

PEOPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 19th June 2024 at 7.30pm in Peopleton Village Hall

1. **Members and Officers present:** Cllrs Mason (Chair), Wall, Bailey, Phillips, Harbon, Darby, Povey, and District and County Cllr Robinson. Nineteen members of the public attended.
2. **Apologies:** Cllrs Baxter & MacCalman
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. Land in Monk's Way:

Cllr Mason explained that a field known locally as Lomax's Field had recently been made aware to the Parish Council that it would be up for sale. The Parish Council had been discussing over the past year their interest in acquiring some land within the village for either a community orchard or allotments and so this was of interest, however there would not be enough time for the Parish Council to raise the funds required to purchase the land.

Therefore, the Parish Council contacted Vale Heritage Landscape Trust (VHLT) who were happy to purchase the land with the support from the Parish Council and Parish Lands. An offer from the VHLT has now been accepted on the land and the Trust will own it and manage it on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Mason proposed the Parish Council contribute £10,000 towards the purchase of the land, this was seconded by Cllr Bailey with all Cllrs in favour. Cllr Mason has also formally written to Parish Lands requesting a £5,000 donation.

After purchase the next steps will be to raise funds to establish a community orchard, there are currently grants available, the village will be asked if they wish to contribute through trees/ benches/ funds and other fundraiser ideas will be researched. One point to highlight is that the VHLT are only purchasing the field as an orchard, there will be no scope for allotments.

A Village meeting will also be organised with VHLT persons present and a management committee of approx. 5 people will need to be formed to establish the project and maintain the orchard, this will be planned for the Autumn.

Cllrs Bailey and Wall stated that they were really pleased and excited for the village to be gaining such a great asset with a footpath running through it, with thanks to Cllr Mason for organising the project. Cllr Wall also wished to thank the owners of the field for the straightforward negotiations with the Parish Council.

5. **Planning:** No new planning applications received
6. **Payments:** The Parish Council Insurance renewal due by 02/07/2024 for £477.45 was approved by Cllr Mason, seconded by Cllr Wall, Clerk to pay.
7. **Correspondence:**
Correspondence was received from a local landowner displeased that a planning application had been refused, blaming the Parish Council for this. The Parish Council made comment but did not object to the planning application and the decision on the planning was made by the planning officer.
8. **Date of next meeting:** This will be held on Wednesday 10th July at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Signed

Dated.....

Future meetings
July

10/07/24

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September	11/09/24
November	13/11/24

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One parishioner enquired as to the size of the field which is approx. 3 acres

One parishioner thanked the Parish Council for their hard work in securing the field

One parishioner asked if there will be allotments too- no the field will be purely an orchard

One parishioner thanked Wychavon for clearing the village ditch.

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