

**Pebworth Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council**  
 Held at the Pebworth Village Hall at 7:00 pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

**Present:** Cllrs. Denise Meynell Richard Weller, David Cranage & John Hyde

**In attendance:** John Stedman (Clerk) and one member of the public

**164) Apologies were agreed from:** Cllrs, Simon Shiers, Pam Veal, James Pearson and Cllr Alastair Adams

**Chairman:** in the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Richard Weller chaired the meeting.

**165) Disclosures of Interests:**

- a) Members were reminded of the need to keep their register of interests updated.
- b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in Items on the agenda and their nature.
- c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.  
 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests & Other Disclosable Interests – **None declared**

**166) Open Forum:**

Summary of matter raised:

- A request was made to add further wooden bollards at the bottom of Front Street as further verge damage has been caused – The Chairman confirmed this would be considered later in the meeting.
- Inconsiderate parking in Back Lane is a danger to road users as cars park on the bend where visibility is very restricted; the Chairman confirmed the problem would be brought to the attention of parishioners by an article in the Petrus Village News

**Ward Members Report:**

Cllr Alastair Adams was not in attendance and his report is appended to these minutes.

**167) Minutes:** The Council agreed the wording of the December ordinary meeting minutes and the Chairman signed them as a true record of the meeting.

**168) The Clerk's Progress Reports were noted.**

- a) SWDP consultation response returned to WDC on 7<sup>th</sup> December
- b) Hedgerow overhang on Long Marston Road reported to County Council – members reported some of the hedges have been cut back
- c) Confirmation received that the precept demand is lodged with WDC
- d) Streetlight #21 in Back Lane reported to Candela as faulty – on all day

**169) Planning Application:**

- a) **18/01618/RM** Miss E Woods Proposal: Reserved Matters application for Phase 1A residential development comprising of 16 dwellings relating to the outline permission W/13/00132/OU. AMENDED DESCRIPTION Location: Land Adjacent to, Sims Metals UK (South West) Limited, Long Marston, Pebworth  
 It was agreed that as the developer will be presenting the application amendments to Councillors on January 14<sup>th</sup> comments would be considered following the presentation

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- b) 17/01269/RM:** The Bird Group of Companies Proposal: Reserved Matters Application for Phases 2 to 5 inclusive comprising 364 dwellings, community building, landscaping and infrastructure. The Outline Planning Application Ref: W/13/00132 was accompanied by a full Environment Impact Assessment. Location: Sims Metals Uk (South West) Limited, Long Marston,  
It was agreed that as the developer will be presenting the application above (18/01618/RM) to Councillors, comments on this application would be considered following the presentation when further information can be obtained.

#### **170) Planning Other Matters:**

- a) 18/02468/FUL:** Pebworth Village Hall refurbishment works, WDC confirmed the application was not accepted as further information is required – the matter was noted and as the Village Hall architect has the matter in hand along with issues regarding the line of the PROW through the application site.
- b) Note:** A developer lead presentation to members for the Simms Metal site development is arranged with Persimmon Homes South Midlands on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

#### **171) Neighbourhood Development Plan:**

- a)** Members noted the report on the complete NDP being deposited with WDC on 5<sup>th</sup> December for the Regulation 15 consultation. The clerk confirmed the consultation notification is posted on all available websites and noticeboards
- b)** Members noted the payment request from Brodie Planning for the final payment of Stage 3: Pre-submission Publicity and Consultation and the first payment for Stage 4.

#### **172) Finance:**

- a) Payments:** Council approved the payments, receipts and balances as circulated by the Clerk and are appended to these minutes.
- b)** Council scrutinised and agreed the third quarterly bank reconciliation, income and expenditure reports, budget balances and account balances.
- c)** Confirmation of the internet banking bank account balances was checked and confirmed to be correct by Cllr Richard Weller
- d)** The clerk reported that the council's full year to date payments are posted on the council's website as required.
- e)** It was agreed the clerk should make an application for a Credit/Debit Card on the council bank account to enable goods to be purchased online.

#### **173) Community & Council Matters:**

- a) Flagpole:** Members considered further information for the proposal for a suitable publicly owned site for a flagpole which will be fully sponsored by a parishioner. The proposed site near the War Memorial on the Recreation Field is acceptable, the Clerk confirmed planning permission was not required. Council agreed in principal to the proposal and costs for various types of flagpole will be considered at the next meeting.

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### 174) Village Hall:

- a) **NHB:** the final round of public consultation is now complete, and the Village Hall Chairman will collate the response and finalise the application to WDC for the NHB legacy fund for £100k to support the Village Hall refurbishment project.

### 175) Recreation Field:

- a) Members considered rubber grass mats as a suitable base to install the donated Table Tennis table as a concrete base was considered to be problematical. Further consultation will take place with the sponsors to confirm their agreement.
- b) **Landscape:** The Clerk reported on the landscape works and confirmed the required hedge planting will take place this week, the final works to be completed in the spring
- c) **Hedge Planting:** Council considered a request from PIB and the Tree Warden to plant a selection of elder, crab apples, hazel and dog rose plants on the eastern boundary of the orchard site on the Recreation Field. It was agreed to request further information regarding the reason for the planting proposal and question the selection of plant varieties as elder and dog rose are considered unsuitable for the proposed site and should be exchanged for Cornus and Ligustrum varieties.

### 176) The Close:

- a) **Inspection:** The monthly safety inspection found no safety issues needing attention as the broken chain on the zip wire was removed and the equipment made safe
  - i) The replacement ladder rung on order from Timberplay was quoted to cost £42.00 for the replacement. It was agreed to investigate sourcing a replacement locally, Cllr John Hyde to make enquiries.
  - ii) The zip wire seat chain failed as a centre link was found to be broken, The Clerk suggested he may have a suitable replacement chain and would liaise with the Handyman to resolve the replacement as quickly as possible.
- b) **Funding:** The Clerk confirmed the ongoing administration for securing the sec 106 funding for the equipment from Eibe. An assurance was returned to WDC confirming the Parish Council has a sinking fund for the future replacement of the equipment paid for from the sec 106 funding. A final decision from the Executive Board is expected later in January.
- c) **Ash tree:** The Clerk reported the removal of the large Ash tree on The Close should be completed later this month.

### 177) Street Lighting:

- a) Faulty lights to be reported.
  - i) New streetlight in Back Lane #21 is on all day and reported to Candela under guarantee
- b) The Clerk reported Candela streetlight upgrade contract is scheduled to start week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> January.

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**178) Cemetery**

- a) The Handyman reported the brambles on the eastern boundary have been cut off and awaiting clearance from site when a skip is available.
- b) Council noted the purchase of plot 934 and two interments of ashes for T/L Geoff Watkins, all fees paid

**179) Highway Matters:**

- a) New highway matters to be reported.
  - i) All listed under the Lengthsman minute below

**180) Lengthsman/Handyman**

- a) New and outstanding Lengthsman or Handyman matters. –
  - i) Repairs to the damaged metal fencing at Town Pool – the damage requires a blacksmith to repair the fence panel and a suitable blacksmith's contact details will be forwarded to the Handyman by Cllr Richard Weller
  - ii) Cleaning and replacing the Perspex on the Youth Shelter – The Handyman reports re-painting is underway and the works will be completed by the end of the month
  - iii) Clear vegetation and debris from the ditch adjacent to The Close – the Handyman has requested a skip for the disposal of the extensive amount of debris and vegetation to be removed, Clerk to arrange a builders skip for Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January
  - iv) Check loose manhole covers on The Close boundary with the Village Hall – completed
  - v) Check and clear verge grips on Dorsington Road – done in December and ongoing checks will be made as tractors driving on verges cause them to be blocked
  - vi) The Give Way road sign at Ullington cross roads has been re-installed as it was very dislodged
  - vii) Install new wooden bollards at the bottom end of Front Street – Clerk to order the required amount confirmed by the Lengthsman
  - viii) Clear bushes on Back lane on the bend opposite Hill Crest and Conifers to improve highway visibility .
- Handyman Reports**
- b) A recurring accumulation of litter on the Village Hall car park – it was agreed to write to the Village Hall committee suggesting the car park gate is kept shut for a month or two to help prevent unauthorised use of the car park in the evening

**181) Public Rights of Way matters – None**

**182) Matters Raised by Members:** for consideration and or items for future agendas.

- a) No matters raised

**183) Confirmation of meeting dates:**

- a) Council confirmed the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council is scheduled for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 7.00 pm. at the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:28

**Chairman** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_.

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### Payments Authorised

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Gross Payment	Net Payment
1828	Brodie Planning Associates Ltd	NDP Contract payment	2,426.40	2,022.00
1829	Pebworth Village Hall	NDP meeting fees	40.00	40.00
1830	Worcester CALC	Clerks Training fee	20.00	20.00
1831	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	429.17	429.17
1832	John Hyde	Lengthsman Works	241.80	241.80
1832	John Hyde	Handyman Works	173.25	166.25
1833	J Stedman	Clerk's salary and expenses	***	***

### District Councillor & County Councillor report by Alastair Adams January 2019

I hope you had a great Christmas, and I wish you all a very prosperous New Year.

At this time of the year both District Council and County Council are looking at budgets for next year.

#### County Council Tax – Budget 2019/20

Councillor Simon Geraghty, the Leader of Worcestershire County Council, said:

*" An extra £14 million is proposed to be invested into adult social care whilst an additional £7.7 million is to be invested into children's social care next year. Spending on social care currently accounts for around 70 per cent of the Council's budget.*

*The Budget that we are proposing includes significant investments into adult social care and into improving the lives of the county's children and young people. We also intend to continue to support measures to grow the local economy, improve our infrastructure to tackle congestion and redesign this organisation to ensure that we live within our means.*

*In 2019/20 £50 million of capital investment will be made available for projects to support economic growth, infrastructure / regeneration and organisational transformation. This is in addition to funds already allocated to maintaining the county's roads and bridges, reducing congestion and delivering improvements for cyclists and pedestrians.*

*It is proposed that Council Tax will be increased by 2.99% to support the general budget and by 1% ring fenced for Adult Social Care.*

*The increase is the equivalent to 93p per week extra on a Band D property. "*

#### District Council Tax – Budget 2019/20

The District Council is looking to increase their portion of council tax by a maximum of 2%, but there are discussions going on to have a zero increase.

#### New Bin lorries

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The new waste collection service with all new lorries and improved recycling is in its 3<sup>rd</sup> month, and progress is good.

The confirmed weights for the materials collected during October were 0.66 tonnes of textiles and 0.502 tonnes of batteries.

To put the numbers into some sort of perspective, 0.502 tonnes of batteries is approximately 21,000 AA batteries, which is a significant amount after just two weeks. We will keep you updated on these collections in future round-ups.

For more information about the new waste collection service and what new items you can recycle, please see the website, <https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/refuse> You can also click on the “Bin collection calendar “ and then enter in your post code to find out what days your bins will be collected.

### **Perrie Drive - Honeybourne**

I spoke at the Planning Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> December to oppose the proposed building of 6 new houses on the open green space at the end of Perrie Drive, Honeybourne. The planning committee agreed with us that the loss of the open space was detrimental to the community and refused the planning application.

### **Improvements to the village hall**

The good news is Wychavon District Council last month agreed to allocate £57,964 of New Homes Bonus to our village hall for improvements. On top of this the village hall committee has applied to Wychavon for an additional £100,000 from its Legacy Fund. So keep your fingers crossed that we get that too! This could be a late but great Christmas present to the village!

### **Highways:**

Worcestershire County Council’s winter season has started and gritting becomes the main task for Highways.

1. **Water on Buckle Street just before junction with Sheenhill Rd near Fairview Trading** –Further to my report last month, Highway engineers have confirmed works will start in building the concrete spillways through the verge to divert the water off the road very soon.
2. **Higher kerbs at the junction of Back Lane and School Lane** – programmed to be done but no date set.
3. **Cracks on the pavement along Chapel Rd, and Front Street** – these will be “Joint Sealed” in the next few months

As always, if you have any issues on any Highways matters, please report it on the WCC website [http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/98/report\\_it](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/98/report_it)

Also remember a photo of the Highways problem is as good as “a thousand words” so always take a photo where possible.

### **Divisional Fund**

If you run a local Community organisation and need a grant for some vital equipment or service, then please feel free to apply for one from the Divisional Fund by contacting me at [adams.pebworth@gmail.com](mailto:adams.pebworth@gmail.com)

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