

Chairman's Report 2021-22

We have dealt with 9 planning applications in the past year. Seven were supported by the Parish Council, and two were opposed. Of the opposed applications, one was approved by Wychavon, and one has been withdrawn.

The South Worcestershire Development Plan has been delayed due to a government request to add 14,000 houses between 2030 and 2041. We are awaiting revised timing.

National planning changes are still being considered with new ideas to improve local consultation and incorporation with the Government's "Levelling Up" agenda.

All the building work has been completed at the Flyfords Hall and the garden landscaped. It all looks very good. The audio-visual and Zoom equipment has also been installed and is fully operational.

More planting has taken place in and around the raised beds on the village green, and looks very lovely. A wildflower area has been created and sown. With the right mowing regime this will continue to develop over the next years. The play equipment has been installed and is being used daily by the local children. The further agreed mature trees and planting has not yet been implemented due to difficulty in obtaining the necessary updated quotes. This is still in progress. A "Bug Hotel" has been constructed and installed on the Green with input from the local school. The permanent Christmas tree unfortunately died and has been removed. A temporary tree was funded by the PC last Christmas. The Village sign has been delivered and installed on the Green opposite the Boot. A further waste bin is awaiting delivery and installation on the Green.

An investigation is still in progress regarding Flyford Pond, including the possibility of bringing it into community ownership, and carrying out some improvements.

We have continued the Lengthsman scheme.

Our Transport and Highways plan has been approved and adopted. The County Council have started implementing some safety improvements on the A422. These are mainly additional signage and road markers. We are still trying to arrange a meeting with the County to discuss our Transport and Highways plan and A422 improvements, including footways and a possible cycle way. We have agreed to replace the existing Speed activated sign and Linda Robinson has kindly agreed to fund an additional sign.

We have implemented major changes to our website to make it clearer and more user friendly. We have also set up an input to the Flyford Facebook to help improve communication from the PC.

Andrew Short is doing very good work as our Footpaths Officer including helping to spread a few tons of tarmac chippings to improve a “mud bath” off Church lane.

The neighbourhood watch scheme is working well in Flyford. It is intended to revisit “Smartwater” property marking to further improve our security. This will require support from a majority of residents.

Potential compensation was explored by Mark over the delayed broadband provision. This has been stopped as it seemed very unlikely we would succeed without an expensive court case.

A parishioner volunteered and undertook First Responder training, however they then stepped down after health service difficulties in making a formal First Responder appointment.

Sadie Densham has been leading on the Queen's Jubilee celebrations for the Parish Council. We have agreed to fund one village party on Flyford Green and another at the Flyfords Hall. We are also giving commemorative mugs to all the children in the parish and have bought a quantity of trees as part of the "Queen's Canopy." These to be planted on the Village Green along the Radford road hedge and at the Flyfords hall. Spare trees will be offered free to parishioners.

Ceri Bennett has resigned due to time pressure, having done excellent work particularly on the website and Facebook link. I am very pleased to welcome David Rhodes who is giving excellent support, leading the play equipment inspections and being a focal point for the village green. We are still 2 councillors below a full complement and looking for interested parishioners to put themselves forward.

I would like to conclude by thanking all our councillors for their valuable contributions and input, and Linda Robinson for her strong support at County and Wychavon. Particular thanks are due to our Clerk, Mark for his continued excellent service, including regular councillor briefings.

David Waide

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