

Pebworth Parish Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council
 Held at the Pebworth Village Hall on Monday 2nd September 2013.

Present: Cllrs. John Hyde (Chairman) David Lees, June Haycock, Pam Veal, Albert Jeffrey David Cranage & Simon Shiers

In attendance: John Stedman (Clerk), Ward Member Cllr. Alistair Adams and four members of the public.

82. Apologies were accepted from: All members present

83. Disclosures of Interests

- a. Members were reminded of the need to keep their register of interests updated.
- b. To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Items on the agenda and their nature.

84. To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests None declared

Other Disclosable Interests – None declared

Chairman Moved: The meeting be now adjourned for Open Forum

Open Forum:

Clerk's report; A resident from Front Street informed the meeting of the environmental impact caused by the extensive site clearance and greenhouse dismantling to the south of Front Street whereby smoke and fumes from continuous fires burning plastic goods are causing a nuisance to the neighbourhood and rats have been displaced and moved to nearby properties. Ms Sharon Summers, also a resident of Front Street, confirmed the situation and said she had contacted the Environmental Health Department at Wychavon but no one had responded. She asked if an Environmental impact assessment had been received for the clearance works and was informed none had been received by the Council. The Chairman suggested they contact him or the Clerk while the smoke is causing problems and appropriate support to their claims would be made to the Environmental Health Department.

Ms Sharon Summers informed the meeting she had contacted NALC and had substantiated that the funding offered by the Parish Council to BARD was a legal transaction to support the campaign against the development of 380 new houses in the village. She then questioned the Council's decision to make the funding offer as she stated that there is well over 100 letters of support for the development and only 57 objector's letters are posted on the planning website.

Ms Summers also stated that any banners or posters put up in the parish would need planning permission and without permission fines would be applicable to the persons putting up posters and banners. The Chairman questioned this view as he was not aware of any such incidents or fines being made when such actions were taken in the past i.e. for the Eco-Town campaign.

***Clerk's Note;** having attended the August planning meeting at WDC when the application for the 380 homes was unanimously refused by the committee, I noted the report by Jonathan Edwards presented to the Planning committee which provides a summary of the responses received by WDC to the planning application which is as follows:*

Representations Received: 189 objections received, plus a further 13 following re-publicity of the application after receipt of addendum pack and further information 2 general comments received 2 letters in support of the proposal, plus a single letter in support following publicity.

Cllr Alistair Adams added that under the planning appeal rule 6 third party supports can be accepted and BARD would be supporting legal representations at the pending appeal.

County & District Ward Member Cllr. Alistair Adams gave his report which is appended to the minutes.

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85. Confirmation of the Minutes: The Council agreed the wording of the minutes of the August ordinary meeting and the Chairman signed them as a true record of the meeting.

86. The Clerk's Progress Reports.

- a) Fee received from Mr Andrews for the Interment of ashes in the cemetery plot 320; noted
- b) New grit bin in Friday Street; Cheque to be signed at the meeting and the order to be placed.
- c) Letters sent to Mr James Powell and Mr Ron Tracy Ref: street naming; noted
- d) Request GCC to have their ditch and culvert cleared out; awaiting confirmation of action.
- e) Permission to erect a grave memorial for Sidney John Taylor and the receipt of fees; noted
- f) Fee received from Tomlins for the Interment of ashes in the cemetery plot 536; noted

87. Planning Application considered

- a) W/13/01742/PP Mr A. Davis Lower Close, Priory Lane, Broad Marston, Proposal: Single storey rear extension. New pitched roofs to the existing bay windows. Window changes. The Council has no objection or comment on the application

- b) W/13/01642/PN Mr Waters, Baldwins Farm, Dorsington Road – Erection of an agricultural dwelling. Following consultation with members the following comments were made to WDC: -
 The Council has no objection in principal to the application but considers a clear agricultural need must be proven whereby the application is compliant with policy COM7 of the local plan and the NPPF PPS7
 Concern is expressed that this application for the same dwelling as approved in in 2012 under application W/12/01242/PN and not a further dwelling on the farm
 Concerns are raise over the scale of the dwelling for its intended use as it is larger than the dwelling granted in 2012
 Permitted development rights should be removed to preserve the size and character of the dwelling in its rural setting.
 The Agricultural occupancy needs to be rigorously enforced by conditions.
 It was noted that the onsite application notice was not visibly displayed and it is not to be found.

88. Planning Decisions Noted:

- c) **W/13/01235/PN;** CALA Homes Location: Land West of, Stratford Road, Pebworth
 Erection of 13 no. units together with access road; surface water attenuation pond; landscaping and all associated works all as approved by planning permission ref. no. W/12/02817/PN but not in compliance with condition 19 and so as to allow increase in size of 3 plots and re-orientation of garage to plot 13. **Granted** with 17 condition

89. Village Hall:

- a) Cllr. David Lees reported that the Village Hall land is now registered. Cala Homes have agreed to install the new foul water drain at their expense and will pay £750 for the Village Hall's legal fees.

90. Neighbourhood Plan Working Group –

- a) The neighbourhood plan group's suggested draft policy statement was circulated to members. The Council were informed by Councillor David Lees that the Working Party statement fully accords with the draft South Worcestershire Development Plan structure. Following a heated debate some Cllrs disagreed and felt that some sections of the policy statement do not accord with the Parish Council SWDP submission of 2011. The next stage is to present to the Parish Council a final draft from the Working party at the next meeting in preparation for a public consultation later in the year.

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91. Finance:

- a) Council approved the Payments, Receipts and Balances issued by the Clerk. – Appendix A
- b) Council noted the receipt of £15.60 credit from WDC due to over payment for printing in the last financial year.

92. Honeybourne Road Street Signage:

- a) The Clerk reported on the pending court case to change the road name. A portfolio of evidence has been accepted by WDC who indicated it was sufficient for them to proceed with the court case. The District Council required a statement from the Parish Council giving an assurance that the Parish Council would pay all legal cost made against the District Council.
- b) Council considered and agreed the wording of a letter agreeing to pay any appellant costs awarded against the District Council in defending the case at the Magistrates Court.

93. Highway Matters:

- a) New highway matters to be reported.
 - (a) Pothole in Friday Street by the junction with Long Marston Road
 - (b) An inspection cover is missing in the verge in Friday Street and is a hazard to pedestrians
 - (c) The 30mph sign in Honeybourne Road is leaning over and needs attention
 - (d) The Footway in Chapel Road is very uneven
 - (e) The hedge on the Warwickshire Quinton boundary needs cutting back off the highway
 - (f) Bags of rubbish left on the Mickleton Road
- b) **Consideration of quotations** received for verge mowing; it was agreed a map was required to define the areas to be included in a verge mowing contract, the Clerk to bring a parish map to the October meeting for consideration of areas to be included.
- c) **Consideration of quotations** for regular mowing of the small verge in School Street; after pursuing quotations from local contractors the Council agreed to award the verge mowing to the existing contractor, Limebridge Rural Services Ltd. the regular mowing will commence in 2014
- d) **Ownership of the Town Pool land** – WCC have confirmed it is not their land therefore a Land Registry search is needed and the fee of £30.00 was agreed if this becomes necessary as the PCC are making investigation into the ownership
- e) **Seat in the Bus shelter;** The Chairman will investigate re-installing a plank seat in the Town Pool Bus Shelter and report to the October meeting.

94. Lengthsman/Handyman

- a) To consider any new Lengthsman or Handyman matters. None requested
- b) Members reported that action requests last month were all completed: -

95. Public Rights of Way:

- a) The PROW finger post in Back Lane has now been reinstalled, albeit lower than the original.
- b) Mowing of the PROW through the Slingate off Dorsington Road; to be completed as soon as possible as the contractor's mower is not currently available.
- a) **Street Lighting:** Faulty lights to be reported. None at this time

96. The Close and Recreation Field:

- a) **Inspection:** The Chairman's report: The regular visual inspection of the play equipment found no safety problems with the equipment or the site. The safety matting under the balance scales has now been under-filled with topsoil to rectify the ground sinkage, matter resolved

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- b) **The safety surface** under the swings is under investigation with contractors for its replacement and a recommendation of wet pour surfacing has been put forward, quotations will be considered at the next meeting.
- c) **Zip Wire:** The loose stop end on the Zip Wire has been rectified by Timberplay.
- d) **New litterbin:** Council considered proposed charges from WDC to install a new litterbin and rejected the total cost of £694.56 and an annual cost of £73.02 for emptying the bin. The Chairman offered to continue to move any rubbish from the bin on The Close to the bins on Chapel Road which are cleared by WDC
- e) **Football tournament:** Council agreed to a request to use The Close for the scouts football tournament on Sunday 29th September
- f) **Recreation field:** The Chairman reported the field is very cracked due to the prolonged drought, many of the sapling trees have failed and the larger trees might have survived. The grass is rather sparse and over-seeding should be considered in the autumn.
- 97. Parish Pump and Questionnaire:**
- a) **Parish Pump's scope of input;** it was agreed the Parish Pump should only carry matters relating to Parish Council business.
- b) The Clerks draft wording and layout of the autumn edition was agreed following some small amendments.
- c) Council agreed printing would be on A3 folded and carried out by WDC, distribution to be via the parish magazine and collection options for the questionnaire were also agreed.
- 98. Allotments:** The Clerk reported that the planning officers are working on an outline plan for the scheme which is expected for consideration at the October meeting.
- 99. Pebworth in Bloom:**
- a) Cllr Simon Shiers reported Pebworth in Bloom are being given £1000 donation from the Global Gathering funds to be used for a greenhouse/polytunnel for the school. The awards ceremony for Britain in Bloom is on Sept 12th when the results of the judging will be announced on the day. The Council congratulated the In Bloom group for their good work and making a significant difference to the aesthetics of the parish.
- b) Cllr David Lees request to consider the relationship between the Parish Council and the In Bloom group. Council agreed to review the relationship at the annual meeting of the Council in May.
- 100. Correspondence:** None
- 101. Matters Raised by Members for Consideration and or items for future agendas.**
- a) Council agreed to Cllr David Lees request for a letter to be sent to Cllr M Brain acknowledging Global Gathering contributions to parish organisations. It was noted that Cllr Brain suggested further application from village groups are made for next year's event.
- 102. Next Meeting:** It was confirmed the next ordinary meeting of the Council is scheduled for the 7th October at 7.00 pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10:50 pm

Chairman

Date

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APPENDIX A: FINANCE

PAYMENTS TO BE AUTHORISED

Sep-13

Meeting

Cheque No.	Payee	Details	Total Payment	VAT Element	Net Payment
1396	Land Registry	Registration of the Close	30.00		30.00
1397	Zurich Insurance	Insurance premium	2311.32		2311.32
1398	Lodders	Legal Advice	120.00	20.00	100.00
1399	Cllr David Cranage	Milage expenses WDC + Worc's	39.00		39.00
1400	Pebworth In Bloom	Grant as agreed	200.00		200.00
1401	Limebridge RS	Mowing contract	763.20	127.20	636.00
1402	J Stedman	Clerks salary and expenses	628.91		628.91
1403	Westhill Direct	Stationery	87.73	14.62	73.11
1404	WCC	New Grit Bin	150.00		150.00
			4,330.16	161.82	4,168.34

Account Transfers

Received from	Description	Amount	Date
G Clifford & Son	Memorial Sidney Taylor	110.00	27-Aug
TJP Andrews	Intern of Ashes in plot 320	120.00	27-Aug
WDC	BACS credit for over payment	15.60	27-Aug
Tomlins	Intern of ashes plot 536	120.00	27-Aug
Total		365.60	

All Paid Up Bank Accounts	
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	35,042.79
CURRENT ACCOUNT	4,751.44
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	39,794.23
Reserve Lighting Fund	2,660.00
Reserve Capital Fund	5,000.00
Neighbourhood Plan Fund	6,259.93
Revenue available	25,874.30

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District Councillor report - Pebworth

Month: September 2013

Prepared by Alastair Adams

Honeybourne & Pebworth Ward, Wychavon District Council

Appeal ref APP/H1840/A/13/2202364 - 380 new houses next to SIMS re-cycling plant in

Pebworth/Long Marston – As mentioned last month, the developer has gone to appeal. The Planning Inspector has now agreed to write a report and submit it to the Secretary of State (Eric Pickles) who will make the final decision. If you do not want 380 new houses built in the parish of Pebworth, you need to show your opposition in a BIG WAY NOW!. If you wish to make comments, you can do so on the Planning Portal at www.planningportal.gov.uk/pcs and type in the planning inspectorate 7 digit reference :- **2202364**

If you do not have access to the internet, you can send three copies to The Planning Inspectorate, The Planning Inspectorate, 3/02 Wing Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN or you can email the Planning Inspector directly to: robert.cook@pins.gsi.gov.uk

All representations must be received to the Planning Inspectorate by 12/09/2013.

Also Posters are being printed, so if you object to this development and don't want it to go ahead, please make sure your views are clearly displayed to the inspector as he drives around this area, and put a poster up. Email me if you want a poster – adams.pebworth@gmail.com.

BARD have agreed to help fight the appeal, and have been accepted as Rule 6 party by the Planning Inspector.

1. **Planning** – It was a busy month for me at the last planning committee as I had 6 items on the agenda on 15th August – they all related to Honeybourne & Pebworth
2. **Resident issues:**
 - a. **SIMS Fire/working outside of hours.**- The EA are still compiling their report on the fire
 - b. **Exposed manhole cover outside Pebworth House at the junction between Front Street and Back Lane ref 5761613.** I have reported it
 - c. **Leaking water pipe under Dorsington Lane** I have reported it
 - d. **Pavement in Elm Close** I have reported it
3. **Food Waste collection** – The Wychavon Council are voting on whether to scrap food waste collection from next January 2014 as less than 20% of residents use the service and in a recent questionnaire 87% of respondents stated that they would choose to stop this collection as part of a money saving measure.

Pebworth Parish Council**County Councillor Report- Pebworth****Month: September 2013****Prepared by Alastair Adams****Littletons Division, Worcestershire County Council****Highways –**

All the roads in the area that were identified to be repaired have now been completed except one which is the main road from Honeybourne to Bretforton. I have been assured by Highways that work on this road will start this month in September. Also, the Long Marston Rd is on the list to have surface treatment next Spring (tarmac & stones).

PACT. (Police Liaison Meeting) As mentioned last month, Evesham North Rural policing is being increased: By the end of September we should have in place have 1 x new patrol person, and 2 x new CSO's, a new CSO for the schools, and 6 x new Special Constables. The Special Constables will concentrate on enforcing speed limits in and around the area. Unfortunately, as part of this re-organisation, we will be losing a familiar face in Pebworth; Julie Pardoe, our current CSO, is moving to Pershore Rural North. May I take this opportunity to thank Julie for all her hard work over the last few years, and I warmly welcome the new members of the Evesham Rural North team to Pebworth.

30mph stickers for wheelie bins Reminder - these are now being produced by the West Mercia Safer Road Partnerships, and I have some if any one wants some; simply contact me – they are free but must only be applied to wheelie bins.

Flooding – I am still waiting to hear from the WCC Path Warden when work will start with Green Lane, off priory Lane. This is to be levelled and new hard standing to be laid. The levelling should help with the flooding issues. We are still awaiting a date from the Chief Engineer to visit Pebworth to agree a plan of action for the brook.

Broadband — Worcestershire County Council signed a £20m deal with BT in August to bring broadband services in the county in line with the government's targets. That means that all residences should have access to a minimum of 2Mb/s broadband speed by the time that the project completes in June 2016. Additionally the deal will see superfast broadband speeds (up to 80Mb/s) made available to 90% of homes in the county. Representatives for Honeybourne and Pebworth attended a meeting on Wednesday 21st August with the council and BT to find out more about the next steps. However, we will not know how this affects Pebworth until the end of September at the earliest.

End of report