

# PEOPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7.30pm remotely via zoom

1. **Members and Officers present:** Cllrs Phillips (Chair), Mason, Bailey, Smith, Wall, Hennerley, CC Adams, DC Robinson. No members of the public attended
2. **Apologies:** None
3. **Declarations of Interest:**
  - a) Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
  - b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in terms on the agenda and their nature
  - c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature
  - d) Written requests for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) are to be with the clerk at least for clear days prior to a meeting

Councillors who have declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or an Other Disclosable Interest which falls within the terms of paragraph 12(4) (b) of the code of conduct, must leave the room for the relevant items.

### Public Question Time

The time allocated is at the discretion of the council/chairman. Residents are invited to give their views and question the parish council on issues on this agenda or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the chairman. Members of the public may not take part in the parish council meeting itself. This period is not part of the formal meeting; brief notes will be appended to the minutes as an aide memoire

4. **Co-Option of Councillors:** The resignation of Cllr Baxter was formally accepted, Clerk to advise the electoral officer to advertise the position. Five applications have already been received which will be considered for co-option at the September meeting unless an election is called
5. **Minutes:** The minutes of the Council meeting May 2020 were approved as correct with one amendment (page 2 village trust flooring cost was £1600 not £400 as stated)
6. **District Councillors reports:**
  - The County is moving from the lockdown to the recovery stage with cases of Covid in the County at its lowest since before lockdown. Totals of now 273 deaths from the disease in local hospitals and 207 in care homes within the district
  - Pleased with the ease and success of business grants that had gone out and also free parking extended in Wychavon until 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020. Thanks also given to the voluntary sector and the spirit shown within communities during the crisis
  - Many officers still working from home and meetings continuing remotely with minimal numbers back in the offices
  - Hardship funds are being spent helping those in need with council tax bills within the district
  - 75,700 people are quoted as being furloughed within the County
  - Jack Hegarty sadly retires as Chief Exec at Wychavon at the end of the month with Vic Allison replacing him
7. **County Councillors report:**
  - Here to help is still in operation but with much less demand
  - District and County Council are concerned of a possible second wave of the disease
  - Homeless strategy is still being supported to continue to keep many of the homeless off the streets and in accommodation ongoing
8. **Planning:** Nothing to consider
9. **Progress reports:**
  - a) Chairmans
    - Cllr Phillips attended the Calc AGM where it was discussed that the meetings with alternate between daytime and evening to be more inclusive of Clerks and Councillors. Noted that it was good to have a representative at the meeting and that the Clerk and one Councillor is invited to attend each meeting

# PEOPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

## b) Village Trust

- Meeting monthly and Sue Hill has been appointed as the new cleaner at the Hall
- Work starts on creating the new play area from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July
- Autumn show officially cancelled maybe a fete later in September as a fundraiser if possible

## c) Village shop

- £10,000 grant gratefully received from Wychavon which has helped purchase a new chiller and gives the shop some financial security
- Grant also received from the Post Office which enabled the purchase of new display units
- Trade is still good currently

## d) PACT

- Nothing to report

## e) Lengthsman

- With thanks to Mr Powell for cutting back the verge of Caves Corner
- A parishioner enquired on cutting back overgrowth within the village however not a public footpath where stated it belongs to Severn Trent and is accessible now

## f) Footpaths

- Bridle path from Wassells corner to Pinvin has all been cleared
- More dog poo signs have gone up to remind walkers to clean up

## g) Highways & Byways issues

- Sinking manhole cover previously flagged has 'not BT' sprayed on it and therefore still needs addressing- Clerk to follow up
- Cllr Bailey agreed to follow up on behalf of residents with the Housing Association regarding some large trees which are of some concern in the middle of the village
- Following correspondence from Mr Constanduros there is still a foul drainage smell which needs addressing, coming from the corner of Monks Way into the storm drain between the Shop and Monks Way. Clerk to follow up with an email to Mark Morris and copy in Cllr Adams and Barry Barnes.

## h) Flooding

- Cllr Wall reported back on a zoom meeting with BWB which was both positive and interesting. A desktop appraisal had been carried out regarding the current flood risk on the south side of the village. The second part uses ditches and data and will be reported back with zoom again at the end of July

## 10. Finance

### a) Update on the budget/ Bank balance as of June 2020

Treasurers Acc	£43,992.99
Business Instant Acc	£7,082.76

- b) The Peopleton Parish Council financial accounts 2019/2020 were approved as true and correct, they are currently being internally audited and will require the Chairman signature before submitting at the end of July. The Clerk was thanked for her work in getting the accounts ready.

# PEOPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

c) The following payment were approved for the Clerk to pay-

Lengthsman April	£60
Lengthsman May	£162
Lengthsman June	£168
Limebridge mowing May	£162.00
Limebridge mowing June	£162.00
Insurance renewal BHIB	£357.64
PATA Payroll	£12.75
Clerk salary	£398.84
Clerk expenses	£10.77
Zoom subscription (via TM)	£14.39
HFN (Playground)	£46,426.50

## 11. Village Bus services

- Clerk had contacted local Parish Councils to see if there was interest in working together for a joint bus service but lack of interest received in exploring
- Clerk had contacted Pershore Volunteer Centre for possible options but no response as yet-office possibly closed at present due to Covid
- Clerk contacted the Vale Transport Group who wrote to Alan Amos for possible solution
- Cllr Adams is also awaiting a response from Alan Amos regarding a possible solution
- It was agreed that a petition and visiting parishioners' door to door was not a safe option in the current situation and so this would be put on hold at present whilst awaiting a possible response from County Council

## 12. Additional dog waste bins

- In response to a parishioner request the viability of any additional dog waste bin at Monksway was discussed however it was agreed that the three in the village currently is sufficient and an additional one had already been purchased in the last 18 months. Clerk to reply to correspondence

## 13. Enforcement Update

- None to report

## 14. To set the date of the AGM and Annual Parish Meeting

- The Annual Parish Meeting will be held via zoom on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm followed by the Parish Council AGM. Everyone is welcome to attend and the zoom link will be circulated by website, social media, village shop and noticeboards

## 15. Correspondence for Information: None

## 16. Future agenda items and reports: Councillors may use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas

- September agenda to include arranging internet banking
- Co-option or a possible election if necessary also on September agenda
- Smartwater to be explored by the Clerk

# PEOPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

17. **Date of next meeting:** To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7.30pm

Signed .....

Dated.....

Future meetings

September	09/09/20
November	11/11/20
January	13/01/21
March	10/03/21

DRAFT