

**Pebworth Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council**

Held at the Pebworth Village Hall at 7:00 pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

**Present:** Cllrs. John Hyde, Pam Veal, David Cranage, Sue Peace, Richard Weller, & Simon Shiers

**In attendance:** 5 members of the public, Cllr Alastair Adams and The Clerk, John Stedman.

**184. Apologies were accepted from:** None

**185. Resignation:** The chairman reported having received the formal resignation from the council of Cllr David Lees which was received on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

**186. 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.

**187. Open Forum:**

A resident reported on a theft of heavy equipment from his property on Honeybourne Road, the theft took place at 04.00 and a white van was seen in the area. The police indicated it was an arranged theft by Birmingham based thieves.

Four residents made reference to the proposed MUGA installation on the Recreation Field and the consultation process the council had taken in gaining public support for the project. Further comments were made over the proposed siting of the MUGA and how much use it might get.

The visual impact of the MUGA was of concern and in particular the type and colour of the perimeter fencing. The Chairman offered samples of the fencing which had been issued by a MUGA manufacture.

A comprehensive and fully costed alternative scheme planned by the play equipment manufactures Caloo was presented to the Council by Mr Kearns which offered 12 items of outdoor Gym exercise equipment, an open hard surface area and a trim trail track all centred in the middle of the Recreation Field. The council were asked if this alternative option could be included in the next public consultation scheduled for April.

Cllr David Cranage suggested a dialogue group is formed with Long Marston, Quinton and Pebworth Councils and the developers Persimmon Homes to enable development and construction matters to be shared and resolved by all the Parish Councils involved in the development site.

**Ward Members report:** Cllr Alastair Adams report is appended to the minutes

**188.** The chairman closed the adjournment at 8.10 and resumed the Council meeting

**189. Minutes:** The Council agreed the wording of the minutes of the February ordinary meeting, the Chairman signed them as a true record of the meeting.

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**190. The Clerk's Progress Reports.**

- a. Councillor resignation has been reported to WDC and the council vacancy posted on the village noticeboards.
- b. Planning concerns regarding works at the Old Chapel on Front Street were reported to planning enforcement and the officers confirmed no enforcement action was necessary.
- c. Brodie Manning consultants have agreed to meet members from Pebworth on 30<sup>th</sup> March at the Honeybourne NDP meeting.
- d. The leaning wall on Front Street was reported to County Highways who closed off the footway, remedial measures are being considered by WDC and the property owners.
- e. Blocked main drain flooding into Mr Rainbows field west of Friday Street has been reported to County Highways drainage team.
- f. The Pebworth Fire Station has agreed to site the Defibrillator if required.

**191. Planning Application to Consider:**

- a. W/16/00243/PP Location: 63 Broad Marston Road, Pebworth, Description of Proposal Installation of external wall insulation to all elevations of the property in a neutral colour (white/cream/grey). Applicant: EON Energy. *Under the Clerk's delegated power, The Council has no objection or comment on the application. And a further report confirmed the application was Granted with 2 conditions.*

- b. **W/16/00222/RM:** Land Adjacent to, Sims Metals UK (South West) Limited, Long Marston,  
Description of Proposal: Residential development comprising of 84 units with associated landscaping and infrastructure - reserved matters outline planning permission W/13/00132.

*Under the Clerk's delegated power, the Council objected to the application with the following comments: -*

*It is considered that the layout is very cramped and more green space could be used for the housing areas.*

*Provision for externally accessing rear gardens should be ensured for every dwelling to enable refuse bins are stored at the rear of all dwelling.*

*A single footway is proposed on the sites roads and no provision for any overspill or visitor parking is provided, this situation will create extensive street parking and parking on pavements as only the minimum of parking spaces is allocated to each dwelling.*

*It would improve the environmental impact of car parking to have visitor parking space (small layby) and a pavement on both sides of all roads.*

*It is considered that the 8No. Leicester style house at 2.5 storeys is not in keeping with the local design standards and should be 2 storeys only.*

- c. *It is noted that house type 50, 1bed apartment, has no private garden space – can discrete refuse bin storage be incorporated and provision for secure outdoor cloths drying space made for this house type*

**192. Planning Decision noted:**

- a. **W/15/02841/LUE:** Meadow Bank Farm, Dorsington Road, Proposal: Application for Certificate of Lawfulness (Existing) Change of Use as 2 separate dwelling houses, under Class C3 of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order following sub-division of a single dwelling. Certificate of Lawfulness **Granted**

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- b. **W/15/02817/OU** - Sims Metals UK; change condition 9, The application was **withdrawn** by the applicant.

**193. Finance:**

- a) **Payments:** Council approved the Clerk's schedule of payments receipts and balances which is appended to the minutes.
- b) It was agreed to engage Mr Geoff Bradley to undertake the council's internal audit.

**194. Defibrillator:**

- a. It was confirmed that Rooftop Housing have agreed to allow the kiosk to be sited on their property in School Road.
- b. It was confirmed by WDC that the Parish Council has permitted development rights for the kiosk therefore no planning application is required.
- c. The Council agreed to using approximately £2,000 from the New Homes Bonus for the kiosk and Defibrillator project as the available fund is £2,785 from the total of £32,785.
- d. The Council agreed the wording and signing of the WDC transfer agreement for the kiosk, the agreement was signed by the Chairman and Clerk and witnessed by Cllr Weller.

**195. Village Hall:**

- a. Council agreed to the NHB questionnaire for the Village Hall re-development application for NHB funding to be included in their parish wide MUGA consultation.
- b. Following the resignation of David Lees council considered a member delegate for the Village Hall committee. Cllr Sue Peace was nominated and elected unopposed as the council delegate to the Village Hall committee

**196. Community Matters:**

- a. Council considered any action that can be taken regarding the alleged wheelie bins and rubbish left at the front of properties in Broad Marston Road. It was agreed a generic letter requesting co-operation and compliance with WDC bin policy and the legalities of fly tipping on the public verges should be delivered to all households in the area. The Chairman offered to deliver 53 letters in Broad Marston Road and the households in New Road. Clerk to action the letters.
- b. The Clerk reported on the completion of the installation of the new bus shelter by WCC and the instruction to Zurich insurance to add it to the council's policy. Zurich have added the shelter at no extra cost for this year but it attracts an extra £67.48 in future. It was also agreed to remove and dispose of the old shelter and retain its integral noticeboard for other uses. The Handyman to action the removal.
- c. Council considered a report from CALC/NALC on dog fouling enforcement matters and requested the matter of excluding dogs on the Recreation Field to be considered at the April meeting.

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**197. Flood Alleviation Project:**

- a. Members considered a report on the site meeting with Trevor Bury (Architect) and inspected the plans for the culvert works. The Clerk reported that the Architect and near neighbours to the culvert considered the proposed design to be very over engineered as it is intrusive onto the Orchard Dene property and will necessitate the removal of a mature tree. They all suggested a single large capacity pipe is installed in place of the existing concrete culvert. The council agreed the matter should be discussed with the WDC engineering officer before proceeding with a planning application.
- b. The Clerk reported that Robert Wood-Thorpe Browne acceptance to remove a Hawthorn tree and to carry out the construction works on his property.

**198. Highway Matters:**

- a) New highway matters to be reported.
  - a. Fly tipping by the Railway Bridge on the Long Marston Road; report to SDC
- b) Update report on the oil leak remedial works in Back Lane, it was reported that oil is still evident in Back Lane following heavy rain fall, monitoring will continue.
- c) Members reported the blocked road drains in Back Lane are now functioning correctly.
- d) The Lengthsman reported the VAS data for Middlesex at 2199 recorded infringements in nine days and the VAS will be relocated to Broad Marston Road.

**199. Public Rights of Way: PROW**

- a. PROW matters in need of attention.
  - i. A PROW marker post is down in the hedge on Long Marston Road

**200. Lengthsman/Handyman**

- a. New Lengthsman or Handyman matters.
  - i. A reflective bollard has been flattened in Back Lane.
  - ii. Reinstate the PROW marker on Long Marston Road
  - iii. Weed spraying at the Holt Bridge
  - iv. Move the old noticeboard from opposite the Masons Arms
  - v. Spray algaecide on village footways to remove moss and algae slime
  - vi. Remove graffiti from the bus shelter in Broad Marston Road
  - vii. Clean and repaint the bus shelter in Broad Marston Road

**201. Recreation Field Development Projects:**

- a. MUGA: The Sovereign Play representative supplied MUGA fencing samples and these will be fixed to the Recreation Field boundary fence for public inspection. The redundant noticeboard from Broad Marston Road will be fixed to the fence and contain pictures and information on the proposed MUGA installation. The proposed site for the MUGA will be clearly marked out on the field. The wording of the next consultation questionnaire was agreed and will be distributed to the whole parish by members. Each questionnaire will be uniquely numbered to ensure duplicates are not created. The Clerk to organise the distribution with stamped addressed envelopes for the returns of the questionnaires.
- b. In consideration of Mr Kearns request to include his alternative gym equipment planned by Caloo, the Council declined the request as the equipment is not supported by the section 106 enabling office, its visual impact is no better than a MUGA, it would not be used any more than a MUGA and is not supported by the Parish Council's previous surveys.

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- c. The community funding request made to Cllr Alastair Adams for 5-aside goalposts was accepted by him and the council agreed to purchase the 5-aside goalposts for the Recreation Field.
- d. Council considered a parishioner's request to install a dog waste bin at the Recreation Field access and declined the request pending the outcome of the council considering a dog ban for the Recreation Field possibly negating the need for a dog waste bin, the dog ban will be considered at the April Parish Council meeting.

**202. The Close and Recreation Field:**

- a. The monthly safety inspection found no matters of concern on The Close. It was reported that the timber fencing along the eastern boundary is in a poor state and will require attention in the future.
- b. Two quotations to install a new spring animal on The Close will be considered at the next Council meeting due to time constraints.

**203. Street Lighting:**

- a. Faulty lights to be reported.
  - i. The streetlight at the top of Front Street remains on all day,

**204. Cemetery:**

- a. The Handyman confirmed the replacement laurel bushes would be planted within a week as he has them in hand. Matter resolved.
- b. Transfer of Exclusive Right of Burial for plot 603, It was agreed the transfer could be allowed to a close family member only, and they must be an existing parishioner.

**205. Allotments**

- a. A tenants meeting will be held at 6.00 pm; one hour prior to the APM on 11th April to collect rents and discuss any issues with the tenants.

**206. Pebworth in Bloom:**

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

**207. Correspondence: None**

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

- a. It was reported that Profound Decisions events will not be held at Bidford Grange in 2015 as reported at the last meeting.
- b. **Cllr Sue Peace:** Baby Clinic financial support grant on the April agenda
- c. **Chairman:** Letter of thanks from the council to David Lees for his services to the community.

**209. Confirmation of meeting dates:**

- a. Council confirmed the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council is scheduled for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall and the APM on Monday 11th April at 7.00 pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10:45 pm

Chairman

Date .

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**Payments Authorised**

<b>Cheque Number</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Gross Payment</b>	<b>Net Payment</b>
1588	Limebridge RS	Removal of cemetery rubbish	90.00	75.00
1589	J Stedman	5 Laurel plants for cemetery	119.94	99.95
1590	J Stedman	Clerks Salary and Expenses	***	***
1591	John Hyde	Lengthsman Works	68.25	68.25
1592	T E Bury	BM culvert survey and plans	600.00	500.00
1593	P D Long	Repair of 3 streetlights	196.80	164.00

**PIB Report from Cllr Simon Shiers**

February events

- Village Hall clear up
- Visit from Britain in Bloom judge to advise on village projects

March events

- 2nd March - Fiona Argyle, WDC to assess Church footpath and advise on possible Parish footpath project
- 5th March - Village litter pick

Future events

- 29th and 30th May NGS Open gardens scheme and PIB scarecrow competition
- 7th July - Britain in Bloom judging day

Additional Info

- Town Pool wall has been repaired using reclaimed stone and £300 grant from Parish Council
- PIB are working with Rooftop Housing to regenerate the area between the bungalow garages and the school on School Road. Project cost estimated at £2700, Rooftop are providing £2000, PIB are funding £700.
- Contractors working on the Old Chapel have donated remaining original flagstones to PIB for village use
- PIB are donating £300 for conservation project at Cala Homes ponds
- PIB working with Parish Council on Telephone Box / Defibrillator project
- Hayloft Nurseries donated hundreds of unwanted bulbs which have been planted around the village and the remainder sold to raise money for PIB. £1,249.00 has been raised through these sales.

## Pebworth Parish Council

### District Councillor & County Councillor Report - Pebworth

Month: March 2016

Prepared by Alastair Adams

Honeybourne & Pebworth Ward, Wychavon District Council

Littletons Division, Worcestershire County Council

**Great News - The SWDP (Local Plan) has been adopted and is now a legal entity.** The council formally approved the SWDP on 24<sup>th</sup> February and this should mean that new housing development is much better controlled moving forward.

**Best rural place to live in the West Midlands** I thought you'd be interested in the results of the latest [Halifax Rural Areas of Quality of Life Survey](#), which have just been published. According to the survey, Wychavon is currently the best rural place to live in the West Midlands.

**New flood insurance scheme** A new scheme called Flood Re launches in April. It will promote the availability and affordability of flood insurance for an estimated 350,000 homeowners across the UK who are at risk of flooding. Please see <http://www.floodre.co.uk/how-it-works-overview> for more details

#### **REMINDER - Garden Waste & Bulky Waste**

It is that time of the year for a spring clean and getting rid of all that rubbish! For garden waste why not consider a brown bin – order one on line by clicking on <http://www.wychavon.gov.uk/gardenwaste> Or that old sofa or bed you have been meaning to throw away, ask the council to come and collect it; see <http://www.wychavon.gov.uk/bulkywaste>

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## Pebworth Parish Council

**Community Speed Watch** - is where volunteers from the community carry out speed checks in their villages. They are trained by the Safer Roads and all equipment is provided. – I have spoken to the manager in charge of Community Speed Watch at Safer Roads Partnership in Warwickshire and West Mercia asking how we could set up one in this area.

Step 1 – I need to know which parish out of the 8 Parishes I cover has the greatest problem of speeding through their village, and which road in particular.

Step 2 – Safer Roads Partnership will do a traffic speed survey on that road. If it meets the criteria, volunteers will be requested from that Parish for training – 6 volunteers are needed

Step 3 – all equipment is shared between communities so the equipment will have to be collected and returned

For more information on Community Speed Watch

See <http://www.thinksaferroads.org.uk/community-speed-watch-launch/>

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please let contact me.

### **Satellite Superfast Broadband – new government scheme**

To help those houses and farms that are outside our main villages, and therefore have poor Broadband a new scheme has just been announced by WCC. Houses too far from the superfast broadband fibre enabled cabinets have slow speeds, and the cost of installing a new3 cabinet near these remote houses is prohibitive. Therefore the government will help pay for a satellite connection.

For more information see

<http://www.superfastworcestershireshire.com/other-projects>

And

<http://www.superfastworcestershireshire.com/USC-FAQS>

**40mph speed limit Offenham Rd between Evesham and Offenham** - New signs now erected

**Pothole on Stratford Road Pebworth near Hillcrest Farm on the bend** – reported to Highways

**The ditches near Pebworth Holt** - new inlet and outlet headwalls rebuilt by WCC Highways.

**New bus Shelter** – Installed.

**New “Slow Down” and “30MPH” wheelie bin stickers available** – if you want some, please contact me.

**Rooftop Housing Association** - new social housing site off Chapel Rd, planning reference PA/13/01329/AD Still awaiting feedback from Rooftop Housing on responses to questionnaires completed by residents that attended the consultation on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016. However Rooftop have re-designed the site and the houses to be more in keeping with village using local materials.

**Divisional Funds.** Last month the following were requested:-

- Offenham village hall – grant requested for Broadband
- Littleton Juniors Football Club – grant requested for some goal posts
- Pebworth – grant request for some goal posts