

PEOPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th September 2024 at 7.30pm in Peopleton Village Hall

1. **Members and Officers present:** Cllrs Mason (Chair), Wall, Bailey, Harbon, MacCalman and District and County Cllr Robinson. Three members of the public attended.
2. **Apologies:** Cllrs Phillips, Povey & Darby sent their apologies
3. **Co-Option-** The Parish Council received three applications for the position of councillor at Peopleton, this was put to a vote by all councillors present and the successful applicant was Mr Philip Killoran. Mr Killoran was welcomed to the Parish Council and the acceptance of office form was signed.
4. **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.

5. **Minutes-** The minutes from the Meeting held on Wednesday 10th July were approved as true and correct as proposed by Cllr Wall and seconded by Cllr Harbon.
6. **District and County Councillors' report:**

I hope you have all enjoyed the summer break which seems to have gone very quickly. Officers at County have been taking their leave so there is not a lot to report.

We would like to hear your views on proposed changes to the school system in the Pershore area.

The consultation will explore proposals to change age ranges, combine schools and increase pupil numbers at schools in and around the Pershore. Schools have asked Worcestershire County Council to review the age ranges of the schools, so that there is a clear and consistent education pathway, and co-ordinated age range for children attending school in the local education planning area.

Historically, the education provision in Pershore has tended to follow a three-tier journey, where pupils attend first schools from age 4-9, transfer to middle schools at age 9-12 and then transfer to high school at age 12 to complete their education. However, some schools in the Pershore area have already completed the transition from three-tier to two-tier where pupils attend a primary school from age 4-11 with a transfer at age 11 to secondary school. Schools that have already converted to two-tier will not make any further changes.

The consultation runs from 2 September 2024 to noon on 29 September 2024 and provides an opportunity to have a say about what is important about age ranges of schools and transitions from one school to the next.

Before final decisions are made in November 2024 the results of the consultations will be considered by:

- the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Education for Abbey Park First and Middle schools and Fladbury CE First School
- the Department for Education's Regions Group for Crowle CE First School, Pinvin Federation, St. Barnabas CE First & Middle School and Pershore High School
- the Governing Bodies of Defford-cum-Besford CE School and Upton Snodsbury CE First School

Councillor David Chambers, Cabinet Member for Education, said: "We have been actively collaborating with Pershore schools and Academy Trusts to develop a unified and transparent approach to changing age ranges in the school system. Parents, carers, pupils, school staff, and residents are encouraged to have their say on these proposed changes and help shape decisions that prioritise the education needs for current and future generations in the Pershore area."

For more information and to have your say on the proposals, please visit:

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/pershoreview>.

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Please feel free to share the details of this survey with anyone you think may find it of interest.

Progress for secondary school and car park plans near hospital.

I am aware that this was discussed at our last meeting but please see below for an update including a proposed layout.

PLANS: Illustrative designs for the joint school and multi-storey car park project (*Image: Ares landscape architects*)

PROPOSALS for Worcester's new secondary school and a multi-storey car park have made it through an early part of the planning process. Plans for the school and an 850-space car park near Worcestershire Royal Hospital went on public display last month.

Worcestershire County Council has now adopted a Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Opinion for the project. This is a technical consideration based on whether a proposal is likely to have a significant environmental impact.

In this instance, it was considered the school and car park plans would not be likely to result in significant environmental effects, in EIA terms.



The proposal itself is classed by the county council as a 'hybrid application' - it contains a full, detailed, application for the secondary school and outline plans for the multi-storey car park, which is hoped to ease the pressure on existing hospital car parks.

Planning applications for the two developments can now be submitted and will go to public consultation.

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Worcester City Council, Warndon Parish Council and other agencies including Worcestershire Highways will also be consulted. The plans will eventually be decided on by members of the county council's planning and regulatory committee.

The car park scheme is being developed by Prime. It would be accessed off Nunnery Way (A4440) and the developer says it would reduce journeys on Newtown Road and ease congestion in and around the hospital site.

The joint application for the school aims to provide more school places in the city. The proposed development comprises a 600 place mainstream secondary school for pupils between the age range of 11 and 16.

It was revealed earlier this year that the likely opening of the school has been pushed back to 2028, while the capital budget for the project has increased from £50 million to £59.9m, plus an additional £2.6m to help accommodate additional pupils at existing Worcester secondary schools.

Home Upgrade Grant Scheme (HUG2)

This scheme aims to enhance the comfort and energy efficiency of lower income households, that rely on heating methods other than mains gas central heating and offers free home energy efficiency improvements for eligible people.

To apply or for more information visit the Home Upgrade Grant Scheme (HUG2) on the Worcestershire County Council website.

Road Verge Management Survey

Worcestershire County Council and Worcestershire Highways want to consult with Parish Councils to ask for their opinion, level of interest and potential level of capacity for taking on the management of some or all of the C and U roads within their parish boundary to manage them in line with best practice for promoting wildflowers, pollinators and other wildlife.

They have asked that you complete the following survey: <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/interview/0b6c586a-30a2-449b-b7f5-ae58c556e7c6>

7. **Planning:** No new planning applications received
8. **Progress reports:**
 - a) Chairman's- TM
Busy with the land acquisition and enforcement issues, one task outstanding is to update the welcome leaflet for new residents to the village.
 - b) Village Trust- LB
Bookings are good and the Hall is busy, with a semi-professional theatre group booked for March 2025. The Autumn Show was a success with a pleasing turnout and lots of good press. A three- year plan has been produced for the Village Hall. New goal posts have been purchased for the Playing Fields.
 - c) Village shop-TM
Sales are at breakeven
Strawberry sales over the summer have helped turnover
Still require more volunteers to help cover shifts with a leaflet drop to residents going out soon.
 - d) Community policing charter-DH
Complaints from residents of quad bikes riding through the village at speed- this has been reported to Police. A meeting is being planned with the organiser of the Beltane Bash, Wychavon officers that conducted the noise testing during the event and Cllr Harbon regarding future events.
 - e) Lengthsman-LB
Steve Pike has now renewed his Lantra training and working again as lengthsman in the village. Cllr Bailey to complete survey on road verge management.

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f) Rights of Way-LB

Cllr Bailey requested the Clerk contact Highways regarding the growth on the sharp left bend upon entering the village (Wassel's corner) affecting driver visibility- Clerk to action.

The footpath at the back of the Church has been checked and is accessible to walkers and is regularly being cut back.

g) Flooding- DW

A parishioner in Norchard Lane has raised a complaint regarding Severn Trent not maintaining the land to the back of the ditch. Cllr Wall requested the Clerk contact Liam Gormley drainage engineer at Wychavon to inspect the area and contact the landowners if required- Clerk to action.

h) Website

i) Cllr Mason wished to thank Mark Constanduros for his ongoing efforts updating the village website and associated newsletter which is emailed to 150 people on the 15th of every month. More village groups and associations are encouraged to use the website where possible and please send information for the newsletter going forward.

9. Finance

a) Bank Balance- As of 2nd September the bank balance is:

Treasurers Account	£6,902.93
Business Instant Account	£4,385.85
32 Day Notice Account	£10,112.96

b) Payments for July and August

The following payments were approved to be paid:

Lengthsman August	£224.00
Clerk's salary	£576.66
Clerk's expenses	£6.21
PATA Payroll	£38.95
Limebridge July	£468.00
Limebridge August	£642.00
HMRC Clerk tax	£114.20
Wychavon (annual bin cleanse)	£112.87

10. Land acquisition Monk's Way

The land sale is still with Solicitors, slowed slightly due to summer annual leave but the sale is progressing. The £10,000 donation from Parish Council funds has now been moved from the 32-day notice account and so will be available in a month for when required by VLHT.

Thanks to Cllr Bailey for researching the tree catalogue for what would be suitable to plant in the Orchard.

In the future, once the sale is complete a Village Meeting will be planned with the VLHT and Parish Council to discuss next steps to forming the Orchard and a working group.

11. Enforcement Update

Concerns are being raised from parishioners regarding the business operating from Stone Arrow Farm and trucks coming through the village at very early morning.

Further concerns from residents regarding the ongoing storage of trailers, materials and concrete piping behind the Church.

A meeting to be planned with Cllrs Mason, Harbon, DC & WCC Robinson and enforcement officers at Wychavon regarding next steps.

12. Correspondence:

Correspondence discussed from Mr Powell and and reply composed.

Correspondence From Mr Dexter covered in item 7 (g).

National Planning Policy Framework consultation is out- Clerk to circulate to Cllrs.

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13. **Future agenda items and reports**

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

Signed

Dated.....

Future meetings-November

13/11/24

AIDE MEMOIR

Two parishioners attended with concerns of materials and trailers from Stone Arrow Farm causing a blight on the landscape of the village

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