

Pebworth Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting of the Parish Council held
At the Village Hall, Pebworth on Monday 4th July 2022

Present: Councillors: Simon Shiers, James Pearson & David Cranage

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

Also in attendance: 1 member of the public.

1.	Apologies Considered for Absence: Cllrs Hyde, Parkins, Weller & Meynell - approved																								
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) 1 member of the public was in attendance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is still no date for the installation of the VAS poles. As the VAS was received some time ago Clerk to request, once again, that the Lengthsman be able to install the poles. • A question was raised whether the NDP is going to be reviewed. Clerk to check the document to see if a review date was put in place. b) District Councillor Havemann-Mart was not in attendance. c) County Councillor Adams sent his apologies. The Chairman closed the open forum and reconvened the meeting at 19:15.																								
4.	Ward Member's Report None in attendance.																								
5.	Acceptance of Minutes: The Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13 th June 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 Vice-Chairman.																								
6.	Planning Matters: a) W/22/01256/HP Location: 25 Broad Marston Road, Broad Marston, Pebworth, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 8XR. Proposal: Erection of proposed side extension and loft conversion, and installation of dropped kerb. Following discussion, the Council has no comments on the application. b) W/22/00318/FUL Location: Long Barn, Friday Street, Pebworth, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 8XW. Proposal - Change of use from agricultural to garden use and single storey extension to existing garage. Following discussion, the Council has no comments on the application. c) W/22/01253/HP Location: Ivy Cottage, Front Street, Pebworth, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 8XQ Description of Proposal: Single storey rear extension. Following discussion, the Council has no comments on the application.																								
7.	Finance: a) The first quarterly bank reconciliation, account balances and income and expenditure budgets had not been inspected; these to now be agreed via email by 25 th July and be ratified at the September meeting. b) Council noted the Clerk's report on payments made since the last meeting. <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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>Wrights of Campden</td> <td>York Stone Plaque</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1687.50</td> <td style="text-align: right;">281.25</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1406.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>Pebworth Collective</td> <td>Grant from Wychavon District Council</td> <td style="text-align: right;">128.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">128.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">1815.50</td> <td style="text-align: right;">281.25</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1534.25</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> c) Council approved the schedule of payments to be made by internet banking as appended to the minutes. d) As there is not a meeting in August it was agreed by Members that any regular monthly invoices requiring payment be approved by Chair or Vice-Chair via email. These payments to then be retrospectively approved in September. e) It was resolved to use DKE Audit Services for year 22/23 at a fee of £200 plus mileage.	PAYMENT	PAYEE	DETAILS	TOTAL	VAT	NET	BACS	Wrights of Campden	York Stone Plaque	1687.50	281.25	1406.25	BACS	Pebworth Collective	Grant from Wychavon District Council	128.00	0.00	128.00	Total			1815.50	281.25	1534.25
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8.	Council & Community Matters: a) It was suggested that Cllr Weller respond to the Town & Parish Council Survey as he has had more experience and interaction with the police recently. b) Members noted the appointment of Les Madden as the new Parish Flag-Person. Clerk to send thanks to Chris via email for his dedication, instigating the flagpole and providing flag day information.
9.	The Close & Recreation Field Members noted the issue relating to the repair of the tennis net. Wicksteed is sending an engineer to carry out a repair. Clerk advised this has been caused by vandalism.
10.	Streetlighting: Clerk has carried out a full audit of the streetlights. Members noted number 33 at the corner of Front St/School Rd has not been upgraded. A quote has been received; whilst Members accepted the material price increase a query was raised regarding the installation charge. Clerk to request Candela re-look at the quote.
11.	Highway Matters: a) Cllr Cranage advised that the street sweeper had been round and cleaned. b) Request Richard Prior cut the area by Long Marston Rd.
12.	Lengthsman/Handyman Matters: Future Tasks: Grill in front of foot bridge to be cleared.
13.	Public Rights of Way: Nothing to report.
14.	Matters Raised by Members: The following matters were raised by Council Members for consideration for future agendas: a) Query re Town Hall Car Park wall.
15.	Staff: The Clerk's annual appraisal has been carried out with Cllr Weller. It was resolved that the Clerk's salary be increased by one spinal column point from point 15 to 16 on the NJC salary pay scales with effect from 1 st July 2022.
16.	Date of Next Meeting: Council confirmed the date of the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Monday 5 th September 2022 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Pebworth.
17.	Closure of Meeting: The Chairman closed the meeting at 19:45 hrs

Chairman: _____ Date: _____

FINANCE

Bank Account Balances as 22nd June 2022

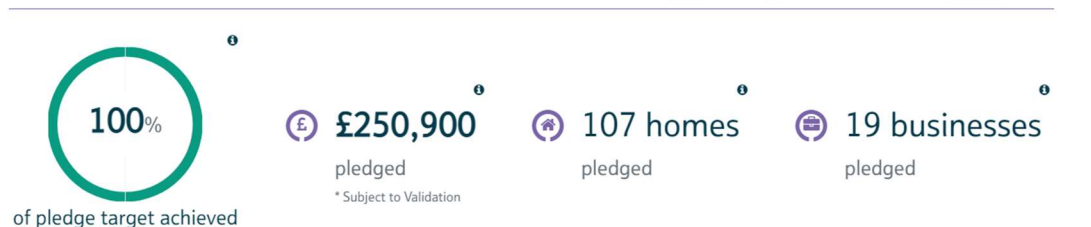
Treasurers Account	3,684.18
Business Bank Instant	43,150.80
Total	46,834.98

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BACS	HMRC	Clerk & P C Tax & NIC	78.00		78.00
BACS	Mrs D Bowles	Clerk's Salary & Expenses	****		****
BACS	Limebridge Rural Services	Amenity Contract	468.00	78.00	390.00
BACS	M Parkinson	Cemetery Contract	396.00		396.00
BACS	J Hyde	Lengthsman Works	162.80		162.80
BACS	J Hyde	Handyman Works	67.50		67.50
BACS	EdgeIT Finance	Annual Fee	264.00	44.00	220.00

DD	Ionos	May Fee	4.80	0.80	4.00
DD	Ionos	June Fee	4.80	0.80	4.00
DD	ICO	Data Protection Fee	35.00	0.00	35.00
DD	O2	Mobile Phone	14.74	2.46	12.28
DD	NEST	Clerk's Pension	39.65		39.65
DD	Yu Energy	Streetlight Energy	43.55	2.07	41.48
DD	Yu Energy	Streetlight Energy	179.43	8.54	170.89

County Councillor Report – Pebworth
Month: July 2022
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GREAT NEWS - Pebworth will be upgraded to Giga-Fast Broadband



Your scheme has now hit the initial pledge target and now requires remaining vouchers to be validated by applicants. Once we have the required number of validated vouchers, the project will then enter the delivery phase. The pledge site is still open, so please apply if you haven't already.

Thank you for everyone that pledged their support on [Connect my community | Openreach](#)

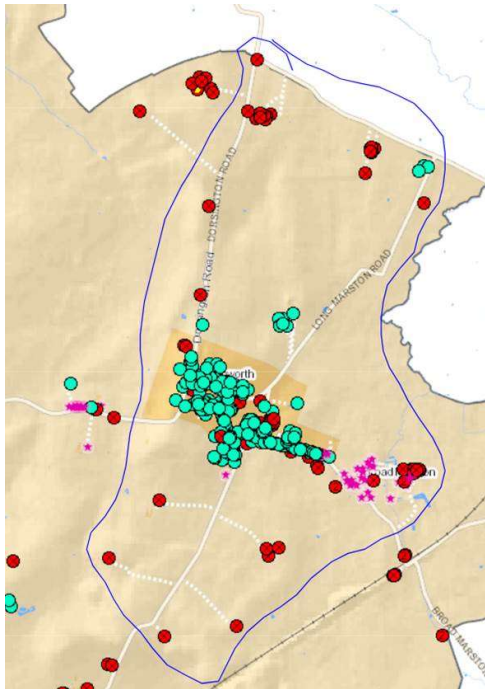
Openreach have named the Pebworth project “**Manor Cottage Ultrafast Community Project**” (No, I don't know why!) and we managed to exceed the target by 135%.

Our target was £186,000 and we achieved £250,900. So Openreach have confirmed the project will go ahead. Fibre to the Premises should give you a minimum of 100Mbps with possibly much faster speeds in the future.

If you have not yet pledged, and you want giga fast broadband then you should still pledge by clicking on <https://www.openreach.com/fibre-broadband/fibre-community-partnership/connect-my-community> and putting your contact and address details into the website – only takes 2 minutes. If you don't sign up then they may not build the infrastructure to get the fibre to your house; especially important for houses in the extremes of the map (as shown below) as it will be expensive to retro fit the infrastructure. Once you sign up, you will then be contacted automatically by Openreach.

Please note, for everyone that has pledged their support, you will receive a voucher from Openreach with instructions on how to use it. The voucher is funded by central government so costs you nothing. I will send out another email once I see that correspondence giving guidance on what is the next step. The hope is Openreach will start to build the infrastructure to get fibre to all our premises within 3 - 6 months, with the aim all houses will have gigafast within 12-15 months.

Map showing what houses within the blue line are eligible to get Giga-fast broadband in Pebworth as part of this project



COMMUNITY SAFETY CHARTER launched to tackle crimes in public spaces

The Police's new **Community Safety Charter**, launched this month, encourages everyone from individuals, Neighbourhood Watch groups, businesses, and organisations to take an active stance against crimes in public spaces, such as **harassment, hate crime, and antisocial behaviour**.

The Charter tagline is **#BETHECHANGE**, focusing on the role of active bystanders in leading the change within their communities. The Charter supports greater understanding about how we recognise and deal with community safety issues and support victims by knowing where to get help, how and who to report to, enabling a more positive, proactive approach by the whole community when witnessing or experiencing confrontation, hostility, or harassment.

Where can I find out more?

- Attend our **Community Safety Charter and ASB Webinar** on the 21st July at 5pm. Book your online place [here](#)
- Watch an interactive presentation [here](#)
- Contact the Neighbourhood Watch Community Safety Charter Leads - [Cheryl Spruce](#), Head of Membership and Engagement, or [Jayne Pascoe](#), Head of Partnerships and Projects

How do I sign up?

Simply complete the online form on ourwatch.org.uk/charter. Once you have signed up, we will contact you with you within 5 working days to share the first information pack and other resources.

Council Tax Rebate/ Cost of Living Help

Reminder of measures announced so far by central government and the link to find out more.

- £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

- £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 2022
- Increase the National Living Wage by 6.6% to £9.50 per hour from April 2022

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

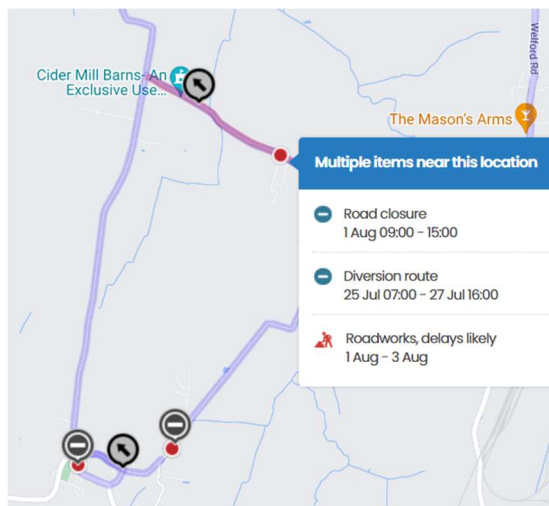
Highways:

There are still road closures so please check <https://one.network/> to see all the temporary road closures on a regular basis.

- 1. Honeybourne Rd/Stratford Rd flood alleviation improvements** – Extra gullies have been installed by the railway bridges, and the ditch cleaned out and upgraded. In addition the farmer has agreed to build a small bund to prevent water flowing from the field onto the road and under the bridges. Hopefully these new flood alleviation schemes will help prevent some of the worse flooding under the bridges we have experienced in the past like the photo below;



- 2. 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**
- 3. Further Flood alleviation – Broad Marston Rd** - I thank Tim Longford for agreeing that a small secondary flood plain can be built in his field just before the entrance to Broad Marston. This is a “belt & braces” scheme to prevent water flowing from the brook onto the road. WDC engineers will survey the field in July. The non-return valves to be fitted on their gully outlets into Noleham Brook in the next 2 months.
- 4. Back Lane closed 25th -27th July for Severn Trent utility works**
- 5. Front Street closed 1st – 5th August new sewage connection**
- 6. Dorsington Rd from Long Marston to Dorsington closed 1st August for surface dressing**



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
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.
7. Pebworth in Bloom – contribution to developing the wetlands area at Wesley Gardens

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