

Pebworth Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

Held at the Pebworth Village Hall on Monday 4th November 2013.

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

In attendance: John Stedman (Clerk)

125. Apologies were accepted from: Cllr Alistair Adams

126. Disclosures of Interests

- a. Members were reminded of the need to keep their register of interests updated.
- b. To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Items on the agenda and their nature.

127. To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests None declared

Other Disclosable Interests – None declared

Chairman Moved: The meeting be now adjourned for Open Forum

Open Forum: No members of the public were present

County & District Ward Member Cllr. Alistair Adams, not in attendance

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

129. The Clerk's Progress Reports.

- a) Streetlight No 32 in Front Street- members reported this was repaired but is still faulty
 - b) Correspondence with the Lengthsman regarding outstanding works and a request for action from the County Council. It was agreed to send a reminder to complete outstanding works.
 - c) PCC Bonfire public liability insurance cover confirmed and other correspondence - noted
 - d) Hedge Cutting on the Long Marston Road Railway Bridge – responsible owners now identified as Network Rail and they have been requested to get the hedge cut
 - e) Speaking at the Codex planning inquiry – following an email to the inspector confirmation was received for a Parish Council speaker.
 - f) Highway matters reported from the October meeting were not all completed – Clerk to chase these matter up
 - g) WDC land drainage enforcement notice sent to White Cottage, Broad Marston – Members suggested that Severn Trent Water are asked to clear the section they are responsible for.
- Clerk's note:** following the meeting the Clerk received a copy letter requesting Severn Trent Water to carry out the clearance works to their section.

130. Planning Application considered

- a) **APP/H1840/A/13/2202364:** Notification of planning appeal Ref: Codex Land Promotions Ltd, Proposal: Outline planning application for a mixed use development, comprising up to 380 dwellings, up to 5000m2 of employment (Class B1(c)) floor space, a minimum of 400 sq metres of community (Class D2) building(s) Etc.

A 5 day inquiry into this appeal will take place on 12/11/2013 at Wychavon District Council, Civic Centre. Members agreed Cllr David Cranage will present the Parish Council's views to the inspector and highlight the following points:

- (a) The high percentage of objectors to the development when the public meeting was held to consider the proposals
- (b) The response to future developments gained in the SWDP questionnaire.

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- (c) The recent petition was not representative of the parish and was targeted to selected areas, not all parishioners were consulted and the 100 signatures only represent a small proportion of the parish.
- (d) Some affordable housing needs are being fulfilled by the Carla homes development.
- (e) Any social Housing provided by the Codex development is already covered by the 106 agreement on the St. Modwen Development which also provides some housing for neighbouring parishes including Pebworth.
- (f) Reference will be made to the emerging Neighbourhood Plan and the data gained to date.

The potential impact on local schools was considered but as no educational proposals are available at this time the points raised were speculative.

Cllr David Cranage informed the council that the BARD protest posters and banners were now printed and will be distributed around the parish shortly.

131. Planning Decisions Noted:

- a. **W/13/01769/PP:** The Rosary, Broad Marston Road, Broad Marston, Replace existing windows and front door. Replacement of damaged broken roof tiles **Granted** with 3 conditions
- b. **W/13/01513/PN** – Crabtree Farms Ltd Erection of Agricultural building **Granted** with 1 condition

132. Village Hall:

- a) Cllr. David Lees reported that the new sewer pipe installation is underway. Western Power Distribution were called in to repair a damaged underground power cable. An opportunity was taken to use a CAT scanner to find the utility service around the property.

133. Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (NPWG)

- a) **Group Report:** Cllr David Lees reported that the NPWG have the 22nd November presentation well under way with questions in draft form. It is intended to hold a half hour presentation and allow direct dialogue with the NPWG members. The Clerk will print the necessary question forms and collate the responses. David also reported that three NPWG members attended a very useful Neighbourhood Plan presentation at Pershore Civic Centre.

134. Finance:

- a) Council approved the Payments, Receipts and Balances issued by the Clerk. – Appendix A
- b) Precept and Council tax information issued by email from WDC was noted

135. Honeybourne Road Street Signage:

- a) Members considered a letter from Howard Kennedy FSI sent to WDC regarding the Honeybourne Road signage case and agreed the Chairman and Clerk will attend a requested meeting at the Civic Centre in Pershore, it is to take place later in November or early in December.

136. Highway Matters:

- a) New highway matters to be reported.
 - (a) Badly damaged iron railing at the Holt Railway Bridge in Broad Marston Road
 - (b) Blocked gully outlet in School Road by the School car park causing ponding
- b) **Verge mowing:** Middlesex and Priory Lane were included into the mowing schedule and it was agreed all the proposed verges would be cut full width at least twice per season and co-ordinated with the County Highways contract mowing, Verges in front of dwelling are excluded from the specification as most are adopted by householders. The Clerk will request suitable contractors to quote for the verge mowing contract for 2014.

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- c) **Bus Shelter Seat at Town Pool** - The handyman confirmed the installation was complete and members expressed their appreciation of a good job very well done.

137. Lengthsman/Handyman

a) **To consider any new Lengthsman or Handyman matters.**

- a) A blocked kerb drain in School Road needs the discharge pipe digging out and re-aligning
- b) Several jobs are outstanding from September and October, some in need of urgent attention, the Clerk will chase these up with the Lengthsman.

138. Public Rights of Way: no new issues were reported

- a. Mowing of the Slingate in Dorsington Road – it was agreed to request the Lengthsman to Strim the line of the footpath.

139. Street Lighting: Streetlight No 32 in Front Street is working intermittently following repairs last month, Clerk to action its repair.

140. The Close and Recreation Field:

- a) **Inspection:** The Chairman's report: The regular visual inspection of the play equipment found no safety problems with the equipment or the site.
- b) **The safety surface replacement;** Council considered a further quotation from Active Gardens Ltd. and agreed to request further information and samples of works carried out and a sample of the proposed material should be sought to enable all options to be considered. The Chairman will pursue these matter for the next meeting.

141. Policy and Standing Orders

- c) Council considered the adoption of the revised 2013 NALC model Standing Orders and agreed to review the proposals at the Council's annual meeting in May.
- d) **Purchase of the book – Local Councils Explained,** as referred to in the new Standing Orders. As the cost to the Council is £49.99 + PP it was agreed to request Honeybourne Parish Council to share the cost and the book as the Clerk would be the custodian for both Councils.

142. Funding Questionnaire:

- a) The Clerk reported he had received some questionnaires and members brought along a further 31 which will be analysed and a report issued at the December meeting.

143. Allotments: No further information was available, Clerk to make enquires for the next meeting

144. Pebworth in Bloom:

- a) Cllr Simon Shiers reported the group had cleared the Church wall opposite Town Pool and the southern churchyard wall of ivy growth, leaf clearance will be the November task in the Churchyard. A Britain in Bloom judge had re-visited the village and gave very good advice on improving the competition scores for next year. A presentation to the Parish Council is being considered to gain extra support.

145. Correspondence:

- a. Samaritans AGM notification
- b. Clerks and Councils Direct

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146. Matters Raised by Members for Consideration and or items for future agendas.

- a. Cllr Albert Jeffrey** – To consider requesting section 106 funding from the proposed 380 home development near Simms Metals. – It was agreed to write to WDC requesting funding from the development should it be approved, for village facilities and improvements. The letter to be copied to Cllr Alistair Adams.
- b. Cllr David Lees** - To consider the bath tub in Chapel Road and the slates on a pallet in Back Lane. – The pallet of tiles has been removed and the matter resolved. The bath tub planted with flowers on the verge in Chapel Road received mixed comments from members as the contentious issue is the mannequin head protruding from the bath. It was reported that young children going to school were very perturbed over the head sticking up. An assurance was given that the planted bath was nothing to do with Pebworth in Bloom. The Clerk was requested to write to the householder concerned expressing the Council concerns.

147. Next Meeting:

- a.** It was confirmed the next ordinary meeting of the Council is scheduled for the 2nd December at 7.00 pm
- b.** Meeting Reminder – Finance group meeting Thursday 14th November 7.30 at Cllr Pam Veal's house

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm

Chairman _____ Date _____ .

APPENDIX A: FINANCE

PAYMENTS TO BE AUTHORISED

Nov-13

Meeting

Cheque No.	Payee	Details	Total Payment	VAT Element	Net Payment
1410	WDC	Newsletter printing	34.56	5.76	28.80
DD	Npower	Streetlight Energy	322.09	15.34	306.75
DD	Npower	Streetlight Energy	46.44	7.74	38.70
1411	PD Long	Streetlight Maintenance	63.60	10.60	53.00
1412	John Hyde	Bus Shelter Works	45.00		45.00
1413	BPS	Bus Shelter Works	47.03	7.84	39.19
1413	BPS	Bus Shelter Works	2.64	0.44	2.20
1414	Cllr David Lees	Councillor reimbursement PNDP	47.06		47.06
1415	Limebridge RS	Mowing contract	508.80	84.80	424.00
1416	J Stedman	Clerks salary and expenses	625.41		625.41
			1,742.63	132.52	1,610.11

Account Transfers

10,000.00

28-Oct

Received from	Description	Amount	Date
Western Power	Wayleave Payment	11.29	01-Oct
Total		11.29	

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District Councillor report - Pebworth Month: November 2013

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

Planning

1. **W/13/00132/OU - 380 new houses next to SIMS re-cycling plant in Pebworth Appeal ref APP/H1840/A/13/2202364** – Appeal inquiry confirmed dates are Tuesday 12th to 18th November. We need as many people to attend as possible to show opposition. Please attend if you can. It will be held in the Council Chamber at the Civic Centre in Pershore from 10am.
Posters have been printed and are available. If you want one to show your opposition to the building of 380 new houses in Pebworth, please contact me on my email – adams.penworth@gmail.com

Resident issues

1. **Social housing query** - A resident of one of the social houses in Pebworth phoned me to ask about the new social houses currently being built by Carla Homes and the possibility of obtaining one. I checked with Wychavon District Council and all the new affordable houses being built in Pebworth have a section 106 legal agreement which gives locals priority. However, to stand any chance of obtaining one of these new houses, you must be registered with “HomeChoice Plus” and must “bid” for them when they come up. Full information can be obtained from <http://www.homechoiceplus.org.uk>

Flooding

I had a meeting last month with June Hiden (new WDC engineer responsible for ditches) and Roy Jeffries to look at all the ditches in Broad Marston. It has been confirmed that Green Lane, off priory Lane will be levelled and new hard standing to be laid sometime in November. After this work, the ditch to the right hand side of Green Lane will need to be dug by Tim Longford. Tim has also been asked to clear the fallen trees and over-growth in Noleham Brook through his land. Other land owners in Broad Marston have been asked to clear their ditches by WDC. All this should help alleviate flooding this winter.

Cutting the verges within the village boundary – agenda item 13b

I fully support the suggestion that the Parish Council cut the verges on a regular basis which are currently unsightly and overgrown. I am pleased to see the area opposite the school will be done from now on, but there other verges – especially on all the entry roads into the village - that have grown this summer to over a metre tall. Many other parishes in the area I have visited recently, do cut the verges within their village boundary and it does make a difference.

End of District Councillor report

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County Councillor Report- Pebworth Month: November 2013

Prepared by Alastair Adams
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Highways –

1. **Water leaking out of road under Dorsington Road** - there were 2 problems. One hole dug identified a leaking mains pipe and was fixed, and a 2nd problem is with a connection to a water trough, and was attended on 9/10/13 but is still not fixed.
2. **Pavement in Elm Close** I have reported it, and chased
3. **More 30mph reminder signs** for wheelie bins distributed in Middlesex
4. **A warning sign "Beware horse riders"** has been requested as you drive up the road into Pebworth from Middlesex. Because of the stabling at Nick & Lucy's there are quite a few horse riders along this road .
5. **Overgrown hedgerow near railway bridge in Long Marston**- reported

Overview & Scrutiny

The 6 District Councils and the County Council have started a 6 month scrutiny of Worcestershire Regulatory Service (WRS). As part of this exercise we want to hear the views from as many people as possible on their experience with the WRS – whether positive and negative!

The Worcestershire Regulatory Service since it became a joint service in 2010 and it covers such a wide variety of services including Food Standards, Food Safety, health & safety, animal health and welfare, licensing, air quality, noise complaints and other nuisances, fair trading, air quality, environmental permitting, infectious diseases, product safety, under age sales, consumer & business advice, public health (including burials and drainage, health promotion and pest control. – see their web site for more detail

<http://www.worcsregservices.gov.uk/default.aspx>

So please let me know your views on WRS in the last 3 years. Please can I have your comments by the end of November. Please email them to adams.pebworth@gmail.com Thank you.

Councillor's Divisional Fund

I am starting to accept suggestions for these grants. Any local charity or community organisation that needs a little help with a specific project should write to me. adams.pebworth@gmail.com stating the following

- a. What do they want the money for ? (normal grant is a £100 - £500)
- b. Any quotes for the equipment/service
- c. A brief summary of what the organisation is and how they help the local community

All grants will be paid by 31st March 2014

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End of report