional 28 days right added in 2020 allows for pop up camp sites on agricultural land for a maximum of 28 days in a year. This has been extended to help rural areas recover from the pandemic to 56 days until the end of December 2021.

A licence would be required if there was continuous use for 42 days or more. The clerk had asked Wychavon Planning Department for further advice but this had not been forthcoming.

The council agreed to monitor the situation.

14. Highways/Footpaths

The following report had been received from our Footpaths Officer:

Parish Path Warden's Report for Flyford Flavell, Grafton Flyford and North Piddle Parish Council

Having volunteered for the role of Parish Paths Warden over a year ago, I eventually had the opportunity to undertake the online training in April of this year. This was then followed by the practical training session in May, when I took the opportunity to demonstrate a few of the reported problems in our parish to the county footpaths officer. There are a total of 26 miles of footpaths in our parish, but this is a tiny proportion of the total footpaths in the County. The post of Enforcement Officer for the County is currently vacant, and I am advised that it is unlikely that there will be a resolution to long standing

reported problems such as the blocked entrance to footpath FF505C opposite the school on Radford Road in Flyford Flavell.

The role of the Parish Paths Warden (PPW) is quite limited, with the main responsibility being the waymarking of footpaths and clearing vegetation where it impairs access to the footpaths. I have begun these tasks on the paths close to home in Flyford Flavell and North Piddle, and will start to address the rest of the parish in coming weeks. The PPW role is on behalf of the County Council, and as a guide their expectation is that the role might occupy one day a month.

The role also involves reporting, and possibly assessing, any reported problems, although all members of the public are encouraged to report any problems through the Public Rights of Way interactive map available at <https://gis.worcestershire.gov.uk/website/Countryside>.

There are currently 62 reported problems across the parish. 13 are in Flyford Flavell, 11 in North Piddle and 38 in Grafton Flyford. Over a quarter of reported problems relate to stiles, and it is worth explaining how these problems may be addressed. Stiles belong to, and are the responsibility of, the land owner. Some landowners may maintain and update stiles on public footpaths without any input from the council. However once problems are reported these could be addressed in one of 4 ways:

- a) The landowner sources and installs a new stile, or preferably a gate. The Council provides an approved gate or stile which the land owner undertakes to install
- b) The Council provides an approved gate or stile and with the land owners permission a team of volunteers installs them
- c) With the land owners permission the job of repairing or updating a stile crossing is out sourced to contractors

On 5th July I was able to join a volunteer working party to tackle two longstanding reported problems with stiles and ditch crossings on pathway NP530. After a productive day in fine weather both have been addressed, although the gate to enter the new ditch crossing at Grid Ref 972547 is awaiting installation by the farmer Mr Gladwin.

Although the weather is currently warm and dry, the problem with surface drainage for the narrow entry to footpath FF511C off Church Lane will return. As this footpath does not exactly follow the definitive map, the council will not undertake the work to improve the drainage. However there are local volunteers, including myself, willing to undertake the work. The parish council undertook to identify a possible source of the required material to surface the short section of footpath and I await further information.

Over the next few weeks I will walk all of the less familiar footpaths and update the waymarking. In order to address more complicated problems the most important information initially is to identify the land owner. Therefore if there is a repository of local information regarding the owners of land in the parish it would be excellent to have access to this.

Andrew Short, Parish Paths Warden, Tuesday 20th July 2021.

15. Treasurer's Report:

Present Balances

Balances

Deposit Acc.	£34,772.08
Current Acc.	£5,152.05

TOTAL	£39,924.13
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General Fund	£12,161.88
Appeal Fund	£1,570.00
Grafton Society	£1,500.00
Village Green	£15,587.09

16. AOB

It was asked if the matter of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee could be discussed at the next meeting.

17. Dates of Next Meetings:

14th September 2021

Signed:

Date:

Notes of Flyford Green Working Group Meeting 8-6-21

Attendees. Ceri Bennett, David Rhodes, David Waide, Jenny Fazliu, John East, Lizzy Meikle, Malcolm Jones, Ruth Edge

Play Equipment

David W advised the order had been placed today with installation likely in August. Members of the working group to be invited to a site meeting in a few weeks with the contactor, to confirm the exact locations for the equipment. [Lizzy has marker spray.]

Ceri to obtain a copy of a potential sign to advise play equipment use at users own risk.

David W to check on the PC's public liability insurance, particularly ref unsupervised use by children.

Annual formal safety inspection to be arranged through the PC by a certified inspector. Inspection info from Inkberrow and Bishampton provided by Ceri. 3 Monthly general inspection to be carried out between Ceri and David R. Users to be asked to report any concerns either to a working group or PC member.

Landscaping

The group was happy with the agreed tree planting as of July 2020. In addition the group propose that the strapping around the trunks is slacked on the existing trees. The dead tree by the gas tank should be replaced, and the other trees checked for problems.

The group agreed to progress the original shrub planting. The shrubs to be planted as the original layout, plus the rocks to be removed and a belt of shrubs planted around the gas tank area. The shrubs to be proposed by the landscapers to a) suit the soil, b) not grow more than 1 metre high in 10 years, c) not have poisonous berries or sharp thorns, d) the shrubs planted opposite No 1 Flyford Green to be tolerant of waterlogged ground during wet spells, e) the majority of the shrubs to be on the list approved by Natural Networks. Grafton Nurseries to be asked to view the proposed shrubs to confirm suitability, ref their previous offer. Wychavon Parks department also to be approached for advice on proposed shrubs.

The group supported the originally proposed wildflower planting. It is proposed that the gardening group are asked by Ruth if they are happy to scarify the existing grass and spread the wildflower seed supplied by Meadfleet, [currently with Bridget.] It was proposed that additional wildflower seed is obtained based on advice from Malcolm. It was proposed to obtain marker pegs and coloured string to use to mark the wildflower area when it should not be mown. N.B. It will take years to establish a really good wildflower area.

The group would like a wooden picnic table to be located adjacent to the community garden.

Bug Hotel

Meadfleet have offered to provide materials. Ruth to liase with David R and Malcolm to arrange construction. Jenny to engage with the school. David W can supply the following materials:- old pallets, wood strips, roofing tiles, bricks, logs, pine cones, hollow stems, roofing felt, some planks of wood.

Other The PC had previously approved buying a generator if required. David W may be able to supply tree trunks to play on via Rob Barclay.