

PEOPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9th November 2022 at 7.30pm in Peopleton Village Hall

1. **Members and Officers present:** Cllrs Phillips (Vice Chair), Bailey, Wall, Darby, Whittingham, District and County Cllr Robinson. Four members of the public attended.
2. **Apologies:** Cllrs Mason, Smith, Hennerley and Baxter sent their apologies
3. **Declarations of Interest:** None

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 held on Tuesday 28th September 2022 were approved as true and correct, as proposed by Cllr Phillips and seconded by Cllr Wall.
5. **County & District Councillors report:**

New data which is released weekly shows that Wychavon Covid 19 numbers have dipped again. We currently have 102 cases down from 204 last week.

NHS England said on October 28th that 82 people were under the care of the Acute trust which runs Worcestershire Royal Hospital. Data from the last six weeks shows that Worcestershire had 25 deaths related to Covid 19.

Vaccination take up has been steady for both flu and Covid boosters.

Less good news for our wild birdlife populations in Worcestershire with cases of avian flu being confirmed nationally. Strict biosecurity measures have been introduced. It follows the deaths of wildfowl including swans at the lakes around County Hall and Nunnery Wood. All bird keepers are advised to keep their stock inside. This could have a knock-on effect for the supply of turkeys for Christmas. Two thousand were culled in Lancashire today.

People are being urged not to touch any sick or dead wild birds and to report sightings to officials. The risk to the public from avian flu remains very low, however it is possible for humans to catch the virus, so it is vital not to touch any sick or dead birds or have contact with their droppings, eggs or bedding which may also be contaminated.

In readiness for any downturn in the weather, Worcestershire's gritters are now on standby for the winter season. They have around 16,750 tonnes of salt stored in depots across the County, 36 gritting lorries and over 50 drivers. Let's hope they will not need it all and we avoid too many cold spells especially with the current energy crisis.

Residents urged to put their bin out on time

The time waste and recycling bins are collected across Wychavon may change for some residents next week. Changes are being made to all waste and recycling collection rounds across Wychavon to further improve efficiency and ensure the current high standard of service is maintained. Only Chawson residents in Droitwich Spa will see a change to their collection day and residents have already been contacted about this. Across the rest of the district, collection days will remain the same but the time bin crews arrive may change from what people are used to. To make sure nobody misses their bin collection, residents are being urged from Monday (7 November) to make sure their bin is out by 7am on the day of their scheduled collection. Crews will collect anytime between 7am and 6pm.

Have your say on sites for Travellers and Travelling Show People in South Worcestershire

The South Worcestershire Councils are inviting comments on the provision of sites for Travellers and Travelling Showpeople. Worcester City, Malvern Hills District and Wychavon District Councils have prepared a Development Plan Document which includes information on the accommodation needs of Travellers and Travelling Showpeople across South Worcestershire. The document includes policies which seek to ensure that future Traveller sites are appropriately located and designed.

The document proposes additional Traveller pitches on two existing Traveller sites at Newlands, Malvern and Charlton, Pershore and two existing sites at Aldington and Evesham are also allocated in case the latest planning permissions lapse.

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To help meet the medium to longer term needs of Travellers or Travelling Showpeople, new sites are also proposed on the new and expanded settlements at Worcestershire Parkway, Throckmorton and Rushwick, together with a site on each of the urban extensions at Worcester South and Worcester West.

The six-week public consultation runs from 1 November until Tuesday 13 December 2022 at 11.59pm. The public and other interested parties are being asked to comment on whether they believe the Development Plan Document is sound and legally compliant.

For the Development Plan Document to be considered sound it must show that it will meet the identified need for Traveller sites, is based on robust evidence, is deliverable and is consistent with national planning policies. To be legally compliant, the document must have followed all necessary legal and procedural requirements.

Cllr David Harrison, Chairman of the South Worcestershire Development Plan Joint Advisory Panel, said: "Providing sufficient appropriately located and designed sites for Travellers and Travelling Showpeople is vitally important, so I would urge people to make their voices heard on this essential issue."

While all comments submitted during the consultation will be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration during the next stage of the document, the Government's Planning Inspector is only likely to consider comments that relate to the soundness and legal compliance of the document.

People can comment by visiting <https://www.swdevelopmentplan.org/consultations/south-worcestershire-traveller-and-travelling-showpeople-policy> from Tuesday 1 November and downloading and filling in the comment form, by email or by post. Paper copies will also be available from Customer Contact Centres, local libraries and some parish and town council offices.

Consultation starts on SWDP Review Publication

A six-week public consultation has started on a key planning document that will shape the future development of South Worcestershire.

The revised South Worcestershire Development plan allocates land for 13,240 additional new homes and 290.7 hectares of employment land to be delivered by 2041. This will help meet the Government requirement to allocate land to build 26,360 new homes and 350.5 hectares of employment land across South Worcestershire from 2021 to 2041. Not all sites in the Plan are new, with some being carried over from the last version of the SWDP and sites that already have planning permission being taken into account. The majority of the new housing will be met through strategic growth sites at Worcestershire Parkway, Throckmorton, Rushwick and Mitton.

The public are being asked to comment on whether they consider the review of the South Worcestershire Development Plan is sound and legally compliant. To be considered sound the Plan must have been positively prepared, based on robust, credible evidence, show a clear deliverable vision and be consistent with national planning policies.

On top of this the three South Worcestershire Councils – Worcester City, Malvern Hills District and Wychavon District Councils – must also show they have complied with planning legislation including the legal duty to help neighbouring councils meet their strategic housing needs.

Comments can be made from Tuesday 1 November until 11.59pm on Tuesday 13 December 2022. Only comments made during the consultation can be considered.

People can comment by filling in the online comment form available on the SWDP website at www.swdevelopmentplan.org/review. Paper copies are also available from Customer Contact Centres, local libraries and some parish and town council offices.

A series of public information events are being held to help describe the proposed growth at each of the strategic sites and give people the chance to ask questions.

These will be held on the following dates:

- Mitton - Friday 11 November 1pm to 8pm at Bredon Village Hall, Main Road, Bredon, GL20 7QN

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- Throckmorton new settlement - Monday 14 November 1pm to 8pm at Bishampton Village Hall, Broad Lane, Bishampton, WR10 2LU

After the consultation all comments will be passed on to the Planning Inspectorate. The Plan will then go for Examination where it will be scrutinised in detail to make sure it is sound and legal. A series of public hearings may also be held where people will have the chance to make representations and ask questions providing that they have responded to this consultation.

It is expected the plan will be formally adopted by the South Worcestershire Councils in late 2023.

6. **Planning:** There were no new planning applications to consider

7. **Progress reports:**

a) Chairman's- TM

Covers Crime in Item 9

Cllr Phillips shared that Cllrs Hennerley and Smith have resigned from the Parish Council and thanked them for their input during their time in office. The Clerk presented vacancy notices to advertise on the notice boards and unless an election is called by 28th November the Council will be able to co-opt two new members at the January meeting. Cllrs were encouraged to speak to residents and for them to enquire via the Clerk if interested.

b) Village Trust- LB

Bookings are good at the Village Hall with a soup kitchen planned this week and a quiz and film night in the pipeline. Trees are going to be planted soon including the Parish Council evergreen oak.

c) Village shop-TM

The AGM was held on 12 October. The shop made a loss last year and this year looks similar however there are sufficient reserves to keep operating while we try to encourage more customers and purchases. We are discussing some ideas based on a recent report we had from the Plunkett Foundation, who support community businesses.

d) PACT- Covered in Item 9

e) Lengthsman- Nothing to report

f) Rights of Way

Cllr Bailey stated that there is a manhole sinking outside of Whitehouse in the middle of the road-Clerk to report to highways.

g) Flooding- DW

Cllr Wall commented that it was flood awareness week this week and so fitting to remind all local landowners to keep their ditches clear in the coming winter months

8. **Finance**

a) Update on the budget/ Bank balance as of 11th October 2022

Treasurers Account	£9,240.07
Business Instant Account	£11,466.65

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

Worcester Wheels September	£97.50
Pershore Volunteer September	£259.00
Clerk's salary	£507.78
Clerk's expenses	£16.19
Clerk tax (cheque to sign)	£37.80
Lengthsman September	£136.50
Lengthsman October	£TBC
Limebridge September	£201.60
Limebridge October	£403.20
Wychavon (extra Dog bin)	£100.34
PATA Payroll	£12.95

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Worcester Wheels

£88.00

c) 2023/24 budget

All Cllrs were presented with a draft budget for 2023/24 to start considering, this needs to be finalised at the January 2023 meeting and so any projects/ future expenditure need to be considered before then, such as Smartwater possibly.

9. Crime update

Cllr Mason sent a report in his absence that he had met PC Ashley Smith from the Pershore Safer Neighbourhood Team on 30th September following the break-ins on 27 September. Mark Constanduros was also present - and organised the meeting. They emphasized that given the number of incidents both on 27 September and earlier in the month, that this was a serious matter and that parishioners expected some action.

PC Smith sent reassurance that the police were taking it seriously and there was to be regular visits to the village when he was on duty and that he had asked officers on duty in the late evening/night to drive through the village. He also said that all incidents reported to the police would be investigated and that he would visit those affected. He was asked to attend parish council meetings and, occasionally, the fortnightly coffee mornings held in the shop. Jo Smith and Cat Pinney from the village have taken the initiative to organise a drop-in session at the Village Hall with the Police and other agencies on Wednesday 16th November from 4 - 7pm with everyone encouraged to attend. The aim is to give help and advice with safety, security and crime prevention.

Cllrs present however did state that despite asking three times for crime numbers they are still waiting for this to be undertaken.

PC Ashley Smith sent a report (a copy is on the village noticeboard) and his apologies that he was unable to attend the Parish Council meeting, he is also no longer covering Peopleton but will keep his replacement informed of recent events.

10. SWDP Consultation

All Cllrs were presented maps of the proposed developments at Throckmorton and Parkway by Cllr Robinson and encouraged to attend the meeting at Bishampton on Monday 14th November to find out more- Clerk to advertise in the newsletter and noticeboards.

Any comments on the consultation need to meet the deadline of 13th December.

11. Correspondence for Information

The Clerk informed that she had written to Cllr Marc Baylis and Superintendent Rebecca Love following the September meeting regarding Police support but had no response as yet.

Clerk following up with the Environmental Agency to try and arrange an onsite meeting regarding flood risk.

Correspondence from enforcement regarding Stone Arrow Farm, following a site visit the owner has been requested to regenerate a hedgerow and further repeat coppicing will be in breach of this.

12. Future agenda items and reports:

Agenda items for January are co-option, Smartwater, budget 2023/24 and crime update.

Cllr Bailey advised that the grit bin still has not been replaced and the dog bin outside the Church has a broken lid- Clerk to chase.

Cllr Darby offered to take on planning responsibilities from resigned Cllr Smith- all Cllrs agreed and thanks Cllr Darby for this

13. Date of next meeting: To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 11th January 2023 at 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 8:32pm

Signed

Dated.....

Future meetings

January	11/01/23
March	08/03/23
May	10/05/23
July	12/07/23
September	20/09/23
November	08/11/23

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AIDE MEMOIR

One parishioner attended the meeting to find out more about the Police response following the recent crime incidents in the village

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