

Pebworth Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council
Held at the Pebworth Village Hall on Monday 9th January 2012.

Present: Cllrs. John Hyde (Chairman), Pam Veal, Albert Jeffrey, June Haycock, Simon Shiers and David Lees

In attendance – John Stedman (Clerk), Ward Member Cllrs. Alistair Adams & and one member of the public.

161. Apologies for absence were accepted from: Cllr. David Cranage & Cllr. Tom Bean

162. 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

Personal and Prejudicial Cllr Simon; Shiers planning at Bank Farm if discussed

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

Open Forum – A member of the public reported on the continued excessive dog mess on The Close whereby 70 incidents of dog mess had been sprayed yellow in the last month. The problems are wide spread with concentrations near, and around the children's play equipment in particular the swings and zip wire. The Chairman confirmed he had not found time to put up the extra notices and the matter would be considered later in the meeting.

Cllr. Alistair Adams issued his report which is appended to these minutes and added he will pursue the dog mess problem through the WDC dog Warden
Members requested a site visit to the household waste re-cycling facilities at Norton near Worcester; Alistair will make arrangements for members visit in the near future.

164. Chairman Moved: The adjournment was closed at 7.48

165. Confirmation of the Minutes: Council agreed the wording of the minutes of the December 9th ordinary meeting and the December 20th extraordinary meeting, the Chairman signed them as a true record of the meetings.

166. The Clerk's Progress Reports.

- a) Jeffrey's Transport Yard application response was sent as minuted
- b) Nigel Potter requested walkabout meeting is arranged for February when a planning officer and the ward member will also attend along with members, dates to be confirmed
- c) Extra dog mess signage deployment - The Chairman had not found time to deploy the signage but would do so in the near future.
- d) 30 mph sign found in the ditch at Middlesex was reported to Highways.
- e) Completion of the WDC Village Facilities questionnaires was returned to WDC as requested.

167. Planning – New Applications.

- a. W/11/02601/PP, Mr Foist, 3 St Peters Court – install two roof lights in the front roof; The Council has no objection or comment on the application.
- b. **Alan Smith Associates** – Notice of a planning application to develop Bank Farm.
The Chairman read out a letter from Alan Smith Associates indicating a planning application had been lodged with WDC and asking for comments from the Council. It was agreed not to discuss the proposals and wait for the formal application to be received. It was further agreed that when the formal application is received an extraordinary meeting will be arranged to allow the public to be fully notified of the application. Clerk to arrange this when the formal application is received and invite the developer to attend the meeting.

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168. Planning Approvals/Refusals -

- a. W/11/02427/PP Mrs T Bonham, Charnwood, Back Lane – Replacement Garage (retrospective) Granted with 3 condition – members noted the grant with dissention

169. Highways:

a. Highway defects to be reported;

- i. The subsidence in Chapel Road continues to deteriorate, the potholes in Back Lane remain and more potholes were reported in Front Street. Long Marston Road has considerable surface deterioration; all will be reported to the County Highways for action.
- ii. Several matters are to be referred to the Lengthsman
- iii. Members reported that considerable verge damage had been caused by hunt supporters and horses on the 5th January when the North Cotswold Hunt met in the village. The damaged verges are in Dorsington Lane and Long Marston Road. Council considered the matter should be brought to the attention of the Hunt Master and the Clerk will write to express the council's disapproval of such damage.

- b. Street Naming:** The Clerk reported that eight out of nine properties in Honeybourne Road had returned responses, all of which are positive to the questionnaire letter. All the responses had been sent to the District Council with a covering letter requesting the signs are installed. Awaiting a further response.

170. Lengthsman/ Handyman:

- a.** Matters for the Lengthsman's attention –
- a) Storm water ponding on the junction of School Street and Front Street.
 - b) Algae and moss growth on the footway at the top end of Front Street.
 - c) Grips on both sides of Dorsington Road require attention.
- b.** A quotation for the replacement of several fence posts supporting the fencing around the Town Pool car park was considered in detail. The Council agreed that the materials for the works should be purchased by the Council to enable VAT recovery and it was further agreed that a budget of £130 be available for the labour content of the quote. The painting of the posts will be supervised by the Chairman.

171. Public Rights of Way Reports.

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

172. Street Lighting –

- a. Streetlight faults to be reported.** – None
- b.** It was reported the repair of light No.33 by Norton Hall Gates it complete.
- c.** The Clerk reported on the traffic incident demolishing streetlight 15 in Friday Street and subsequent actions taken whereby the insurers were informed, a quotation request for a replacement streetlight has been made and the damaged column disconnected, removed and disposed of.

173. The Close.

- a.** Regular visual Inspection: The Chairman reported that all the equipment was in good order and confirmed the two swing seat replacements are now fitted. The split in the swing safety surface has not deteriorated further and will be monitored.

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174. Cemetery:

- a. The Clerk reported on the purchase of a grave 744 by the executors of Mr R Rogers of 1, New Road who was interred on 5th January.
- b. Clerk reported on the problems of grave space allocation due to purchased and new graves. The council agreed that new graves will now be allocated from east to west instead of north to south as this will enable new allocations near recent interments.
- c. The Clerk reported on the excessive soil remaining on the recent grave of Mr Taylor. Members had inspected the grave and agreed the situation is unacceptable and instructed the Clerk to inform the undertaker the excessive soil must be removed to the satisfaction of the Council within 14 days or its removal by the Council will be re-charged to the undertaker.

175. Social Parish Pump Publication

- a. E-newsletter initiative: The Clerk reported 19 requests for joining had been received
- b. Consideration of the draft newsletter: Council agreed the draft issued by the Clerk and requested it be printed and distributed as soon as possible.

176. Pebworth in Bloom Committee

- a. Council considered the committee's request for permission to plant indigenous trees on the new recreation ground boundary. After reviewing the available varieties and plant sizes it was agreed the trees could be planted in the hedge rows and other sites within the parish but declined the offer for the field boundary as the plants were too small and unsuitable varieties.
- b. Consideration of the Britain in bloom committee installing hanging baskets on council assets next summer. Council were in agreement with the proposals as long as the sites were agreed by council and arrangements were in place for regular watering.

177. Finance

- a. Council considered and approved the Payments, Receipts and Balances as appended to the minutes.
- b. Council agreed the third quarterly review of accounts, budgets and bank reconciliation balance.
- c. The local First Responder Frank Gould-Fellows requested a further donation and members considered he should attend a future meeting to justify his request. Clerk to make arrangements for Frank to attend the March meeting.

178. Correspondence to be considered. none

179. Documents to Note –

- a. WCC Waste core strategy plan document submission – letter and CD
- b. WDC Community Grants Scheme leaflet
- c. CPRE “Planning explained” booklet
- d. WDC land drainage Chapel Rd – Clearance request made to the Village Hall secretary.

180. Matters Raised by Members for the next meeting agenda

- a. Cllr Pam Veal: Pebworth Discretionary Fund to be considered in conjunction with the Vicar

181. Next Meeting:

- a. It was confirmed the next Ordinary Meeting is scheduled for the 6th February at 7.00 pm

182. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm

Chairman

Date

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APPENDIX A: FINANCE

PAYMENTS TO BE AUTHORISED

Feb-12

Meeting

Cheque No.	Payee	Details	Total Payment	VAT Element	Net Payment
1248	Pebworth PCC	Donation	200.00		200.00
1249	Evesham Volunteer Cntr	Donation	50.00		50.00
1250	J Stedman	Clerks Salary and Expenses	273.14		273.14
1251	HMRC	PAYE	271.04		271.04
1252	Kevin Watkins	Lengthsman Works	180.40		180.40
1252	Kevin Watkins	Handyman	50.00		50.00
1253	Wicksteed	Playground Maintenance	85.80	14.30	71.50
1254	PD Long	Streetlight Maintenance	61.20	10.20	51.00
1254	PD Long	Streetlight Maintenance	50.40	8.40	42.00
			1,221.98	32.90	1,189.08

Transfer

Payments Received		Amount	Banked
Philip Tomlins Ltd	Purchase/Interment Rogers Inv 167	220.00	
Total		220.00	

All Paid Up Bank Accounts	
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	18049.53
CURRENT ACCOUNT	11197.61
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	29247.14
Reserve Lighting Fund	4000.00
Reserve Capital Fund	3000.00
Revenue available	22247.14

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District Councillor report - Pebworth

Month: January 2012

**Prepared by Alastair Adams – Honeybourne & Pebworth Ward,
Wychavon District Council**

This is my ninth report as District Councillor

Happy New year to everyone

1. Planning

No more news on the SWDP, except the land owner of the land identified as SWDP25/15 (Chapel Street/Front Street) has written to the Council suggesting he is now reluctant to have this piece of land developed into houses. Instead he is offering an alternative plot. I have briefly discussed this proposal with various people within WDC, and it has been suggested the alternative site (the field opposite the pub which currently has 3 crosses) could be a possible site for a Community Land Trust where the village ultimately owns some of the assets of the development, and has a say in its use.

This is the first I have heard of CLT's and more needs to be researched on this subject but there are lots of help/grants available, and a lot of enthusiasm within government that this concept is potentially excellent news for villages like Pebworth. I attach a leaflet on CLT, and please look at the website <http://www.communitylandtrusts.org.uk/home>

I suggest a volunteer within the village is asked to research CLT to see if it does have potential for Pebworth.

2. Resident queries:

Pebworth:

- (a) A Pebworth resident had an issue where the planning officer had refused a retrospective planning application for a replacement PVCu window. I have liaised with the resident and Head of Planning and hopefully found a solution.
- (b) Another resident received a council tax demand which was originally misinterpreted as being a court fine. I liaised with the manager at Revenues & Benefits, and resolved the matter.
- (c) Dog fouling on the close – I have been discussing this problem with the dog warden, and she will hopefully visit Pebworth to try and help resolve this problem
- (d) Dorsington Lane – damage caused by the hunt on 5th January to the grass verges. A resident has raised this issue, and I have inspected the damage. I suggest a letter is written by the Parish Council to the Master of the hunt.

3. Speeding: I have ordered some “Check your Speed” signs for Middlesex on behalf of the Parish Council

4. Broadband – BT have confirmed the Badsey exchange that services Honeybourne has been upgraded although residents have not noticed any change! I am still working on Pebworth!

End of report.