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**The Minutes of the Meeting of Pendock Parish Council
held at Berrow and Pendock Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd October 2019**

Present: Cllrs. John Humphreys (Chair), Trevor Bell, Martin Embley, Simon Fellows, Sue Giles and Robin Williams.

In attendance: 2 members of the public and the Parish Clerk

A member of the public gave initial ideas for new housing in the Parish. No formal plans have been drawn up or submitted through the appropriate planning channels. Cllr. Fellows declared an interest.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr. John Davison
2. **Declaration of Interests:** All Councillors were reminded of their duty to keep their register of interests updated.
3. **Minutes:** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th July 2019 were approved and signed.
4. **Progress Reports:**
 - a. **M50 bridge works:** An exhibition was held in September by Kier and Highways England to provide an update on the progress of the bridge repairs and an explanation of why the work was needing to be done. The exhibition was not well attended. It was confirmed that the work is on target for single lane opening, with traffic light control, on the Queens Bridge by Christmas with the road being fully opened in March 2020. Pendock Sledge bridge will be closed from 21st October 2019 with 4 overnight closures followed by a full weekend closure and Bury Court bridge from 28th October 2019 with 4 overnight closures followed by a full weekend closure.

Wyndbrook Lane. Concerns that this road has been provided with signage by Kier and a speed camera van (to slow drivers down rather than to fine them) and that residents have put obstructions on the verges, so vehicles are unable to pass. The consensus being that this is a public highway and therefore vehicles should be allowed to use it unrestricted.

It was suggested that some of the correspondence referred to closures on the A438. This is to be monitored.

It was agreed that the communications from Highways England has improved.

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- b. **Litter / Dog Bins in the Parish.** The Clerk confirmed that she has written to Malvern Hills District Council to request that the emptying of the parish litter and dog bins is added to the collection rounds of the refuse collectors.
- c. **Speed issues in the Parish – Community Speedwatch.** The Clerk confirmed that she has written to the Community Speedwatch team to ascertain if the initiative is available in Worcestershire.

5. Finance Report:

The Council approved the following:

Pendock Parish Council Financials 2019/20

| <u>Details</u> | <u>Income</u> | <u>Expenditure</u> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Opening balance: 01/07/19 | | |
| Current account | £525.93 | |
| Investment account | £2,947.95 | |
| | <u>£3,473.88</u> | |
| Actuals | | |
| Interest | £0.25 | |
| Salary | | -£660.00 |
| Lengthsman | £354.00 | -£826.00 |
| Training | | -£60.00 |
| Election | | -£36.00 |
| Sub Total: | £354.25 | -£1,582.00 |
| Balance per banksheet: | | |
| Current account no. 96 | £673.93 | |
| Investment account no: 72 | £2,948.20 | |
| | £3,622.13 | |
| Outstanding Transactions: | | |
| Cheque number: 651 | | -£30.00 |
| Cheque number: 658 | | -£30.00 |
| Cheque number: 660 | | -£236.00 |
| Cheque number: 661 | | -£36.00 |
| Cheque number: 662 | | -£30.00 |
| Cheque number: 663 | | -£264.00 |

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| Cheque number: 664 | | -£66.00 |
| Cheque number: 665 | | -£118.00 |
| MHDC Precept | £950.00 | |
| Sub Total: | £950.00 | -£810.00 |
| Transfer* | £1,000.00 | -£1,000.00 |

Closing balance: 30/09/19

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| Current account: | £863.93 |
| Investment account: | £2,898.20 |
| | <u><u>£3,762.13</u></u> |

* Transfer from Investment account to Current account

6. Correspondence:

- a. **South Worcestershire Development Plan Briefing:** Cllrs. Humphreys and Fellowes to attend.
- b. **Parish Conference:** Cllr. Humphreys to attend.
- c. **Snow Contractors:** Cllr. Fellowes requested his details are passed on to the relevant team;
- d. **Pollination Sites:** The District Council is looking for sites that can be used as a pollinator site. Cllrs to let the Clerk know of any possible locations.
- e. **Planning Application Updates:** The following Planning Applications have been approved:
 - 19/01105/FUL – Underhills Farm;
 - 19/00828/HP – The Paddocks.

7. District/County Councillors Report: The District Councillor provided the following report:

- a. The Council is running an Empty Homes week from 24-29 September. Between April 2017 and August 2019 there have been 240 homes brought back into use. Empty homes can fall into disrepair or become magnets for anti-social behaviour and the Council is keen to see them being used to lessen the need to build new homes. Any homes that are thought to be left empty can be reported on 01386 565490;
- b. The District Council is also running a residents survey until October 6th. 2019. This can be accessed via the District Council website or MalvernHills.gov.uk/public-Notices-consultations
- c. The County Council has been running a knife amnesty in September.

8. Councillor's reports and items for future agenda:

- a. **Pendock Moors:** It was reported that the gate to the drainage access gate was open and the padlocked cut. Cllr. Humphreys agreed to look into it.

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- b. **Christmas Wreath Competition:** As a way of engaging the community, Cllr. Giles proposed a Christmas Wreath competition that residents of Pendock and Berrow can enter. Entrants sign up at the Pendock Shop and pay a nominal entry fee of £2. Any profits will be donated to the Air Ambulance. The Parish Council will provide a prize for the best wreath. The Proposal was agreed by the Parish Council. The Clerk to contact Berrow Parish Council for their agreement to the competition and to ask if they will also provide a prize.
- c. **Brookend:** It was reported that there had been a fire at Brookend that had burnt down the willow tree. It is the understanding of the Parish Council that as part of the Planning Approval, trees were protected. The Clerk to contact the Planning Enforcement Office.
- d. **Water Leaks:** There has been several water leaks in the Parish over the Summer. It was reported that Severn Trent has started the process of upgrading the pipes by contacting landowners for access. It is expected that it will still be 18 months before work starts.

9. Date of next Annual Parish Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th December 2019 at 7:30pm at Berrow and Pendock Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed
Chair

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