

Pebworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

Held at the Pebworth Village Hall at 7:00 pm on Monday 2nd January 2017.

Present: Cllrs. John Hyde (Chairman), Richard Weller, Simon Shiers, Sue Peace, David Cranage, Pam Veal & Denise Meynell

In attendance: The Clerk- John Stedman, no members of the public were present

217. Apologies: All members present

218. 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.

219. Open Forum: no public present

Ward Members report: Cllr Alastair Adams was not in attendance and his written report is appended to the minutes.

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

221. The Clerk's Progress Reports.

- a. It was confirmed the precept demand has been sent to WDC
- b. It was confirmed the purchase orders have been placed for the cemetery hedge including the 17m extension and the fence on The Close. The contractor was instructed not to cause any damage to the surface on The Close.
- c. Wheelie bins permanently left in Broad Marston Road have been reported to WDC but remain in the road, the situation will be monitored
- d. It was confirmed that the registration with the Pension Regulator is complete.
- e. A letter from WDC regarding the Masons Arms as a community asset was noted.

222. Planning Matters

- a. **W/16/01928/PN** - Land off, Chapel Road. The chairman thanked Cllr David Cranage for representing the Parish Council at the WDC planning meeting and Cllr Richard Weller for his report on the meeting proceedings which is appended to the minutes. As the planning committee deferred the decision on Chapel Road it will now be re-considered on 12th January and it was agreed Cllr David Cranage could represent the Parish Council again at the planning meeting. The main issue for the deferral was the interpretation of the SWDP policy on Green Infrastructure within the site in relation to the housing density. An application for clarity on this matter has been made to the WDC policy officers but a formal response is still awaited. On receipt of this policy information a further response can be drafted for Cllr David Cranage to put to the planning committee on the 12th January.
An application to speak again at the planning meeting will be made by the Clerk and the procedures for speakers confirmed.

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223. Planning Decision noted:

- a. **W/16/02461/PP** - Kaaga, Friday Street, Pebworth, Garage Extension **Granted** with 5 conditions
- b. **W/16/01038/CU** Applicant: Miss S Jarrett Ashlow Priory Lane Broad Marston, Proposal: Change of use from telephone exchange to B1 office use. Location: Telephone Exchange Building, Back Lane, Pebworth. Further to our previous consultation for the above development. Due to revised information being received, the registration date of this application has been restarted. Description of amendment: Change to the location plan due to repositioning of the access. **Granted** with 12 conditions.
- c. **W/16/02561/PP** Mr & Mrs D Morrow: Proposed single storey rear/side infill extension with new flat roof linkage at single storey level. New external door. Location: Orchard View, Back Lane, Pebworth. **Granted** with 4 condition
- d. **W/16/01933/CU** Location: Low Furrow Farm, Dorsington Road: Mrs C Ashford: Proposal: Erection of timber framed stable block comprising 2 loose boxes, tack room, and hay store. **Granted** with 7 conditions.

224. Neighbourhood Development Plan:

- a. Members reported the parish wide questionnaire draft is awaited from Brodie Manning.

225. Finance:

- a. **Payments:** Council approved the Clerk's schedule of payments receipts and balances which is appended to the minutes.
- b. **Accounts:** Council checked and approved the third quarterly bank reconciliation, budget balances and account balance, checked by Cllr Denise Meynell
- c. Members reported on receiving some internet banking correspondence but not the access code generators, it was agreed to wait a further month before contacting the bank
- d. The Clerk reported the bank has confirmed the bank mandate changes.
- e. **Precept:** The Clerk's report on receiving the 2017-18 tax base number and its impact on the agreed precept of £28,500. Although the precept has increased by £600 the impact on the band D council tax will be minus 3% as the tax base has increased, therefore the tax will be £2.18 less than last year.

226. Recreation Field and MUGA:

- a. Clerk to report on the delay for MUGA procurement process through ESPO framework 115 as planning matters need to be resolved.
- b. The planning application for the MUGA has been delayed due to the conservation officer's report on visual impact. It was agreed to make further representation to the planning officer and indicate the style and colour of the proposed MUGA fencing and possible extra landscape screening. Mr Bury, the Council's Architect to deal with these matters.

227. The Close:

- a. **Inspection:** The monthly safety inspection found no safety matters of concern.
- b. The youth shelter clean-up will be completed this month.
- c. The ditch clearance on The Close is under way and will be completed this month.
- d. The replacement parts for the Timber Play equipment are awaiting delivery and fitting.

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228. Public Rights of Way: PROW

- a. Council considered proposals for a permissive footpath in the fields along the south-eastern side of Honeybourne Road to allow public access to the Heart of England Forest sites on the Honeybourne boundary south of Hallams Barn. The Council agreed the proposal should be supported and enquiries will be made with Gloucestershire County Council as the land owners of the proposed route. Clerk to action the proposals.

229. Highway Matters:

- a. New highway matters to be reported. –
 - i. Restoration of Front Street verges, it was agreed to liaise with the County Highways when the new kerbs are installed which is due to be completed before the end of March
- b. The Clerk reported the installation of the new oak bollards on Front Street is suspended until County Highways have installed the new kerbs damaged by vehicle impact.
- c. Speeding in Middlesex - Cllr Denise Meynell expressed concerns over excessive speeding through Middlesex and council agreed to investigate having a permanent VAS sited in the area, costs and possible funding options will be investigated.
- d. The County Highways Officer supports the introduction of sudo gates throughout the parish and offered options and costs for the Parish Council to consider. The officer's proposal to meet on site to discuss the gates siting and design was agreed and the Clerk will make the meeting arrangements
- e. The Clerk reported that the County Highways has agreed to the clearance and resurfacing of the existing footway from the Church to Middlesex.

230. Lengthsman/Handyman

- a. **New and outstanding Lengthsman or Handyman matters.**
 - i. Clear verge grips in various locations – further check to be made in wet condition
 - ii. Clean up and re-align all street and highway signage – ongoing matter
 - iii. Remove the brambles and other weeds from the new Laurel hedge in the Cemetery – ongoing works to be completed in the winter months

231. Street Lighting:

- a. Faulty lights to be reported. – the streetlight by Salford House in Friday Street is not working. To be reported to PD Long
- b. **New LED Lights:** The requested amendments to the original quotation from Candela were not available for consideration, Cllr Simon Shiers offered to pursue the matter with the company representative.

232. Cemetery

- a. Member's reported on the theft of some 20 plus wreathes from graves in the cemetery over the Christmas period, the police were informed of the incident

233. Parish Notice Boards:

- a. The quotation from HMP Long Lartin is still awaited and is delayed due to internal reorganisation.

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234. Allotments:

- a. Boundary Clearance will be carried out when surface conditions are suitable probably in March when grass seeding can be carried out.

235. Pebworth in Bloom(PIB):

- a. Cllr Simon Shiers gave a full report on PIB activities which is appended to the minutes

236. Kiosk and Defibrillator:

- a. The Clerk's confirmed the purchase order to supply and install a refurbished K6 telephone box was sent to the supplier but no confirmation has been received, Cllr Simon Shiers will pursue the matter with the company representative

237. Matters Raised by Members: for consideration and or items for future agendas. None

238. Confirmation of meeting dates:

- a. Council confirmed the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council is scheduled for Monday 6th February at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm

Chairman _____ Date _____.

Payments Authorised			Gross	Net
Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Payment	Payment
1646	Pebworth Village Hall	NDP meeting Village Hall fees	180.00	180.00
1647	Timber Play	Play equipment parts	22.76	18.97
1648	John Hyde	Lengthsman works	228.15	228.15
1649	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	363.53	363.53
1650	J Stedman	Clerks salary and expenses	***	***

Pebworth in Bloom report from Cllr Simon Shiers

Recent events in December (sorry I think I forgot to mention these last night)

- Christmas wreath making event - 25 people met in the village hall to create beautiful Xmas wreaths
- Christmas tree lighting in the churchyard followed by mince pies and mulled wine

Forthcoming events

- General tidying and clearing during January. Dates TBC

Other news

- National Finals Britain in Bloom - Judging will take place throughout the country during the period 31st July to 11th August 2017. The date for Pebworth to be judged will be announced in April/May.
- PIB are working with Parish Council to ensure that the village will look as good as possible for judging day.

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District Councillor & County Councillor Report - Pebworth

Month: January 2017

Prepared by Alastair Adams

Honeybourne & Pebworth Ward, Wychavon District Council

Littletons Division, Worcestershire County Council

Wishing you all a very happy and successful New Year

Planning Appeal – Connectivity between Sims and St Modwens site

The result of the appeal was announced last month, and was rejected. So condition 9 of the planning so the connectivity between the 2 sites stands. Therefore Codex have to pay St Modwens something in the order of £5m for the strip of land to allow connectivity with the Meon View site. There are rumours that Codex may challenge this decision in court so it may not be the end of the matter.

Chapel Rd Exception Site – 14 houses

The Planning Committee on 15th December decided to defer a decision, and the application was heard again on 12th January. After much deliberation, and some excellent speeches from local people, the site was refused by the planning committee for the following reasons:-

This application be refused for the following reasons:-

1. The proposal is a rural exceptions site affordable housing scheme beyond the Pebworth development boundary. One of the key requirements for granting permission is that there is a proven and as yet unmet local affordable housing need. Having regard to extant planning permissions for housing (including affordable housing) in Pebworth Parish and adjoining parishes and data on housing need, there is no proven and as yet unmet local need for the proposed affordable housing. Furthermore, whilst noting the applicant's willingness to enter into an agreement, there are no secure arrangements in place to ensure the housing will remain affordable and available to meet the continuing needs of local people. The proposal is contrary to Policies SWDP2 and SWDP16 part A of the South Worcestershire Development Plan, as well as guidance contained in the National Planning Policy Framework.

2. The proposed development would represent an over-development of the site (of about 40 dwellings per hectare) when compared against the appropriate average net density figure for villages set out under part E of policy SWDP13 of the South Worcestershire Development Plan. The amount of development proposed is inappropriate in this location since Pebworth has only a limited range of community facilities and services required for day-to-day living and lacks adequate public transport links to be able to easily reach other settlements containing a wider range of facilities and services. The proposal would be of a scale and of a density that is not commensurate with the available infrastructure and is therefore contrary to Policies SWDP2 Part F and SWDP13 of the South Worcestershire Development Plan, as well as guidance contained in the National Planning Policy Framework.

Highway issues:-

1. **30mph Speed limit requested to be extended to include the entrance to Mill Field** – Highways have stated that the speed limit can not be extended as the section of the road does not comply with the criteria, however they are looking at putting up some signs to warn motorists to slow down.
2. **Front Street** will be repaired and re-surfaced in March 2017, and Highways have confirmed that they will use real blue lias stone kerbs to replace existing perished blue lias stone kerbs. They are specially ordering these as it is not normally done but after a request from the Pebworth in Bloom committee, and a little persuasion at a high level, has produce this excellent result.

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3. **Pavement along Dorsington Road by the junction** is being repaired.
4. **White Entrance Gates** at the entrances to Middlesex can be installed.

As always, if you have any issues on any Highways matters, please report it on the WCC website http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/98/report_it Also remember a photo of the Highways problem is as good as “a thousand words” so always take a photo where possible.

Divisional Funds.

1. Honeybees WI have put in a request for some new tables - awaiting more info
2. Cleeve Prior Heritage have applied for a partial grant for a new toilet block – grant paid
3. South Littleton Scout Hut – grant paid
4. Freedom Disco Badsey for people with learning disabilities – mini bus – grant paid
5. Bretforton Cricket Club has applied for a grant – grant paid

Rural Cinema

Remember, the Pebworth Rural Cinema is officially launched on Friday 24th February and the film will be Eddy the Eagle.

Put the following dates in your diary for the Pebworth Rural Cinema:

Friday 24th February; Friday 31st March; Friday 28th April = Pebworth Rural Cinema Night

The showings will be in the village hall, and doors open at 7pm with food and drinks available. The tickets will normally cost £5 per person, so make sure you bring your friends and buy the popcorn! More details on the Rural Cinema will be published on the village website soon www.pebworth.org.

The Rural Cinema is run by a committee – Oz & Sue Jordan, Colin Davenport, Caroline Warren & Dawn Adams. If you want to join the committee and help choose the films, then please contact one of the above.

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