



FLITCHAM with APPLETON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

August 2026

Parish Council Report

We started our meeting, on July 6th, with a minute's silence as a mark of respect for Roger Young which gave us a chance to reflect on all his achievements during his long tenure on the Council. Roger remained, always, a helpful source of information and supporter of the Council.

Having considered the issue carefully, the Council has decided not to adopt the telephone kiosk. The terms of the contract have the potential to leave us open to future expense and liability which we cannot justify. As it is a listed structure, BT cannot remove the kiosk so it will still be a central visual feature of the village.

Dog etiquette in and around the village was discussed (see separate item); the dog bins will soon be readjusted by the Council so they are straight and at the correct height and we continue to urge all dog owners in the village to clean up after their dogs and, in particular, to be mindful of their pet's whereabouts at all times.

We will also be asking the Highways team to revisit the village and attend to overgrown verges and paths.

Date of next meeting: Monday 7th September 7.30pm at the Community Centre.

Dog Bins

The Parish Council would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to one of our wonderful local businesses for their generous support. Liz and Sarah, owners of Pooch's, kindly approached us with an offer to sponsor the village dog waste bins. They have provided new stickers for the bins and are also contributing towards the cost of emptying them.

We are extremely grateful for their community spirit and support in helping to keep our village clean and welcoming for everyone.

If you have a dog, or if friends or family members do, please do pay a visit to Pooch's at Flitcham Barns where, they tell us, they offer "a fantastic range of healthy dog treats, all lovingly made on site".



From Flitcham Parish Council

Dog 'Etiquette' for Flitcham

One of the most frequent matters raised at Parish Council meetings is complaints about dog fouling. A few irresponsible dog owners appear to think it is acceptable to not clear up after their animals – or worse they do clear it up and then throw the whole package in a bush – creating a litter problem as well.

Not only is dog mess horrible to step in – it also potentially spreads disease to other animals and humans. Toxocariasis, a disease which can lead to blindness in humans, is said to be becoming more common in Europe and is generally contracted by contact with dog, cat or fox faeces.

The Parish Council have provided three dog bins within the Parish situated at the far end of Abbey Road next to the grit bin, the car park in Abbey Road and the footpath next to the church. However, bins are expensive to buy, there is an ongoing cost of emptying them – three bins in a Parish as small as Flitcham is a very high 'percentage' compared to larger communities, although Pooch's have kindly sponsored our bins this year.

Many people feel we shouldn't need to provide dog bins with public funds at all. If you own a dog – clean up responsibly. The Parish Council promote the following 'dog etiquette' in the village.

1. Always take bags (preferably biodegradable ones) when taking your dog out – and always clean up.
2. Use the bins or dispose of dog mess responsibly at home.
3. Always have your dog under control – and if your dog is difficult to control under any circumstances – keep it on a lead.
4. Never let your dog off the lead and allow live stock to be worried.
5. Ensure your dog does not run out from its garden to hassle passing members of the public.

Many people love dogs and enjoy owning them – but dog owners – please remember that many people don't own dogs and may even be apprehensive of them. Please consider other people.

Thank you, from Flitcham Parish Council



August 23rd Family Service 11.00 am

Note: there are no evening services during August

Flitcham Social Club

AUGUST EVENTS

- Saturday 1st Meal Night
- Wednesday 5th Acoustic Night
- Thursday 6th Darts AGM
- Saturday 8th Coffee Morning 10-12
- Tuesday 11th. Bingo
- Thursday 13th. Wolf Folk Club
- Friday 14th. Poker Night
- Sunday 16th Car Boot 9am at Community Centre £5 per pitch**
- Saturday 22nd. Coffee Morning 10-12
- Thursday 27th Wolf Folk Club
- Friday 28th Poker Night
- Sunday 30th. Summer Fête**

SUMMER FETE

SUNDAY

AUGUST 30TH

At the
Community Centre
from 1 pm

Family Fun and Games

Live Music

Bar – Barbecue

Stalls – Raffle

and

Fun for Everyone

Flitcham's Housing Heritage

Part VIII

In Part 7 (May) of this series, I featured numbers 49 and 50 Abbey Road, a handsome pair of semis in traditional late gothic style with some elaborate decoration. They dated from 1924 but the next phase of house building, a mere seven years later, resulted in a complete change as the new 'modernism', permeating many aspects of life, was, it seems, enthusiastically embraced. Out went decorative embellishments and in came a functional, plainer (and almost certainly cheaper) more box like structure, much in keeping with the spirit of the age. Indeed the two pairs of bungalows in Abbey Road, built in 1931 and 1935 (numbers 54-57) were of such a familiar and conventional design that they could have been built 50 years later, as could the the social club next door (1937). Although George V had died the previous year it continued to reflect his commitment to his estate and his employees.



However, the change in building style was not consistent, as this picture of those built in 1932 shows.



While the design and appearance of this row of houses is undoubtedly plainer, it is reminiscent of the earlier Sandringham Style (to which I referred in Part 5) having brick quoins and window surrounds with stone infill, mainly carrstone, but flint here, as in the case of Inn House.

Before Essandem was built, the former New Inn was next door to these cottages which, although of a simpler design, are of very similar construction and appearance, quite unlike their contemporaries, and clearly intended to match. Queen Mary was impressed, according to an entry in her diary for August 13th, 1932 "...and back [from Anmer] by Flitcham to see the 3 new cottages G is building - which will look well when finished in October." However, and as long as most people can remember, this was (and is) only two houses, numbers 29 and 31. Esther, who lives in 31, told me that there clearly were three originally as there are traces of the middle staircase in her house.

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(I am indebted to Ann Beasley for the quotation from Queen Mary's diary)

You may send in material at any time via my letterbox at Beech House, Abbey Road or email terry.allen2@pm.me - and you can phone on 600119. However it must reach me by the 16th of the month to appear in the following month's edition.

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