

Pebworth Parish Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of the Parish Council held
At the Village Hall, Pebworth on Monday 13th June 2022

Present: Councillors: Richard Weller (Chairman), Simon Shiers, John Hyde & Sam Parkins

In attendance: District Councillor Havemann-Mart, County Councillor Adams, Mrs D Bowles (Clerk)

Also in attendance: 2 members of the public.

1.	Apologies Considered for Absence: Cllrs Cranage, Pearson & Meynell - accepted
2.	Register of Interests: Disclosures of Interests: Members were reminded of the need to keep their register of interests updated. Members were asked to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary or other Interests in items considered in virtual meetings and their nature. None declared
3.	Open Forum: The Chairman suspended the formal meeting for the Ward Members and public participation. a) 2 members of the public were in attendance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Query raised regarding the new VAS. Clerk explained it has arrived and the installation of the poles for this device is awaited. County Councillor Adams to investigate. - Cllr Hyde confirmed he has sprayed the weeds in the gutters. - Steps on Front St have now been completed; one of the bollards has been knocked. - Request Limebridge cut the grass around the parish around 8th July in readiness for judging for Heart of England in Bloom the following week. - The bin by the bus shelter on Broad Marston Road has still not been installed. District Councillor Havemann-Mart to investigate. The Chairman closed the open forum and reconvened the meeting at 19:20
4.	Ward Member's Report District Councillor Havemann-Mart reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He is supporting the Community Legacy Grant, attending meetings etc. - Residents from Meon Gardens have requested an increase to the size of the Parish Council. There are currently 7 seats, which can only be increased once the number of registered voters go over 900. The current number is 723. Once the 900 number is reached the process can then be commenced, if felt necessary, however this will take approximately one year. - Wychavon District Council has announced a delay to the local government boundary commission. District Councillor Havemann-Mart advised that Pebworth may move into a 2-member ward incorporating The Littletons and Offenham. - A bid of approximately £500,000 to the Heart of England Forest has been awarded and sites are currently being looked at. Query was raised where the monies will be spent. District Councillor Havemann-Mart to report back. County Councillor Adams talked through his report which is appended to the minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Head of School of Pebworth has requested zig-zag lines outside the school however Highways have recommended that this is not proceeded with; it will push the traffic further into the village causing more problems. They would like parents/carers to be encouraged to park at the village hall (once permission has been sought) and to then walk their children to/from school. He confirmed that a layby is a good idea although cost is a big issue. He has asked Barry Barnes, Highways to put together a quote. - County Councillor Adams asked for the Parish Council to find ways to support Pebworth School. - He confirmed that the gullies have been jetted along Broad Marston Rd. - He advised that the current '20 is plenty' campaign is a political campaign by The Green Party and is not something that will be policed, and this is not being supported by local villages.
5.	Acceptance of Minutes: a) The Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on Monday 9 th May at the Village Hall, Pebworth were considered and approved by the Council to be a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman. b) The Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9 th May at the Village Hall, Pebworth were considered and approved by the Council to be a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.
6.	Planning Matters:

	<p>a) 22/00024/CM – Proposed amendments to the operation of the existing scrap metal yard approved under planning permission Ref: 18/000048/CM, including amendments to the annual operational throughput of waste materials at Long Marston Works, Long Marston Road, Long Marston, near Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 8AQ. No comment.</p> <p>Considered:</p> <p>b) W/22/01066/FUL Location: Land Adj To Bramble Cottage, Dorsington Road, Dorsington, Pebworth Description of Proposal: Residential conversion of barn including replacement roof, to replace approved barn conversion.</p> <p>Decisions:</p> <p>c) W/22/00765/FUL Proposal: Extension to existing Cattery building for creation of additional 16 pens. Location: Low Furrow Cattery At, Lower Furrow Farm, Dorsington Road, Dorsington, Pebworth, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 8AP. Application Approved subject to conditions</p> <p>d) W/22/00548/HP – Proposal: Raising of roofline to create first floor accommodation Location: Charnwood, Back Lane, Pebworth, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 8XA. Application Approved subject to conditions</p>																														
7.	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a) Council noted the Clerk’s report on payments made since the last meeting.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>PAYMENT</th> <th>PAYEE</th> <th>DETAILS</th> <th>TOTAL</th> <th>VAT</th> <th>NET</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>Revolut Ltd</td> <td>Jubilee Insurance</td> <td>317.00</td> <td></td> <td>317.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>Westcotec Ltd</td> <td>VAS</td> <td>3150.00</td> <td>525.00</td> <td>2625.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>RoSPA Play Safety</td> <td>Play Inspections</td> <td>201.60</td> <td>33.60</td> <td>168.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>3668.60</td> <td>558.60</td> <td>3110.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>b) Council approved the schedule of payments to be made by internet banking as appended to the minutes.</p> <p>c) Members noted the direct debit payment set up in the sum of £35pa to the Information Commissioner’s Office.</p>	PAYMENT	PAYEE	DETAILS	TOTAL	VAT	NET	BACS	Revolut Ltd	Jubilee Insurance	317.00		317.00	BACS	Westcotec Ltd	VAS	3150.00	525.00	2625.00	BACS	RoSPA Play Safety	Play Inspections	201.60	33.60	168.00	Total			3668.60	558.60	3110.00
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8.	<p>Council & Community Matters:</p> <p>a) Cllr Weller provided an update regarding the recent vandalism and Members noted the response from Police. He advised that matters seem to have improved.</p> <p>b) Members considered the ‘20 is plenty’ campaign. It was resolved that this would not be supported as it is felt it is not something that is needed in Pebworth, especially if the police will not support.</p> <p>c) Cllr Shiers to attend the Heart of England Open Evening.</p> <p>d) Members approved the request to use The Recreation ground for overflow parking on 23.6.22 for a funeral.</p> <p>e) Members resolved to accept the Local Government Associations Model Code of Conduct.</p> <p>f) Members noted the Community Legacy Grant application has been submitted, along with letters of support from the school, the Village Hall Committee, County Cllr Adams and District Cllr Havemann-Mart. Members thanked everyone for their letters of support and Cllr Pearson for submitting a comprehensive application. A decision will be made on 27th July.</p>																														
9.	<p>Queen’s Platinum Jubilee:</p> <p>a) Members ratified the decision to pay Public Liability Insurance for Pebworth Collective at the cost of £317.</p> <p>b) Cllr Weller stated how well the Platinum Jubilee celebrations event had been run. It was resolved for Clerk to thank everyone involved.</p>																														
10.	<p>The Close & Recreation Field</p> <p>Members noted:</p> <p>a) New MUGA sign has been installed stating the tennis net will remain erected from 1st April to 30 September with tennis being the priority use during this time.</p> <p>b) New No Parking sign to be installed.</p> <p>c) Quote for trim trail equipment has been received and refused. It was resolved for Clerk to put something together and obtain quotes.</p> <p>d) Amended safety report from RoSPA received.</p>																														
11.	<p>Cemetery:</p> <p>Members noted an interment took place on 10th May 2022. An ashes interment is due to take place on 12th July. Cllr Shiers to attend as Clerk is on holiday.</p>																														
12.	<p>Allotments:</p> <p>Members noted all allotment rentals are now paid.</p>																														

13.	Streetlighting: Clerk advised members that the 2 new replacement columns are due to be installed on 6 th July with the remaining lanterns and brackets being installed today.
14.	Highway Matters: a) Members noted new 30 roundels have been installed along Little Meadows. b) VAS poles – County Councillor Adams to chase.
15.	Lengthsman/Handyman Matters: Outstanding Lengthsman/Handyman matters: Cllr Hyde has spoken with a stonemason who has suggested that the stone is removed from the wall at Town Hall car park, make good the edges and therefore create a gap to be walked through. The stonemason is not able to carry out these works until next year and Cllr Hyde has therefore asked a resident if this is something he is able to take on. Replace basketball string Future Tasks: Replace topsoil and re-seed by the steps on Front St in September. Repair bollard on Front St Trim back new trees by school Strim the area at Martin’s Corner and opposite the village hall.
16.	Public Rights of Way: Nothing to report.
17.	Policies: It was resolved to accept the Reserves Policy
18.	Matters Raised by Members: The following matters were raised by Council Members for consideration for future agendas: None.
19.	Date of Next Meeting: Council confirmed the date of the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Monday 4 th July 2022 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Pebworth. Cllr Hyde gave his apologies.
20.	Closure of Meeting: The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:35.

Chairman: _____ Date: _____

FINANCE

Verified & Confirmed Account Balances as at 12th May 2022

Treasurers Account	9,542.81
Business Bank Instant	48,150.42
Total	57,693.23

PAYMENT	PAYEE	DETAILS	TOTAL	VAT	NET
BACS	HMRC	Clerk & P C Tax & NIC	78.20		78.20
BACS	Mrs D Bowles	Clerk's Salary & Expenses	*****		*****
BACS	Limebridge Rural Services	Amenity Contract	678.00	113.00	565.00
BACS	M Parkinson	Cemetery Contract	396.00		396.00
BACS	Signs R Us	MUGA/Cars Parking Notice	108.00	18.00	90.00
DD	O2	Mobile Phone	14.74	2.46	12.28
DD	NEST	Clerk's Pension	39.65		39.65

DD	Yu Energy	Streetlight Energy	37.70	1.80	35.90
DD	Yu Energy	Streetlight Energy	185.68	8.84	176.84

County Councillor Report – Pebworth
Month: June 2022
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Queen’s platinum Jubilee celebrations

Didn’t the village do well ! What a fantastic weekend – congratulations to all the organisers.

Council Tax Rebate/ Cost of Living

Last month it was announced that a £150 rebate to 20 million households in council tax bands A to D. Since then the Chancellor has announced an expanded package of support to help with the cost of living surge caused by the price of oil/gas and the Ukraine war. The full package including the other interventions previously announced are;

- £400 energy bills grant for everyone in the country, and removal of the previous clawback mechanism meaning this will not have to be repaid.
- £150 cash rebate for homes in Council Tax bands A-D.
- Additional funding to local councils for their Hardship Funds.
- £650 one-off cost of living payment for those on means tested benefits such as Universal Credit or Pension Credit.
- £300 one-off pensioner cost of living payment for pensioners in receipt of the Winter Fuel Allowance.
- £150 one-off disability cost of living payment for people in receipt of disability benefits.
- 5p fuel duty cut for a full year across all fuel duty rates.
- National Insurance threshold increase from £9,500 to £12,570 from July - creating a £330 tax cut for 30 million people.
- Increase the National Living Wage by 6.6% to £9.50 per hour.

For more information see <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/cost-of-living-payment>

And <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/households-urged-to-get-ready-for-150-council-tax-rebate>

Also see the Wychavon District Council webpage <https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/benefits-and-council-tax/council-tax/council-tax-bill-explained>

Police warning about a linked scam Fraudsters are using this opportunity to phone/email/text members of the public claiming to be from “The Council” and requesting their bank details so the payment can be made. Those who have fallen for the scam have then found large sums of money have been taken from their bank accounts. Councils will never ask for your bank details over the phone, if you have not got a Direct Debit set up for your Council Tax, then they will contact you in writing for the details. If you receive one of these calls, put the phone down and report it at www.actionfraud.police.uk

Update on Home for Ukraine Support in Worcestershire

Data as at 18/05/2022 inc. number of children split by school stage

District	No of Host Properties	No of expected Guests	No of Guests arrived (via passport control)	No of Children by School Stage		
				Pre-school	Primary	Secondary
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Bromsgrove	40	101	35	8	14	10
Malvern Hills	94	236	82	15	50	27
Redditch	20	41	18	3	8	2
Worcester City	71	149	46	3	25	24
Wychavon	115	272	102	19	35	41
Wyre Forest	36	87	24	7	14	10
Total	376	890	307	56	146	114

The schemes for Ukraine guests – A recap

1. **Family visa scheme.** This is entirely dependent on whether Ukrainians living in the UK have relatives who want to support those leaving Ukraine. It is estimated there are around 130 Ukrainians in total living in the county according to provisional 2021 census data. This scheme does not attract additional funding (see scheme below), but it is envisaged that Councils will be expected to perform their duties in relation to housing / education etc.

2. The **Homes for Ukraine sponsorship scheme** was announced on 14 March. Around 150,000 individuals across the UK have registered interest in being a sponsor. People arriving under this scheme will be able to:

- Live and work in the UK for up to three years
- Access healthcare, benefits, employment support, education, and English language tuition
- Most of them will be women and children and older people, as able-bodied men aged 18 to 60 are not generally being allowed to leave Ukraine at present. More detailed information on the expectation of sponsor households can be found here. [Homes for Ukraine scheme: frequently asked questions - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/homes-for-ukraine-scheme-frequently-asked-questions)
- This scheme does attract additional funding. A £350 per month 'thank you payment' has been offered to sponsors for between 6-12 months (6-month period is the minimum expectation set for sponsors). The 'thank you' payment is limited to one payment per residential address and will remain tax free. Payments are expected to be issued once accommodation and DBS checks are carried out.
- £10,500 per person will also be provided to Local Authorities accepted under this scheme. The funding is "to provide much wider support to families to rebuild their lives and fully integrate into communities" and is paid to Upper Tier authorities on a quarterly basis, in arrears. Arrangements have been made to treat the funding as a pool, under the joint control of officers from the seven councils, who can agree how it is allocated fairly between the councils in order to cover the costs that they face. District Councils have agreed to directly employ 'Guest Liaison Officers' to help support guests to integrate into local communities and life in the UK. No information has been provided about how any exceptional costs might be met, and whether this will follow arrangements existing resettlement programmes.
- The government is also providing additional funding to councils to provide education services for children from families arriving from Ukraine under the scheme.

Highways:

Spring is **the** season for road patching and surface dressing, so we are towards the end of the season but there are still road closures so please check <https://one.network/> to see all the temporary road closures on a regular basis.

1. **Pavement resurfacing along Broad Marston Rd from the New Rd to the Old Fire Station – completed.** I am still chasing when the section from New Rd to Mason Arms will be re-surfaced.
2. **Steps Front Street, Pebworth – completed.**
3. **Honeybourne Rd/Stratford Rd closed for flood alleviation improvements** – The new culvert across the road has been installed linking the ditch outside Grove Farm to the road gully. A new manhole has been installed too. This will be completed by 14th June, and then the contractors will move on to start the works under the railway bridges. Works to be finished by 24th June.
4. **B4085 S.Littleton to Blackminster School – Road closed from 21st July for up to 7 weeks for new cycleway to be built from South Littleton to Blackminster School**
5. **Flood alleviation – Broad Marston Rd** - The road gullys outside Broad Marston Manor have been jetted and all are now working. Awaiting non-return valves to be fitted on their outlet into Noleham Brook in July.
6. **Blakes Hill surface dressed**
7. **Bretforton Rd / Honeybourne Rd surface dressed**
8. **Ruts on side of road Blakes Hill/Pebworth Rd – Highways been asked to inspect and repair**

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

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

County Council Divisional Fund

The new Divisional Fund has re-started Applications are invited from local community organisations that are manned by volunteers and require a little help to buy equipment or services. To apply, please contact me.

New grants processed so far:

1. The Pebworth Collective – for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations - £600
2. Honeybourne Bowls Club – new mat and storage
3. Honeybourne Cricket Club – Cricket equipment
4. 1st Littleton Scout Group – improvements to the toilets
5. Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust – Poetry books for school visits
6. Cleeve Prior – contribution to security to the Marquee over the Jubilee Weekend.

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