

# PENSAX PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Pensax Annual Parish Meeting held in Pensax Village Hall at 7.00pm on Monday 20th May 2019

**Present:** Cllr Keron (Chairman), Cllr Weston, Cllr Hingley, Cllr Sanders, Clerk to Pensax Parish Council  
7 Members of the Public, District Cllr Paul Cumming, County Cllr Ken Pollock, CSO Vanessa Snape

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Rudd
2. **Minutes** of Annual Parish Meeting held on 21st May 2018 were circulated. The minutes were agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
3. **County Cllrs report** – Cllr Pollock gave a brief report. The full report was circulated at meeting and a summary will be noted at end of May Parish Council minutes. Resident asked about another bridge as Holt Bridge is so congested. Cllr Pollock stated it would need thousands of houses to be built to generate the income to do a build. He hoped the work at Worcester would help relieve congestion for Holt.
4. **District Cllrs report** – Report given and is noted at end of Parish Council minutes.
5. **Police Report** – Report given at meeting; full report attached to these minutes. CSO suggested residents formed WhatsApp groups in area adding Police in as it is the faster way to get information out. Items of value can be registered on Immobilize.com for free, if stolen and found they can be returned to owner.
6. **Chairman's Report** – Chairman gave a brief report. The full report was circulated at meeting and is attached to these minutes.
7. **Pensax Village Hall** – No report had been sent from Trustees. Thrift Shop are now contributing more to ensure the hall can remain open for the foreseeable future.
8. **Speeding issues B4202** – Vehicle Activated Sign should be on a rota for Snead Common, Clerk is working to ensure the sign is put up. Roundels have been suggested by WCC but costs are high and after consultation with residents there was little support for taking action.
9. **Pensax Defibrillator** – Training will be arranged if residents want it. This has been emailed out and put in local magazine but little interest. Clerk will advertise again.
10. **BT Box refurbishment** – Work to paint the exterior of BT Box is nearing completion. Work to clean inside will be done by Cllrs. A resident living near the BT Box was concerned of future use in case it created people loitering in the area. This has not happened at other sites, residents attending the meeting felt it would not be an issue. It was agreed a swap type facility could be made for books, plants etc, information boards could be installed. The siting of a Defibrillator was also well received.
11. **Issues raised tonight** –  
Speed of traffic along Penn Hall Lane was brought to attention of County Cllr. Could horse signs be put up, a copy of suggested sign was presented to meeting by resident. Sign needed Pensax end of Penn Hall Lane and before Ladyfields. Clerk to look into.  
Resident commented on the tidy state of War Memorial by Bell. Clerk will inform contractor and thank him.  
Resident thanked the Cllrs and Clerk for work done over last twelve months.  
Broadband speeds – improvements are ongoing, Clerk will email some details out but asked residents to look on WCC website, by entering postcode residents can see what is happening in their area.
12. **Chairman thanked everyone for coming and meeting closed at 8.40pm.**

Signed----- Date      17<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
Chairman

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### **POLICE REPORT CSO VANESSA SNAPE - 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019.**

The Parish have seen its fair share of crime over the last year, with shed break ins and thefts. A number of calls regarding suspicious vehicles were received which is always invaluable to the Police.

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### **What Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) have done –**

Carried out a number of covert operations in the 'wee hours' in an attempt to disrupt/stop Rural Crime Ongoing

**Carried out a number of Property Marking Events** - Residential, Business and farming communities.

**Utilized Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)** - this is working very well and helps police a lot (thank you everyone)

Patrols

**What can be done** - Overtly mark equipment in shed, padlock with an audible padlock alarm, and have sensors inside the sheds which alert the owner to any unwanted presence.

**Mark items of value in homes with Smartwater** – available online direct sale OR by the Smartwater initiative (65% of the Parish take up Smartwater and receive a bulk discount purchase price)

List belongings on immobilise.com

**Use/set up WhatsApp groups** – group chats are instant (add SNT)

Call or text SNT on mobiles (if we are not on duty please listen to the message)

**SNT Offer Basic Security advice** - homes sheds, cars

**Property marking events** – on offer throughout the Teme Valley Stop that Thief –

**Security advice** from an accredited professional technician endorsed by the NFU,

If anyone wishes to use this service please call one of the team

**To reach the Team**

**Call landline to leave message for the team 01905 725780 Email –**

**mt.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk CSO Ness Snape – 07814 040 307**

**CSO Teresa Howells-Brown 07814 041 496**

**PC Chris Lea 07773 050 598**

**Call 101 to report non urgent incidents**

Cre Mark available from Cre Products online Smartwater initiative – a presentation is available from Mike Simpson (West Mercia Police) for more details.

If you would like more information contact Ness

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### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

**Introduction** - I am pleased to present my Chair's Report for the year to 20th May 2019. The Council offers its thanks to Councillors Jo Hingley and Rob Greedy who both resigned as Councillors due to personal reasons. I therefore note that we have vacancies for two Councillors which could be filled by co-option.

**Planning Matters** - An appeal has been lodged in respect of the enforcement notice to remove a caravan from Ridding Coppice. The decision from the Planning Inspectorate is awaited. The Solar Farm at Stockton was granted Planning Permission by the Planning Inspectorate on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2017 and, in the absence of any High Court Challenge to that decision, construction is due to commence prior to 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

**Defibrillator** - The Council is pleased to report that the defibrillator installed in the village hall has not yet been used.

**BT telephone box in Menith Wood** - Many thanks to the volunteers who have painted the BT telephone box in Menith Wood. Suggestions for future use include a book swap / information point. Other suggestions are requested from parishioners.

**Traffic Speeds and Broadband** - The Council has continued to lobby for traffic speed enforcement on the B4202. Enhancements to the broadband service have been provided into the areas of the parish served by the Clows Top and Lindridge exchanges but areas connected to the Great Witley exchange continue to receive a poor service. The 4G mobile coverage to the parish continues to improve and now provides a viable alternative to copper wire based services

**Public Space Protection Order - Dog Fouling** - The Public Space Protection Order introduced by Malvern Hills District Council on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017 for a period of 3 years continues to provide an improvement of the cleanliness of highways, bridleways and public footpaths across the parish. The Council thanks dog walkers for their diligence and is pleased to report that no enforcement action has been reported

**Smartwater Initiative** - The Council has regretfully abandoned the initiative to make Smartwater available to parishioners. The Council was unable to justify the use of Council funds to support the initiative due to a lack of expressions of interest.

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**Pensax and Stockton Memorial** - A well-attended service to commemorate the centenary of Armistice Day was held at the memorial on 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018. The Council continues to maintain the memorial as an asset to the parish.

**Assets of Community Value** - The registration of The Cross Keys in Menith Wood as an Asset of Community Value expired on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Consideration is being given, in conjunction with Lindridge Parish Council, to seeking renewal of the registration. Comment from parishioners is requested.

The Bell Inn changed hands in late 2018 and the Council is pleased to note the improvements which have been made by the new owners to the dining room and the kitchen. The Council considers the pub to be a vital part of life within the parish.

**Village Hall** - The use of the hall has continued to decline. The only significant use of the hall is now the Thrift Shop which is in its 45<sup>th</sup> year of operation.

**Support from Clerk** - The Council is fortunate to have Mrs Sue Burrows as Clerk and would therefore express its thanks to Sue for her work.

**Alistair Keron Chairman of Pensax Parish Council**