

Pebworth Parish Council
 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council
 Held at the Pebworth Village Hall on Monday 3rd January 2010.

Present: Cllrs. John Hyde (Chairman), June Haycock, Albert Jeffrey
 In attendance – John Stedman (Clerk), and Ward member Cllr. Patrick Haycock

190. Apologies were accepted from Cllr. David Cranage

191. Register of Interests:

- a. Members were reminded of the need to keep their register of interests updated
- b. Declarations of Members Personal or Prejudicial Interest in Items on the Agenda.

Personal None declared

Prejudicial None declared

192. Chairman Moved: The meeting be now adjourned for Open Forum

Open Forum – no public present

Ward Member Reports;

Cllr. Patrick Haycock's report is appended to these minutes

193. Chairman to Move: The adjournment to close at 7:15.

194. Confirmation of the Minutes: members agreed the wording of the December 10 meeting minutes.

195. The Clerk's Progress Reports.

- a. Grit bin provision was not supported by the County Council as Front Street is on a secondary gritting route
- b. Installation of the recreation field car park surface is delayed by adverse weather conditions
- c. Letter sent to Mrs Cotton regarding cemetery matter, no further response received
- d. Removal of the Hawthorne tree in the cemetery hedge delayed by adverse weather conditions
- e. Parish Pump printing and delivery to Ron Thomas on 17 December for his distribution
- f. Precept request to WDC sent 15/12 and noted

196. Planning – New Applications. None

197. Planning Approvals/Refusals – Noted

- a. W/10/02380/PN Bird Group of Companies, Sims Metal, Long Marston – Extension to industrial building; **Granted** with 3 condition

198. Highways:

- a. Reported matters were delayed by adverse weather conditions
- b. It was agreed to send a sincere letter of thanks to Mr Andrew Bills of Oak Tree Farm for his excellent efforts in snow clearing in many parts of the village.

199. Lengthsman/ Handyman:

- a. Report on matters raised with the Lengthsman; the Clerk reported that all works were delayed by adverse weather conditions and the holiday period.
- b. A request to clear the Friday Street verge of tree debris will be made to the Lengthsman

200. Public Rights of Way Reports.

- a. Requests for the PPW's attention – none at this time

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201. Street Lighting –

- a. **Streetlight faults to be reported.** – None at this time
- b. Street light 13 was now working following a lamp replacement.
- c. It was agreed to consider part-night timers for the street lights; the Clerk will gain all necessary information for the APM

202. The Close.

- a. **Regular Inspection:** Cllr. John Hyde reported on his brief December inspection and found no new safety problems with the equipment or play areas.
- b. Council considered the safety surface replacement for under the swings and agreed the rubber safety surfacing found by the Clerk might not be suitable and more options were needed. The Clerk was requested to check the suitability of other surface materials and bring a costing to a future meeting for further consideration.
- c. The youth shelter cleaning and slide soil works are delayed – Clerk to chase the matters up

203. Recreation Field

- a. **Maintenance matters;** no further maintenance has been carried out.
- b. The Clerk reported that the District Council has approved the revised landscaping scheme and members requested amended quotations be pursued to complete the landscaping works.
- c. The Clerk reported that quotation requests to over-seeding the field had not been forthcoming and would chase them up for the next meeting

204. Cemetery Matters

- a. The Clerk reported that the new hedge planting is delayed because of frozen condition

205. Social Housing

- a. Mr Nigel Potter the WDC housing enabling officer will be invited to attend the February meeting to address the Council and then attend the APM meeting in April. He wishes to conduct a new parish housing survey.

206. Finance.

- a. **Payments:** Council agreed the Payments and Receipts as listed in Appendix A.
- b. Council considered and agreed the third quarterly bank reconciliation, account balances and budget review

207. Correspondence to be considered. none at this time

208. Documents to Note:

- a. Worcestershire Rural Outreach Project
- b. South Worcestershire Development Plan
- c. Worcestershire Telecare newsletter
- d. Playgrounds

209. Matters Raised by Members for the next meeting agenda

- a. Cllr. June Haycock –A tree planted in The Close to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Pebworth WI. Cllr. Haycock informed the meeting the WI had not been able to meet and the matter to be further considered at the February meeting.

210. Next Meeting:

It was confirmed the next Ordinary Meeting is scheduled for the 7th February at 7.00.

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211. Confidential Matters

- a. Council considered and agreed to the Clerk's annual salary increase of a single column point and a £1.50 per month increase in office allowance.

212. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm

Chairman

Date

APPENDIX A: FINANCE

PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED

Jan-11

Meeting

Cheque	Payee	Details	Total	VAT	Net
No.			Payment	Element	Payment
1182	SLCC	Membership Fee	45.00		45.00
1183	T E Bury	Recreation Field	117.50	17.50	100.00
1184	PD Long	Streetlight Maintenance	91.65	13.65	78.00
1185	J Stedman	Clerks Salary & Expenses	239.54		239.54
1186	HMRC	PAYE	257.68		257.68
			751.37	31.15	720.22

All Paid Up Bank Accounts	
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	21892.00
CURRENT ACCOUNT	5609.20
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	27501.20
Reserve Lighting Fund	3000.00
Reserve Capital Fund	3000.00
Revenue available	21501.20

Ward member, Cllr. Patrick Haycock's Report:

The District Council's budget meeting has been rescheduled for 11th January as the council's final grants agreement was delayed and not available for the December meeting.

The "Localism Bill" details have been published and a copy will be forwarded to the Parish Clerk.

District wide car parking charges are being reviewed and a ½ hour charge will be introduced.

The budgetary cuts of £1.8m not clear and will be agreed in January.

The expected government grant is cut by 5% over expectation.

Concessionary bus fares will have further consideration to save £800k.

Further savings will be made by joint working with other District Councils.

The green waste charges might increase to £27.50 per annum.