

The Minutes of Pendock Parish Council
Held at Pendock School at 7.30pm on 28TH March 2017

Present: Cllrs Mr John Humphreys (Chairman), Miss Rosemary Philipson-Stow, Mr Simon Fellows, Mr John Davidson, Mrs Sue Giles, and Mr Charles Rush

In attendance: County Councillor Tom Wells, District councillor Bronwen Behan and two members of the public.

The meeting was adjourned for **Public Question Time**, notes of which are appended to these minutes.

1. **Apologies:** There were no apologies

2. **Declaration of Interests:**
 - a) Councillors were reminded to ensure that they need to update their register of interests should their situation change

3. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2017 were approved and signed.

4. **Progress Reports:**
 - a) **Garage Site:** The appeal against the enforcement notice was dismissed and the enforcement notice is upheld.
 - b) **School Lane Closure:**
 - i. **The poor state of Netherley Lane and School Lane** – Worcestershire County Council and Highways England were at loggerheads in determining the making good of these road but in the meantime reported potholes were being filled in and the mud kept clear of the road surface where possible.
 - ii. **The Shop** – It had been reported to the Parish council that the shop had lost considerable trade because of the road closure with a risk that the Post Office would remove the facility due to lack of turnover making the shop unsustainable. Tom Wells had organised signs to remind people that the shop was open for business and from his own funds had printed a flyer which the Parish Council agreed to circulate to the villages of Pendock and Berrow. Everyone was very aware of the effect on the village if the shop was to disappear.
 - iii. **Pendock Lane/Redmarley Lane:** Although the diversion route had been changed and signs erected stating no HGV's should use the road there was little sign that lorries were taking note of this and through the day there was still a continuous rumble of HGV's along this road. It was reported that a cat had been run over, that cracks were appearing in someone's house and the county boundary bridge was crumbling. Speeding by both lorries and commuters were causing crashes,

abuse and fear to those that lived in the Pendock section of the road. The Police had positioned themselves in the shop car park as a deterrent the previous evening but as there was no suitable place to enforce speeding restrictions there was very little anyone could do. The Clerk agreed to write to Worcestershire Highways to see if there was anything they could do before a serious incident happened.

5. Finance Report:

a) The Council approved the transactions below:

Outgoings:	Lengthsman	118.00
	VAS key	6.00
	Total Outgoings	£124.00

Incomings:

	Lengthsman scheme	354.00
	Interest	1 .25

Total Incomings **£355.25**

Total funds at 10th January 2017 £10,925.07

Total funds at 28th March 2017 £11,156.32

b) **Appointment of Internal Auditor:** Mr Mealing was proposed and appointed as the Parish Council's internal auditor for the year to 31st March 2017.

c) **Financial Regulations:** In order for the Chairman to sign off the Governance statement on the Annual Return, Council was asked if they were satisfied with the current Financial Regulations, their execution and management. No changes were proposed and the Council was satisfied that all relevant governance requirements were met.

6. **Resignation of Councillor Adrian Lovegrove** – Due to pressure of work Cllr Lovegrove had retired from the Council. The monitoring officer had been informed and the Council was now looking to co-opt another member.

7. **Lengthsman Scheme** - Lengthsman Scheme 2017/18 was offering the parish the same funding as last year of £1828 towards the costs of a lengthsman in the parish. It was agreed this should be accepted and the appropriate contracts completed.

8. Correspondence :

a) **Planning 15/00284/FUL:** Cromer Farm approved retrospective permission to allow the use of the building for offices, showroom and display area.

b) **Planning 17/00139/HP:** Midsummer View Pendock – infilling existing first floor balcony to enlarge bedroom – Council views were requested by Friday 14th April

c) **Proposed order** – to reinforce the existing 40mph at Sledge Green – there would be no change, just that related orders will be revoked or amended as appropriate.

- d) Highways Communication:** It was reported that Gerry Brienza had returned temporarily to Malvern Hills District to take over the area again as well as running the Lengthsman Scheme in place of David Hunter. Everyone was delighted to have Gerry back in the district and hoped that it would become permanent.
- e) Fencing along the school footpath:** Following an enquiry by the school as to who was responsible for this fencing, it was the view of Worcestershire Highways that it belonged to Highways England. The clerk reported that they had been made aware of its poor state and would make sure that appropriate action is carried out to make it safe.
- f) Land Adjacent to Brookmead:** Late one night in February the fire brigade had to be called out again to an explosive fire at this site. It is hoped that the Environmental Agency will be investigating.
- g) Defibrillator:** Berrow Charities are planning on placing one in the parish and it is hoped that it will be sited at Dawes Agricultural Supplies.

9. County Councillor's report

Cllr Tom Wells was once again thanked for his input regarding the road closures and his support with County highways and particularly the work he has done to encourage customers to the shop.

10. District Councillor's Report:

- a)** Cllr Bronwen Behan reported that Fortis Housing would shortly become subsumed and managed directly by the Council in amalgamation with Wychaven.
- b)** The District council is going ahead with plans to require dog walkers not only to pick up their dog poo but that they must carry poo bags when accompanied by a dog.

11. Litter on the A438: It had been reported that there was a considerable amount of litter along this road in the Parish but since storm Doris it had disappeared. Cllr Behan said that should there be a litter blackspot, if it was reported a team would attend.

12. Date of the next Meeting: It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council AGM would be held on Wednesday 17th May 2017.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed

Chairman

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Notes of Public Question Time: Major concerns were raised by inhabitants of Pendock Lane regarding the continued use of the road by HGV vehicles and commuters using the road in place of the correct diversion route. A further concern was the state of the bridge on the County Boundary.