

Pebworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

Held at the Pebworth Village Hall at 7:00 pm on Monday 7th August 2017.

Present: Cllrs. David Cranage, John Hyde, Richard Weller, James Pearson & Denise Meynell

In attendance: The Clerk- John Stedman and six members of the public were present

90) **Apologies:** were accepted from Cllrs Pam Veal, Cllr Simon Shiers & Alastair Adams

91) In the absence of the Chairman Cllr Richard Weller chaired the meeting

92) **Disclosures of Interests:**

- a) Members were reminded of the need to keep their register of interests updated.
- b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests 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.

93) **Open Forum: Chairman adjourned the meeting for open forum:**

Summary of matters raised by the parishioner's present

The planning appeal for the Rooftop Housing site off Chapel Road was discussed and many questions put to the council, as the notification was only received on the day of the council meeting many questions remain unanswered. An assurance was given that further details would be sought and information published prior to the September meeting when the appeal response would be considered.

The hedges at Ullington cross roads are obscuring the highway visibility and need cutting back, the Chairman confirmed the matter would be dealt with by the Clerk.

Highway signage on Honeybourne Road is obscured by hedgerow growth the Lengthsman will be requested to attend to the matter.

The Honeybourne football team manager outlined his proposals for re-arranging the football pitches on the Recreation Field, the matter was resolved later in the meeting at minute 94b

A request was made for the Honeybourne football team to use the Village Hall for welfare facilities. The details of the booking secretary will be forwarded to the team manager

Ward Members Report: Cllr Alastair Adams gave his report by email which is appended to the minutes.

94) The Chairman closed the adjournment at 7.25

95) **Minutes:** The Council agreed the wording of the minutes of the July ordinary meeting of the council and the Chairman signed them as a true record of the meeting.

96) **The Clerk's Progress Reports.**

- a) Two letters sent regarding speeding problems caused by skip lorries through the village; Members requested a further letter be sent to MRW skips as they regularly travel through the village, Clerk to action the letter

- b) Letter sent to Norton Hall requesting the clearance of tree overhang on Front Street. A report on the clearance was not available for the meeting and checks will be made to

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confirm if the clearance is completed, if not, a follow up letter will be sent to Norton Hall stating the problem will be referred to the County Council for enforcement if not completed in three weeks.

- c) Request sent to WCC for the replacement 30MPH repeater signs by the Masons Arms – awaiting action from the County Council
- d) Highway repairs failure at the Mickleton Lane junction reported to WCC; It was agreed to check this again and report the matter to Cllr Alastair Adams if is not resolved. The matter of HGV routing will be brought to Cllr Alastair Adams attention.
- e) Parking of cars and large tractors using Friday Street reported to the PCSO, no further correspondence and the situation will be monitored.

97) Planning Applications:

- a) **17/01167/RM:** Sims Metals Uk (South West) Limited, Long Marston,
Proposal: Application seeking approval of reserved matters following outline application ref no. W/13/00132/OU (allowed on appeal) - new employment B2 floor space (phase 6)
As the consultation date ended on 28th July the matter was concluded under the Clerk's delegation and the Council has no objection or comment on the application.
- b) **17/01269/RM** Sims Metals Uk (South West) Limited Long Marston Pebworth. Reserved matters application for 364 houses and the development infrastructure.
And (C) below
- c) **17/01166/RM:** Sims Metals Uk (South West) Limited, Long Marston,
Proposal: Reserved Matters Application for Phases 2 to 5 inclusive comprising 296 dwellings, community building, landscaping and infrastructure. The Outline Planning Application Ref: W/13/00132 was accompanied by a full Environment Impact Assessment.
Due to the scale and complexity of the applications the Clerk was requested to ask for an extension of consultation period to allow time for Cllr James Pearson and other members to scrutinise the plans and report their findings to the Clerk for submitting the council's response to the application.
- d) **Planning Appeal ref: - PP/H1840/W/17/3177678**
Appellant(s) Name Rooftop Housing Association Proposal: Rural exception housing development (12 dwellings) with associated access and landscaping Site at: Land Off, Chapel Road, Pebworth
As the correspondence closing date is September 6th council agreed to gain further information regarding the appeal and consider the council response at the September council meeting. Clerk to pursue further details from WDC and the Planning Inspectorate

98) Planning Decisions: None

99) Neighbourhood Development Plan:

- a) NDP Member, David Cranage, reported that the data from the questionnaire has given an excellent overview of the parishioner's expectation for future development in Pebworth. A vision statement is now in draft form and will be finalised at the next NDP meeting.

100) Finance:

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- a) **Payments:** Council approved the Clerk's schedule of payments receipts and balances which is appended to the minutes.
- b) **Internet Banking:** The Clerk reported on the ongoing difficulties in achieving internet banking, Cllr Denise Meynell has found that the original account access documents returned by members are now lost by the bank and the process must be restarted. Bank account details and an internet link will be sent to all members to progress the internet banking facility.
- c) Members noted the receipt of the VAT claim from HMRC for £2025.26

101) Community Matters:

- a) **Website Funding:** Council considered a funding request for the village website hosting fees and it was agreed to fund the hosting costs of approximately £70. An invoice for the hosting will be provided for payment when required.
- b) **Tree Removal:** The removal of low tree branches and dead trees on Friday Street was reported to the County Council July 12th but no further details of any action were available, Cllr Alastair Adams will be asked to pursue the matter.
- c) **Fibrex Nurseries Development:** Council agreed to the CALA Homes request to discuss their proposals for the development of Fibrex Nurseries. A public meeting facilitated by the Parish Council is proposed for Mid-September. Clerk to confirm with the Village Hall and CALA homes to agree dates and times

102) Recreation Field and MUGA:

- a) Both Wicksteed and Total Play have returned further details as requested regarding the MUGA specification. It was agreed to invite the company representatives to attend a Q&A meeting with members to finalise specification and tender details. Proposed meeting dates are August 15, 22 & 29. Clerk to make the arrangement
- b) Honeybourne football team request to re-position the goal post on the Recreation Field. Council agreed in principal to allow the fixed goals to be moved to facilitate the Honeybourne team's requirements. As several options are available and the MUGA site needs consideration Cllr John Hyde will meet the Team Manager onsite to agree the pitch layout and goal post re-positioning. An option to use The Close for junior pitch marking was also agreed.

103) The Close:

- a) **Inspection:** The monthly safety inspection found no safety issues needing attention. It was noted that weeds are growing in the safety surfaces and will be sprayed by the Handyman
- b) **Perspex Panels:** The Handyman confirmed the Perspex panels for the youth shelter have not been fitted as new fixing devices are needed the job is in progress by Kevin McLeich who has the panels.
- c) **Dog Fouling:** Members considered any necessary actions over the reported dog fouling on The Close in the vicinity of the Zip Wire and agreed there is no action necessary as daily inspections over the last month did not find any dog fouling in the play area.

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- d) Fencing:** Members considered the proposal to fence off the play area to prevent dog access to the play area and agreed it was an unnecessary expense to fence the play areas to restrict dogs when there is no evidence of dog associated problems.

104) Street Lighting:

- a) Faulty lights to be reported. None reported
- b) Streetlight upgrade: The Chairman reported the test light is now installed by the Church and urged members to inspect it after dark. The Chairman commented it is a very bright white light and looked rather tall, Comments from members will be referred to Candela by Cllrs. Simon Shiers and Richard Weller and adjustments requested as appropriate.

105) Highway Matters:

- a) New highway matters to be reported. –
- i) Road surface break up on Mickleton Lane junction to be checked and any further issues reported to Cllr Alastair Adams for action and consideration of routing HGV traffic.
- b) **7.5 ton weight limit:** Members considered information from WCC regarding a 7.5 ton weight limit through the parish and agreed to request the device for monitoring the numbers of HGV's and a general traffic count to be sited on the cross roads by the Church. Clerk to action the device.
- c) Members noted a report on verge mowing carried out for the In Bloom judging.

106) Public Rights of Way:

- i) The PROW from Friday Street to The Close have a very low tree canopy overhang, Clerk to request the landowner to attend to the problem.
- ii) The handrail on the PROW through the Churchyard is broken and beyond repair. The PIB group are investigating replacing it with a metal handrail in keeping with other hand rails in the Churchyard.

107) Lengthsman/Handyman

- a) New and outstanding Lengthsman or Handyman matters.
- i) The new bollards on Front Street will be adjusted in height and straightened when time allows.
- b) To consider any new Lengthsman or Handyman matters.
- i) Brambles overhanging the footway on Dorsington Road to be cut back
- ii) Spraying weeds on all footways as requested by Cllr Alastair Adams

108) Pebworth in Bloom(PIB):

Cllr Simon Shiers sent a report stating: -

The national Britain in Bloom judging day on 2nd August was very well supported with over 100 people in the village hall to watch a presentation on the works carried out over the last year followed by the judges taking a guided tour of the village. Results will be announced in October.

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109) Kiosk and Defibrillator:

a) Having received the Defibrillator and its cabinet the council's electrician has installed the cabinet and the installation of the Defibrillator will be carried out under the instruction of WAMs. Cllr Simon Shiers will liaise with WAMs for the installation and arrange the Defibrillator training. The Defibrillator was handed to Cllr Richard Weller as Cllr Simon Shiers was absent.

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

i) **Cllr Denise Meynell;** To consider a dog waste bin in the vicinity of the Church – Clerk to obtain costs from WDC

111) Confirmation of meeting dates:

a) Council confirmed the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council is scheduled for Monday 4th September at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:20

Chairman _____ **Date** _____

Payments Authorised			Gross	Net
Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Payment	Payment
1701	Pebworth Piper Association	Community Grant	75.00	75.00
1702	Hartwell & Co Ltd	Oak Bollards	299.05	249.21
1703	Karen Pearson	NDP Expenses Parcel Force	57.00	47.50
1704	BPS	Verge repair	33.52	27.93
1704	BPS	Defibrillator fitments	7.30	6.08
D/D	Npower	Energy for Streetlights	477.51	454.77
D/D	Npower	Energy for Streetlights	46.41	44.20
1705	P D Long	Fitting Defibrillator	133.20	111.00
1706	Limebridge RS	Mowing Contract + Verges	1,208.40	1,007.00
1707	J Stedman	Clerks Salary and Expenses	***	***
1708	John Hyde	Handyman Works	88.50	88.50
1708	John Hyde	Lengthsman Works	181.25	181.25
1709	Margaret Holland	NDP Prize Draw	100.00	100.00

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District Councillor & County Councillor Report - Pebworth

Month: August 2017

Prepared by Alastair Adams

Honeybourne & Pebworth Ward, Wychavon District Council

Littletons Division, Worcestershire County Council

School funding in Worcestershire going up!

The Education Secretary announced £2.6 billion in extra school funding over the next two years, including a commitment to rise the per pupil funding of all secondary schools in the UK to £4,800 per year. Schools in Worcestershire have average per pupil funding of £4,319 so this announcement will have a huge and welcome impact in the county.

Improvement funding announced for Worcestershire Hospitals

An extra £29million has been announced for Worcestershire NHS Acute Hospital trust. At the Alexandra in Redditch, the funding is set to improve the operating theatres so that the hospital can be developed into a centre of excellence for planned surgery, as well as provide a new children's outpatient department, women's centre and improved endoscopy facilities. At the Worcestershire Royal, the funding will provide 81 new general and acute beds and increase car parking capacity by 140 spaces.

Riverside Shopping Centre

A Stratford upon Avon company, Chase Commercial, has purchased the Riverside Shopping Centre in Evesham, and there are high hopes they can bring this town centre area back to life.

Severn Trent - proposals for the sewage and flood improvements. Work will start in August and they will use the field owned by WDC by the old sewage works as a store and temporary office. I have asked them to instruct all delivery drivers & HGV's to drive very careful through the village and pay particular attention to Broad Marston Rd because of the possibility of children playing; ie keep speed down! Any damage to road verges will be re-instated.

As part of the works, some of the footpaths in Pebworth will be closed for a short period whilst work is completed excavating around the high pressure gas mains

Highways

1. **Honeybourne Rd/Stratford Road** – patching, re-surfacing and new kerbs are completed. Including new tarmac under the Honeybourne railway bridges. A great improvement.
2. **Mickleton Rd, Honeybourne** – to be be patched and repaired in August.
3. **SLOW signs to be painted on the road** in both directions as you enter the railway bridges on Honeybourne Rd/Stratford Rd to help remind drivers to slow down as they drive under these bridges. Dog walkers and horse riders use this road and it is very narrow here.
4. **£6m pavement fund** – the WCC is finalising which pavements in the area will be re-surfaced. The pavement bordering the Green in Chapel Road has been programmed into be re-surfaced this financial year. A reminder has been sent to all Parishes to use their lengthsman to keep weeds and grass off pavements.
5. **Slow Down Sign at the entrance into "Little Meadows"** on Pebworth Rd has been agreed by WCC Highways and are awaiting installation.

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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.

Mobile Speed cameras in Station Rd/Buckle Street Honeybourne

After many complaints from Honeybourne residents of speeding along this road, Safer Road Partnerships have agreed to put a mobile speed camera on Station Rd – so watch out and drive at the speed limit or you may get a speeding ticket!

Divisional Fund

The divisional fund is now open for business again, and offering help in providing small grants to help community voluntary organisation. So if you need a grant to help the community, then please email me details of what you need.

A good example of how the divisional fund works is the following:-

Matt & Sue Henson wanted a grant to help start a new under 11 football team. They are already training 15-25 children every Saturday morning on the Pebworth Recreational Ground. The new club is called Honeybourne Harriers and they wanted a grant for the kid's Football kit & training equipment – I managed to obtain a grant of £650 to help them.

Also this month I have given a small grant of £50 to the Evesham Rambling Club for signs they are erecting on footpath signs around the area. They walked the footpaths around the area and help keep them cleared. If you are interested in joining them, then please contact them on <https://eveshamramblingclub.org.uk/>

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