

PEOPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10th July 2024 at 7.30pm in Peopleton Village Hall

1. **Members and Officers present:** Cllrs Mason (Chair), Wall, Bailey, Phillips, Harbon, MacCalman, and District & County Cllr Robinson. Four members of the public attended.
2. **Apologies:** Cllrs Baxter & Darby 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 from the Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 19th June 2024 were approved as true and correct as proposed by Cllr Wall and seconded by Cllr MacCalman.
5. **District and County Councillors report:**

County Hall

WCC bosses have released a statement confirming County Hall remains closed after legionella, the bacteria that causes legionnaires' disease, was found in the water.

County Hall, where Worcestershire County Council is based and RAAC has also been discovered was closed last week after the bacteria was found. County Hall is also where births, marriages and deaths are registered.

Entry into the building was strictly controlled as council bosses say the closure was enforced as a precautionary measure.

Paul Robinson, chief executive of Worcestershire County Council, said: "County Hall Offices which includes the Lakeview Café are closed today until further notice as sampling has returned a detection of legionella in parts of the water system.

"As a precautionary measure, I had instructed staff to work from home or from an alternative venue, while further investigations take place." Latest news is that many will relocate to the Countryside Centre , Pershore Civic Centre and the Hive for at least three months.

COVID.

Face mask rules have been reintroduced at Worcestershire acute hospitals after a rise in the number of patients developing Covid-19. The trust said it was currently treating 69 patients with Covid 19 the highest number since December 2023. The policy applies to staff, patients and visitors visiting and covers all clinical areas at Redditch's Alexandra, Kidderminster and the Worcestershire Royal hospitals. Staffordshire has 101 infected patients. The measure has been applied with immediate effect and will stay in place until further notice. It is thought this could be a new variant so it is a sensible precaution to protect vulnerable patients in hospital.

School Transport.

The deadline to apply for school and college transport for the 24/25 school year is 31st July 2024.

Applications may not be assessed before the start of the new school year if they are received after this date. Visit our website to find out more and check eligibility www.worcestershire.gov.uk/SchoolTransportApplication

Potholes

County Highways say they have a duty to maintain adopted roads across Worcestershire but can only fill in potholes if they know about them_ <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk.../tell-us.../report>

Or call them on 01905 845676

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Did you know that we maintain 3,000 miles of public rights of way? From a blocked footpath to a broken gate, you can report an issue here:

https://capublic.worcestershire.gov.uk/PROWPublic/PROWFault.aspx?_ga=2.139839411.1088906144.1664203313-1187951068.1664203313

You can indicate the location of the problem on a map to help our inspectors locate and assess the issue.

Wychavon helped celebrate Armed Forces Day recently and are proud to be part of the Armed Forces Covenant ensuring fair treatment for our heroes and their families. As part of this Covenant we work with partners including WCC and voluntary and charitable organisations to support veterans.

Willow Court Carpenter Opportunity

We are still searching for former members of the UK's Armed Forces to be part of a project to restore a historic Droitwich Spa farmhouse to its former glory.

Two full-time trainee carpenter apprentice posts are available as part of the Willow Court Farmhouse restoration project. The positions are being offered specifically to ex-service personnel as part of Wychavon's commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant, which pledges extra support to veterans to ensure their service to their country does not leave them at a disadvantage. An outside shot of Willow Court Farmhouse

Anyone who is a working-age veteran, living in the area and within travelling distance of Droitwich Spa with an interest in carpentry or construction, is being urged to apply for the role. https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/news-and-alerts/unique-training-opportunity-for-armed-forces-veterans?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAR3Kxy4YeHKgFrK9Ai4V_2H6At7hJSTKAePMsu1hrXtbWjBNnW_n0Tf h1TQ_aem_bjFoi_jawHFDqhipeXHHHQ

Hartlebury Dig

Wychavon has joined forces with Dig Hartlebury to carry out an excavation at Hartlebury Castle to try and discover more of the story behind the site's fascinating history.

The dig starts on Saturday, 6 July and lasts for a week. Wychavon residents can volunteer to support professional archaeologists on site. Schools from across the area will also be taking part in the dig during the week.

On Saturday, 13 July a special open day takes place from 11am to 5pm where visitors to the castle will be able to experience The Sealed Knot living history encampment.

6. **Planning:** The following planning applications were considered, with no comments or objections:

W/24/01164/FUL	Wood Farm Peopleton Pershore WR10 2DZ	Single storey workshop extension	Pending Decision
W/24/01213/DEM	High House Monks Way Peopleton Pershore WR10 2EH	Demolish and remove small orangery to East	Pending Decision

7. **Progress reports:**

a) Chairman's- TM

Cllr Mason has written to the Leader of Wychavon and the Chairman of the licensing sub-committee regarding the licence issued for the Beltane Bash held in Peopleton and has received no response as yet.

A parishioner commented on the weeds growing on pavements and kerb sides throughout the village, Cllr Mason reported this to WCC and WDC who have both promised to action the works.

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Cllr Mason asked Councillors if they wished to consider starting a Neighbourhood Plan for the village, following some comments from parishioners that the village requires more houses. All Cllrs present agreed that they would not like to pursue this currently but will review again in the future.

b) Village Trust- LB

Cllr Bailey comment that the Village Hall was busy with bookings, and all is going well.

c) Village shop-TM

Sales are currently running at about break-even.

d) Community policing charter-DH

Cllr Harbon has been looking at the Police website Neighbourhood Matters and urged residents to use it for access to local crime alerts and statistics <https://www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/>

There has been a couple of incidents recently one with a quad bike speeding through the village and another of anti-social behaviour.

e) Lengthsman-LB

Currently the lengthsman is unable to carry out works due to his Lantra training being expired, he is enrolled on the next training session on 16th August.

f) Rights of Way-LB

Cllr Bailey is going to contact the footpaths officer regarding a footpath used historically in what was land owned previously by Rob Adams.

The land at Barrells Bridge needs works undertaken by highways- they have promised to undertake this when the land has dried out- Cllr Bailey to chase.

g) Flooding- DW

Nothing to report.

8. Finance

a) Bank Balance

The bank balance at 1st July 2024:

Treasurers Account £9,095.85

Business Instant Account £4,377

32 Day Notice Account £10,069.46

b) Payments for May and June

The following payments were approved to be paid, as proposed by Cllr Mason and seconded by Cllr Wall

Lengthsman April	£128.00
Clerk's salary	£594.61
Clerk's expenses	£36.31
Lengthsman May	£264.00
Limebridge May	£702.00
Limebridge June	£468.00

9. Land acquisition Monk's Way

Cllr Mason shared that the Solicitors are starting the purchase process.

Vale Landscape Heritage Trust have asked if the Parish Council would be willing to pay an annual maintenance fee for the Village Orchard, a suggested amount of £500 per year. This was proposed to be paid by Cllr Wall and seconded by Cllr Bailey with all Cllrs in favour.

The next steps will be to investigate funding available for the purchase of trees for the Orchard, one possibility is the Trees Call to Action project, Cllr Robinson will help share other funding opportunities when necessary.

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10. Enforcement Update

Cllr Robinson to arrange a meeting with Cllr's Mason, Harbon and the Head of enforcement and Legal Services.

11. Correspondence:

- a) Cllrs discussed various correspondence from a parishioner and requested the Clerk respond that they are welcome to come along to any Parish Council Meeting and raise issues in parishioner question time.
- b) Cllr Mason to prepare a response to parishioner correspondence explaining that the Parish Council are communicating with Bow Brook House School who are aware of the parking issues.
- c) Clerk to respond that the main Policing priority in the village is Anti-Social behaviour.
- d) Cllr Mason shared that The Crown has new managers running the Pub. Sheldon Inns have withdrawn because Star Pubs increased the rent.

12. Future agenda items and reports

Cllr Wall wished to note the sad passing of Mike James who was a long-term resident and actively involved in the community at Peopleton. Mike also served as Parish Councillor in Peopleton and helped introduce the Flood Alleviation Scheme alongside Cllr Wall, he will be sadly missed.

13. Date of next meeting: This will be held on Wednesday 11th September at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Signed

Dated.....

Future meetings

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

AIDE MEMOIR

One councillor wished to address enforcement issues.