

Pebworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

Held at the Pebworth Village Hall at 7:00 pm on Monday 5th August 2019.

Present: Cllrs. Simon Shiers (Chairman), John Hyde, James Pearson, SJ Morrow, Richard Weller, Denise Meynell & David Cranage

In attendance: John Stedman (Clerk), Cllr Alastair Adams, Cllr Thomas Havemann-Mart and three members of the public

78. Apologies None:

79. 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.
None declared
- c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
Disclosable Pecuniary Interests & Other Disclosable Interests – **None declared**

80. Open Forum: The chairman suspended the formal meeting for open forum

Summary of matters raised:

- A parishioner commented on the success of the NDP referendum and considered the turnout was poor but the support for the plan was very good
- Highway potholes were reported at Long Marston Road and near Ullington crossroads, these will be reported to County Highways.
- The applicant for the planning application at Sunnyside in Back Lane gave a detailed description of the amended plans and outlined the changes to the exterior materials.
- The Village Hall Chairman gave a detailed report on the funding shortfall for the Village Hall refurbishment project, the report is appended to the minutes

Ward Members Report:

Cllr Alastair Adams report is appended to these minutes if made available.

Cllr Thomas Havemann-Mart reported on his site visit with an environmental health officer to the polluted ditch in Broad Marston Road which is now being investigated by Severn Trent Water.

The Chairman closed open forum and reconvened the meeting at 7.25

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

82. The Clerk's Progress Reports were noted and are appended to the minutes.

The following comments were received

- a) The tennis net support post reinstatement works have failed due to misuse and will be fully reinstalled in the autumn when the regular usage declines.
- b) The foul water discharge from manholes in Friday Street was considered to be an ongoing problem possibly due the design faults in the drainage system. The situation will be carefully monitored, and any issues reported to Severn Trent Water. Concerns were also raised over the two-day delay in responding to the foul water discharge problem.

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83. Planning Application:

- a) **19/01057/FUL:** Location: Sunnyside, Back Lane, Pebworth: Proposal: Demolition of lodge building and construction of new 2 bedroom single storey dwelling with access from lane leading off Back Lane and 2 off-street parking spaces:
To Consider Amendments to the design detail of the original proposal
 The Council has no objection or comment on the proposed amendments .

84. Planning Other Matters: Noted, see Clerks report for details

85. Neighbourhood Development Plan:

- a) **Referendum:** Members noted the NDP referendum results of 90.4% of yes votes and 9.6% of no votes. The turnout was 26% with 188 votes cast. The Neighbourhood Development Plan will now be finalised and become a statutory planning document applied to all Pebworth planning applications.
- b) **Thankyou Letter:** Council agreed to send a letter of sincere thanks to Brodie Planning outlining the dedication and professionalism of Becky Burridge, the lead planner for the NDP process.
- c) **Funding:** it was agreed to make a request to WDC for a reimbursement of the council budget overspend on the NDP project. Clerk to make the enquiry

86. Finance:

- a) **Payments:** Council approved the schedule payments list as appended to the minutes.
- b) Cllr Weller subsequently checked and agreed the internet bank accounts were a correct balance with the clerk's accounts.
- c) **Mandate:** Members signed the new bank mandate to remove past members and add two new members as cheque signatures.

87. Donations:

- a) Council agreed to support an £85.00 grant application from the Pebworth Piper magazine, the payment will be made at the next meeting
- b) Council agreed to support a request from the Village Hall to fund the regular Baby Clinic bookings from 1st June 2019 to end May 2020, the £240.00 fees will be paid at the next council meeting

88. Community & Council Matters:

- a) **Post Code:** A parishioner's request to change the Post Code for the Priory Barns area in Broad Marston was considered along with some of the residents of Priory Barns comments.
 After due consideration of the impact on residents and local businesses and the potential gain of the proposed changes the council declined to support the proposal.
- b) **Defibrillator:** It was agreed to purchase new pads for the Defibrillator as the existing pads are out of date
- c) **Piper:** Members reported that the Pebworth Piper newsletter published miss-information in reports on Parish Council matters. The Clerk will bring the errors to the attention of the editor.

89. Village Hall:

- a) In consideration of the report given by the Village Hall Chairman in open forum the council agreed that a meeting with the legacy funding officers would be advantageous to progress the funding opportunities for the refurbishment project.
 Clerk to arrange the meeting for Wednesday August 28th at 3.00pm in the Village Hall
 The Village Hall Chairman's report is appended to the minutes.

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90. Recreation Field

- a) Tennis net post issues– see minute 82a
- b) A date and time for an inauguration event for the new table tennis table will be arranged with the sponsors as soon as possible.
- c) It was agreed to install suitable ground support matting around the table tennis table as the grass is already showing signs of wear from the use of the table. This will be installed later in the year when the usage reduces, and the soil is damp.

91. The Close:

- a) The Handyman's report on the monthly safety inspection found new no matters needing attention. General maintenance and repairs are ongoing.
- b) The Clerk reported on issues with the basket swing whereby the chain support shackle has failed and been replaced by a parishioner. The matter has been reported to Eibe who are investigating the matter, a full report from Eibe is awaited. Council requested the Handyman to carry out weekly inspection of the new Eibe equipment as other mechanical issues have arisen.
- c) The Handyman reported that all five ladder rungs on the Timberplay equipment now require replacements and the works are in hand to resolve the replacements.

92. Street Lighting:

- a) Faulty lights to be reported. – none reported
- b) The Candela quotation for next phase of streetlight upgrades was considered and agreed to be acceptable subject to further scrutiny by the Chairman to ensure the quotations integrity accords with previous quotations.

93. Highway Matters:

- a) New highway matters to be reported.
 - i) Potholes on Long Marston Road, by Ullington crossroads and in Back Lane

94. Lengthsman/Handyman

- a) New and outstanding Lengthsman or Handyman matters. –
 - i) Town Pool fencing repair works – Cllr SJ Morrow confirmed a quotation from a metal worker to fabricate a new fence panel to match the existing dimensions. The Clerk was requested to pursue a further quotation for the works as the time scale of the completion was extensive. The Clerk will report to the September meeting.
- b) New Lengthsman or Handyman works agreed by council: - None at this time

95. Public Rights of Way matters –

- a) To report any new PROW matters in need of attention. – none reported

96. Matters Raised by Members: none

97. Next meeting date:

- a) Council confirmed the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council is scheduled for Monday 2nd September 7.00 pm. at the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30

Chairman

Date

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	Bank Accounts	Verified and Confirmed Account Balances	
Statement	12/07/19	Current Account Balance	£16,827.42
Date	09/07/19	Deposit Account Balance	£28,859.40

Payments Authorised

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Gross Payment	Net Payment
1882	Evesham Volunteer Centre	Donation request	100.00	100.00
1883	Poore Prints	Flyer Printing NDP	35.00	35.00
1884	Westhill Direct	Office consumables	31.57	26.31
DD	Npower	Streetlight Energy	89.80	85.52
DD	Npower	Streetlight Energy	524.61	499.63
1885	Pebworth Village Hall	Hire fees 2019-2020	260.00	260.00
1886	WDC	Election expense recharge	50.00	50.00
1887	E-on	Streetlight maintenance #34	152.40	127.00
1888	John Hyde	Lengthsman Works	79.40	79.40
1888	John Hyde	Handyman works	52.50	52.50
1889	J Stedman	Clerk's Salary and Expenses	***	***
1890	Limebridge RS Brodie Planning	Amenity mowing contract	1,297.20	1,081.00
1891	Associates	NDP Expenses	910.80	759.00

Village Hall Chairman's report

5/8/19 Parish Council Monthly Meeting Update

Since reporting to Council in May - We now have a full costing estimate for the back-room extension project and all the other areas of work identified from our consultation last year for the redevelopment of the Hall. Included in this costing is an alternative heating system to replace the oil-based system with a drive to reduce the community's carbon footprint which is now deemed essential.

The costing figure for all the required work is just over £410,000.

Present funding (Legacy £100,000, NHB £58,000) was received on the costing for the extension works and toilet refurb. With our own fund-raising pot funds are at £185,000. In our successful legacy fund application, we listed as other funding sources a £100,000 Public Works loan and £35,000 from other grants and donations.

We are pursuing a few smaller grants and funds and have delivered a successful fund-raising Ball and are hopeful of a further boost from Party in the Park.

On the full costing the present shortfall (without these other funding sources mentioned above) to deliver the complete redevelopment is £225,000.

Through Council discussions have now reopened with Wychavon to revisit our application for Legacy Grant monies for an additional sum and I understand that John is hoping for us to have a meeting in place shortly to clarify what application for additional funding might be considered.

As advised to Wychavon from the onset of this project the PC are investigating the level of Public Works Loan possible to assist with the funds and looking at the details of the loan scheme. At our recent subcommittee meeting it was thought that a public meeting will be required to discuss the loan which we are keen to do. I will put the full plan for the redevelopment and extension on the Hall back notice board and of course I would be pleased to run through the plans again with council at any time.

Jane Cromack
Chair PVH Management Committee
August 2019

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County Councillor report by Alastair Adams
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Reminder - Worcestershire County Council Passenger transport Strategy Consultation

Residents and stakeholders are being encouraged to have their say on the draft **Worcestershire Passenger Transport Strategy** over the next couple of months. WCC spend over £23million a year on transport, and this review will look at ways to improve the service provided by the council. The main spend is on

- Home to School Transport
- Public Transport
- Community Transport
- Social Care Transport

To read more go <http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/passengertransportstrategy>

To download the full document strategy on the above webpage at the bottom, click on “Worcestershire Passenger Transport Strategy Downloads”, and click on the “Worcestershire Passenger Transport Strategy 2019-2030”

To have your say, click on the “**Have your say: Online Consultation Survey**”

Neighbourhood Development Plan

The referendum on 25th July showed over 90% of residents were in favour of approving the Pebworth Neighbourhood Plan. 170 residents voted “YES” and only 18 voted “NO”. Therefore Wychavon District Council will now use the Neighbourhood Plan for Pebworth to help it decide all future planning applications in the parish of Pebworth.

Highways:

Worcestershire County Council’s road maintenance programme on surface dressing is nearly at the end. However, there are still a lot of road closures around the area caused by the utilities – Severn Trent, Broadband, gas and electricity all upgrading the services. To keep up to date on the roads affected see

http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20602/roadworks_in_worcestershire

Or look at the national roadworks website below, and type in Honeybourne in the top right box to search.

www.roadworks.org

1. **Water on Broad Marston Rd by Cotswold View** – water mains leak and repaired by Severn Trent.
2. **Blocked gully on top of hill on Pebworth Rd on bend as you come into the village** –jetted but road flooded again in next heavy rain. So Highways to look at outlet of drains into ditc. Ditch may need clearing
3. **Road Liable to Flooding' warning signs to be installed** either side of the bridges in Stratford Rd. No date yet when this work will start.
4. **Higher kerbs at the junction of Back Lane and School Lane** – programmed to be done but no date set.
5. **Cracks on the pavement along Front Street** –will be re-surfaced/top surfaced in next 9 months
6. **Road drains outside Knoll, Front street have been jetted.** Illegal connection from a resident’s cess pit has been identified. WCC legal team have written to householder

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

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Also remember a photo of the Highways problem is as good as “a thousand words” so always take a photo where possible.

New waste planning application by MRW next to Sims.

The WCC waste planning committee visited MRW on 8th July to look at the proposal to expand their business, but all was not as it seemed from the report. It turns out International Metal Recyclers that were based on the Long Marston Airfield are in fact moving to this site as part of this planning application and they will be crushing cars to recycle. However, the planning committee decided in their wisdom to still approve the application.

Demolish the Pebworth sewage works

Now the new sewage pipe from Pebworth to Long Marston is all working, Severn Trent will complete the demolishing of the old sewage works.

County Council Divisional Fund

Divisional grants have re-opened in April, so any community organisation that needs a little support to buy equipment or some essential service can apply by contacting me.

Grant requests received so far are

1. Badsey Soap Box Races – insurance – grant paid
2. Cleeve Prior Annual Cricket Match – grant requested for new equipment
3. Bretforton Allotments – new shed – grant paid
4. Bretforton Memorial Hall – new folding chairs – grant paid

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