

Pebworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

Held at the Pebworth Village Hall at 7:00 pm on Monday 3rd August 2015.

Present: Cllrs. John Hyde (Chairman), David Lees, Sue Peace, David Cranage, Richard Weller, & Simon Shiers

In attendance: John Stedman (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

55. Apologies were accepted from : Cllr Pam Veal and Cllr Alistair Adams

56. 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.
- c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – None declared.

Other Disclosable Interests – None declared.

57. Chairman Moved: The meeting be now adjourned for Open Forum.

Open Forum:

Allotments: An inquiry was made regarding the water tank as it has not been installed only the underground pipe works are in place. The Chairman confirmed the matter would be investigated with the contractor.

The Chairman closed the adjournment and reconvened the meeting at 7:10

58. Minutes: The Council agreed the wording of the minutes of the July ordinary meeting the Chairman signed them as a true record.

59. The Clerk's Progress Reports.

- a) Blocked gully in Back Lane buried by BT telecoms work – members reported the gully is still not reinstated and investigations are ongoing with various contractors.
- b) Insurance renewal quotes are cancelled as the council has a 5 year contract until September 2016
- c) Letter sent to the owner of the abandoned car on town pool car park no reply has been received. Further consideration to be made at the September meeting.
- d) Wesley Gardens residents were informed of the council's agreement for verge maintenance. The Chairman confirmed the allotments contractor had used his digger to flatten the uneven verge and further levelling will be carried out in the early autumn to allow it to be mown by the Wesley Gardens residents.
- e) Cemetery notice board is now ordered from HMP Long Lartin.
- f) Members report on the recruitment of a Community Connector Volunteer, as no one was forthcoming a request for a volunteer will be published in the Council's newsletter.

60. Planning Applications to Consider:

- a. **W/15/01757/PP:** Mrs V Cook The Old Barn, Back Lane, Pebworth. Proposal: Single storey timber framed, timber clad extension to rear to form wet room. Convert lounge to ground floor bedroom. The council has no objections or comments on the application.

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- b. **W/15/01176/CU:** The Rosary, Broad Marston Road, Broad Marston: Change of use of outbuilding from office/storage facility to overflow accommodation annexe for visiting family. The Parish Council requests that the exterior characteristics of the building are retained to protect the aesthetics of the street scene.
- c. **SDC 14/03579/OUT:** Outline application (with all matters reserved (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for future determination) for the erection of up to 400 dwellings on Long Marston airfield. An objection will be made to the application as the Parish Council are concerned over the serious lack of road and local infrastructure to service the proposed 400 new homes.

61. Finance:

- a) **Payments:** Council approved the Clerk's schedule of Payments receipts and balances which is appended to the minutes.
- b) The Bank account reconciliation from the latest bank statement received was not approved due to an error in the printout, the matter to be reconsidered at the September meeting.
- c) Council agreed to a donation of £50.00 for the Pebworth Piper, payment to be made at the next meeting
- d) The process of the new bank mandate for member's signatures is ongoing.
- e) The problems of receiving bank statements is still unresolved and the Clerk will pursue the matter further.
- f) Council noted the New Homes Bonus update information from WDC -

62. Highway Matters:

- a) New highway matters to be reported.
 - i. The footway surfacing at the top of Front Street is in a poor condition
 - ii. A dead tree branch is hanging over Friday Street – the Lengthsman will inspect and deal with it accordingly.
- b) The County Councils proposed siting of the new bus shelter on Broad Marston Road funded by sec 106. A meeting with a County Highways officer is arranged for the 11th August when the Chairman will attend to confirm the councils preferred site.
- c) Council considered the WDC Flood Alleviation Grant Scheme and proposed it is referred to Cllr Alistair Adams as he has taken the lead on flooding matters in the parish

63. Public Rights of Way: PROW

- a. PROW matters in need of attention. – None reported
- b. Council noted the correspondence received regarding the post of the PPW - Resolved

64. PPW:Lengthsman/Handyman

- a. Report on works carried out by the Lengthsman and Handyman
 - i. Pavement surface repairs in Back Lane - Completed
 - ii. Clearance of weeds and grass from footways and gutters at The Holt – Completed
- b. The Clerk reported that the Lengthsmans training application for weed killer spray application has been lodged and awaiting confirmation.
- c. New Lengthsman or Handyman matters.
 - i. To strim as necessary any weedy vacant allotment plots
 - ii. Remove the dead ash tree on The Close

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65. Section 106 funded Projects:

- a. After considering three quotation for the MUGA it was agreed to continue the project and arrange a public drop in event for the project. This is arranged for Saturday September 19th. The proposed Sec 106 funding for the Village Hall will be confirmed to enable the project funding to be finalised.

66. The Close:

- a. **Inspection:** There were no matters of concern with the regular visual inspection of the play equipment.
- b. The new cradle seat for the junior swings has been received from Sutcliffe play and will fitted by the handyman.

67. Street Lighting:

- a. Faulty lights to be reported. None at this time

68. Allotments

- a. Members reported that the water tank installation is incomplete and requested the Clerk to chase up the matter with the contractor.
- b. The Clerk reported the weed clearance on un-adopted plots and site boundaries was completed by the amenity contractor.

69. Cemetery:

- a. The maintenance and weeding of the laurel hedge on the cemetery boundary was completed by the handyman who reported some gaps in the hedge where laurels had failed. It was agreed to procure six matching laurels, 1 metre high, for the autumn planting.
- b. Landscaping works: the amenity contractors had continued with the site preparation works but had to withdraw due to being attacked by wasps after disturbing a large nest. The Handyman was requested to deal with the nest to allow a safe working environment for the contractors.

70. Pebworth in Bloom:

- a. Cllr Simon Shiers gave a PIB news update which is appended to the minutes.

71. Correspondence noted: None

72. Matters Raised by Members: for consideration and or items for future agendas.

- a. Cllr Richard Weller thanked the council for allowing the Party in the Park event to use the Recreation Field for parking.

73. Confirmation of meeting dates:

- a. Council confirmed the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council is scheduled for Monday 7th September at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55 pm

Chairman _____

Date _____

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Payments Authorised			Gross	Net
Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Payment	Payment
1550	Pebworth Village Hall	Baby Clinics May 15 to May 16	240.00	240.00
DD	Npower	Streetlight Energy	54.91	45.76
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1551	Zurich	Insurance premium	2373.35	2373.35
1552	John Hyde	Lengthsman work	70.20	70.20
1552	John Hyde	Handyman Works	37.50	37.50
1553	Limebridge RS	Mowing Contract	746.40	622.00
1554	J Stedman	Clerks Salary and Expenses	***	***
1555	Sutcliffe Play	New swing seat	166.32	138.60

Pebworth in Bloom meeting report from Cllr Simon Shiers: -

Britain in Bloom judging day - Thanks to all who attended to support the presentation to judges. We will find out the results in September (exact date TBC) at a presentation day to be held in Rugby.

Phone box at Ullington crossroads - PIB are considering the purchase, removal and restoration of this phone box into Pebworth village centre and are in discussion with WDC and relevant landowners. *(For your info I have spoken this morning to Martin Tout at WDC and he will provide all relevant info and next steps)*

St Peters Churchyard - PIB have provided further working parties in the churchyard and we are now into the last 12 of the best kept churchyard competition. We are to be judged again at some point between the 3rd and 16th August.

NGS Gardens Open scheme - Following the decision of Gill Thomas to stand down as our local organiser it was agreed that the PIB committee were prepared to take over the running of this event.