

PEOPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th November 2020 at 7.30pm remotely via zoom

1. **Members and Officers present:** Cllrs Mason (Chair), Phillips, Bailey, Smith, Wall, Hennerley, CC Adams, DC Robinson. Three 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. **Minutes:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting September 2020 were approved as correct with one amendment (8. Flood working Group: Cllr Wall to lead and all Cllrs to be involved)

5. District Councillors report:

As we entered into a second lockdown last Thursday Wychavon announced that they will re-introduce free parking in all their Council owned car parks until the 3rd January to help support local businesses over Christmas. A walk-in test centre for Coronavirus is to be set up imminently in the middle car park at the Wychavon civic centre site. Appointments will be required through the Gov.uk website under Testing for coronavirus. This facility is expected to stay in place for six months and will then be converted into a vaccine centre. Please see the attached link for more COVID-19 information.

There is an electoral boundary review meeting on Thursday 12th November at 6pm if anyone would like to attend and a Throckmorton strategic growth meeting to take place virtually and dates to be confirmed.

Please stay safe all of you and abide by the latest restrictions to keep others safe as well. The message 'Here to Help' still applies to your County & District Councils and do feel free to contact me directly should the need arise in these unprecedented times.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWYCHAVON/bulletins/2aa7dad>

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6. County Councillors report:

Cllr Adams reported how delighted he was with the demand led bus service that Peopleton had help organise and would love to see it continue after the trial period.

The A422 has been identified as a top priority road within the County for safety improvements and Jacobs are overseeing a consultation currently whereby local Parishes are involved, hopefully will see actions from December onwards.

COVID-19 is increasing within the County with an average of 206 cases per 100,000 people which is lower than the UK average of 241. Redditch currently highest in the County with 293 cases per 100,000 and Wychavon recorded as 159 (per 100,000).

The walk-in centre still requires an appointment to be made through the usual channels and Here to Help is still in operation six days a week for those that need it.

There is a focus on apprenticeship schemes currently with financial incentives for businesses to get young people into the workplace

The Lengthsman's work can still be continued this lockdown as long as it is agreed by The Parish Council and the Lengthsman.

Pinvin Crossroads is taking some time, but work continues and you may see lots of wires visible across roads by the Parkways Station collecting data.

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Cllr Bailey asked Cllr Adams if he could liaise with Highways to get a temporary road closure on Green Lane during the winter months to which he agreed to speak with Barry Barnes.

Cllr Smith also asked Cllr Adams to try and get an update on the drains within the village with issues on Main Street ongoing with foul affluent especially in the summer months and under the Cllr Smiths property there is a leak which needs repairing- Cllr Adams agreed to get an update.

7. Planning: The following applications were considered and no objections were raised

<u>20/01974/FUL</u>	Springfield Farm Peopleton Pershore WR10 2BF	Erection of B1 building for use as paint workshop and store together with erection of machinery storage lean-to	Pending decision
<u>20/02064/TPOA</u>	2 The Mill House Main Street Peopleton Pershore WR10 2EA	1. Large multi-stemmed poplar - carefully reduce sail area by approximately 5 metres. 2. Two willows - carefully reduce in height to approximately 7-8 metres above ground level, together with removing lower growth to create a pollard. Reason: Tree maintenance	Pending decision
<u>20/01930/CAN</u>	The Willows Main Street Peopleton Pershore WR10 2EE	Ash - Remove overhang and reduce height Reason: to create a more balanced tree	Pending decision

8. Progress reports:

- a) Chairman's
Cllr Mason informed of a Calc AGM on 30th November via Zoom he was hoping to attend along with Cllr Phillips. There is also a quarterly meeting of the Wychavon Area of CALC on 3rd December at 10am via zoom being held.
- b) Village Trust
Cllr Bailey stated some income had started to come in after the first lockdown but now very limited to what can be carried out in the village hall. The mouse racing has been re-booked for October 2021 and the street eats which visited last week is going to continue.
A number of working parties have been agreed within the play area, the official playpark opening has been delayed until spring 2021 however there is to be a soft opening in the coming weeks for Wychavon to publicise the grant spend.
Pershore junior football has re-booked during the season.
The Village Trust still meets regularly via zoom and at the last meeting the Chairman and Vice Chairman have been re-nominated
- c) Village shop
Trading has been increasing again since lockdown and 10/12/20 marks the village stores 10th Anniversary which will be celebrated with a prize draw- one prize being for the shop to pay for people to have a meal at The Crown pub.
- d) PACT
 - Nothing to report
- e) Lengthsman
Cllr Bailey spoke with Stephen Pike who is happy to continue working throughout the lockdown period
- f) Footpaths
One footpath by Mr Powell's land the gate was locked but now is obstructed and the bridlepath by Holgath is closed to horses due to a badger set, however people are still able to access on foot. Minutes November 2020

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g) Highways & Byways issues

Agreed with Cllr Adams that Green Lane requires a temporary road closure during the winter months. Manhole cover still has not been fixed- Clerk to chase Severn Trent
Rooftop has agreed action to the trees on Main Street and will be removing some low branches on the Horse Chestnut Tree and reducing the Lime Tree by half which has pleased local residents.
Cllr Mason met with Barry Barnes regarding the viability of making a small pull in for cars by the shop, but the work would prove too expensive currently.

h) Flooding

Cllr Wall requested the Clerk contact Wychavon for landowners addresses and to liaise with them regarding keeping ditches clear in the village with the possible onset of bad weather during the winter months this is essential to help prevent flooding.
Clerk to chase the environmental agency for flooding indicator board at the Mill
Clerk to contact Wychavon and BWB regarding the use of the weir within the village and its efficacy and whether removing the weir would lower flood levels.

9. Finance

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

Treasurers Account £53,709.61
Business Instant Account £7,472.15

b) The Peopleton Parish Council financial accounts 2019/2020 were completed for audit by PKF Littlejohn and available for anyone to view, Cllr Phillips thanked the Clerk for her efforts in completing this

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

Village Trust-Playground (authorised 21/09/20)	£960.00
Lengthsman September	£138.00
Limebridge Mowing September	£324.00
Limebridge Mowing October	£324.00
Clerks salary	£525.28
Clerks expenses	£31.41
Website hosting- Webstudio	£180.00
Volunteer Centre printing-TM	£41.40
Wychavon-Annual dog bin service charge	£90.97
PKF Littlejohn Annual Review	£360.00
Village Trust- Playground	£42,278.07

10. Village Bus services

It was agreed that the current service was working well and the majority of passengers using it were from Peopleton. The services are continuing to run throughout lockdown for essential shopping and appointments although the time spent within Worcester was being reduced due to there being less shops and amenities open currently. A zoom meeting is planned for the end of November to discuss the trial being extended and finances. Thanks were given to Cllr Adams for the initial financing of the project. Cllr Phillips suggested that the bus service may need to be accounted for in the 2021/2022 budget in January to which Cllr Mason agreed and said he would feed-back from discussions in November.

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11. New Homes bonus

There is £678 in funds remaining and a proposal was put forward to spend £600+vat (£720) on updating the lighting and facilities in the village hall. Parishioners were consulted and invited to present their views with a two-week deadline, and this was publicised on the noticeboard, website and within the shop. One parishioner gave feedback of spending the funds on new swings for the older children within the playpark- it was agreed to feed this suggestion back to the Village Trust for consideration. All Cllrs agreed to submit the NHB proposal to Wychavon to bid for the funds-Clerk to action.

12. Enforcement Update

Cllr Robinson reported a new track at Stone Arrow Farm and the landowner has 28 days to submit a planning application from when it was first noted by enforcement

13. Correspondence for Information:

Cllr Phillips had received correspondence from a resident that the pavement had sunken opposite Lower Norchard Farm by the Whitehouse, where there had also been an incident of a lady falling and injuring her arm. Clerk to contact Barry Barnes and Cllr Adams to follow up.

14. 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

- January agenda to include approving the budget for 2021/2022
- Smartwater presentation at the start of the January 2021 meeting

15. Date of next meeting: To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 13th January 2021 at 7.30pm

Signed

Dated.....

Future meetings

January	13/01/21
March	10/03/21
May	12/05/21
July	14/07/21

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Public Question Time

One parishioner thanked the Parish Council and Rooftop for planning the tree works on main Street, however the drainage issue on Main Street still remains unresolved.

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