

The Minutes of the Meeting of Pendock Parish Council
Held at Pendock School at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26th September 2017

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

In attendance: The Parish Clerk, Mr Richard Davis (Kier Construction) and Ms Hannah Davies (Worcestershire Highways)

There were 5 members of the public at the meeting, there was no question time as it was agreed that because of the lack of notice the meeting would become open when discussing the M50 Bridge work on the B4208. The meeting commenced at 7:35pm.

1. **Apologies:** County Cllr Tom Wells and District Cllr Bronwen Behan
2. **Declaration of Interests:** All Councillors were reminded of their duty to keep their register of interests updated and were asked to declare any personal interests in items on the agenda.
3. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 25th July 2017 were approved and signed.
4. **Progress Reports:**
 - a. **Council Vacancy :** Stephanie Bottomley has expressed an interest on being co-opted she was duly proposed by Cllr Humphreys and seconded by Cllr Davison and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.
 - b. **The Moors:** No further work had been done on the Moors even though the Chairman had on a weekly basis pressured the contractors to recommence the work.
 - c. **Vehicle Activated System:** The Chairman reported that he had had two applicants apply to manage the VAS battery changeover. It was agreed that he would see if Mike Probert had all the necessary equipment to do the job before offering it to him.
 - d. **Pendock s106 Agreement:** The chairman was anxious to determine what if anything could be gained by the parish under this agreement. Cllr Behan had agreed to assist the Parish in explaining the options but as yet had been unable to attend any Council meetings.
5. **M50 Bridge Works:** Mr Davis from Keir construction indicated that work on School Lane Bridge would be complete in about three weeks and Bury Court Bridge would open a few weeks after that. Queen's Arms Bridge would be next on the list to have new supports and parapets and an application is now with Worcestershire County Council to close the B4208 in order to commence this work. The due process to obtain the road closure is three months so it is anticipated work can start Mid December. Because the road is wider, work should only take 22 – 24 weeks. It had been suggested that perhaps they would consider leaving the village for a year or so to let the economy recover from 5 years of bridge closure but the meeting was reminded that funding

From Highways England may not be available in subsequent years and with the threat that the bridge might become unsafe the road would have to close anyway.

Members of the public at the meeting who lived 'in Pendock' but over the county border in Gloucestershire expressed their concerns that as they had suffered considerably with a narrow road and speeding traffic during the current bridge closures the advent of Queen's Bridge closure would be an even greater risk to their safety.

Netherley Lane which has also suffered considerably under the School Bridge closure would now also get the full brunt of traffic failing to take account of the designated diversion.

It was suggested that those that lived in Gloucestershire should contact their local County Councillor to discuss options to alleviate the problem; One suggestion being closing the road altogether at the motorway underpass.

A further concern was that Netherley Lane would suffer considerably with verges falling away. The Worcestershire Highways representative Hannah Davies said that repairs would be made after the bridge work had finished.

The question was asked whether a one-way system could be introduced on the B4208 but this was discounted as being impossible.

It was suggested that there should be full consultation with all the parishes in the area but it was pointed out that a public hearing was not an option.

Considerable concern was raised as to whether the shop could continue to survive with this next project as it had suffered so badly with the School Bridge closure. The Parish Council agreed that a flyer should be delivered to all at the mobile home park to let them know that the shop was now accessible to them again and also to make an announcement in the Parish Magazine.

- 6. South Worcestershire Rural Communities Programme:** The Chairman reported on a letter he had received from the community programmes manager advising the Parish on an initiative to support vulnerable people in the rural communities which would be taking place in the Longdon Ward in October. It involved visiting a number of houses with a questionnaire and reporting back to the Parish any specific areas which might bring a benefit to this area of the community.

7. Finance Report:

- a. The Council approved the transactions below:

Outgoings:		
Lengthsman		236.00
Salary		<u>377.10</u>
Total Outgoings		£613.10
Incomings:		
Interest		.38
Lengthsman Scheme		<u>590.00</u>
Total Incomings		£590.38

Total funds at 25th July 2017 - £5,363.33

Total funds at 26th September 2017 £5340.61

8. Correspondence:

- a. **Planning Application 17/01012/HP– Demolition of existing single storey extension and erection of two storey side extension to Little Carpenters.** Planning refused on the grounds that the scale and size would not be visually subordinate to the original host dwelling.
- b. **Automatic Number Plate Recognition** – West Mercia police have advised that they are undertaking a development project using ANPR technology to install 129 cameras within the Warwickshire and West Mercia Police area.
- c. **Parish Welcome Pamphlet** – Following a meeting of Berrow Parish Council where it was discussed as an idea from the - PCC it was suggested that a Welcome pamphlet giving local essential information would be of benefit to newcomers in the area. The parish council thought this would be a good idea and agreed to support such an initiative.
- d. **Standpipe water supply for Pendock Church of the Redeemer** – A request from Rev'd Julie James had been received to consider assisting with a donation towards the costs of providing water to the church taking the full opportunity of having the new build adjacent to the church being connected to the mains. The Council was in favour of making a donation and the Clerk was asked to determine whether this was permitted and if so to what value.

9. Date of the next Meeting: 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th December 2017 at Pendock Primary School.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signed

Chairman

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