

Pebworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

Held at the Pebworth Village Hall at 7.00 pm on Monday 2nd December 2014.

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

In attendance: Cllr Alistair Adams, John Stedman (Clerk).

167. Apologies were accepted from: Cllrs David Cranage & Simon Shiers.

168. 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.
- c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – None declared

Other Disclosable Interests – None declared

169. 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 reported on District and County Council matters, his report is appended to the minutes.

The Chairman closed the adjournment and reconvened the meeting at 7:03

170. Minutes: The Council agreed the wording of the minutes of the November meeting and the Chairman signed them as a true record.

171. The Clerk's Progress Reports.

- a) WDP power line report: The Clerk confirmed a phone call on 11th November with the WPD engineer who confirmed there is a problem and action will be taken shortly.
- b) Request for the storage of old Parish Council documents in the Village Hall – The Village Hall Chairman has confirmed the box storage request is accepted. The Handyman will fit the lock shortly
- c) Ditch Clearance: Rooftop Housing has agreed to pay 50% of the ditch clearance costs along the boundary of The Close. The contractor has been instructed to carry out the clearance.

172. Planning Application to Consider:

- a. **W/14/02286/PP:** Mr R Prior, Field View, 6 Chapel Road, Pebworth: Proposal, Single storey extension to provide shower/wc facility and extended utility room and construction of double glazed conservatory to rear. *Comments were made under the Clerks delegated power.* The Council has no objection or comment on the application.
- b. **W/14/02622/PP & W/14/02623/LB:** Mr J Vann, The Rowans, Priory Lane, Broad Marston, Pebworth: Erection of log store in garden, cladding existing water tower in timber. Internal and external alterations to Cottage involving removal of modern partitions and stairs, installation of new staircase, replacement windows - Retrospective The Council has no objection or comment on the application.

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173. Planning Decisions Noted

- a. **WCC14/000012/CM:** Energy from waste machine at Midlands Reclamation and Waste Ltd, Long Marston Road. Application granted with 9 conditions
- b. **W/02034/PP:** Mr A Emerson, 2 Little Meadow, Pebworth Road, Pebworth: Two storey extension to rear, bay window and canopy to front, detached garage and proposed vehicular access. **Granted** with 6 conditions.

174. Planning Matters:

- a. New house on the Charnwood development site – Members reported that as the site access construction is still to be completed the current matter is resolved.

175. Neighbourhood Plan (NDP):

- a) Cllr David Lees reported that the NDP group members are unclear about the future of the NDP. He stated “we know the CODEX 380 homes appeal was successful, that there are at least 10 barn conversions planned under presumed consent and that the revised SWDP has not identified further housing development sites in Pebworth Parish.” The chairman pointed out the South Worcestershire Development Plan is not adopted. It was agreed to request Mr Bob Keith, the NDP consultant, to attend a further meeting and advise on the current situation and the continuance of the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr David Lees will invite Mr Keith to attend prior to the January Parish Council meeting
- b) Cllr David Cranage’s report on the Historic Environment Workshop for Neighbourhood Planning event held at the Hive will be considered at the January meeting.

176. Pebworth Discretionary Fund.

- a. Cllr Pam Veal confirmed all the Christmas gifts to the value of £575.00 had been posted today and two recipients had requested to receive cash instead of a cheque which was completed. Pam has retained the cheque book in case other qualifying recipients materialise.

177. Finance:

- a. Council approved the Clerk’s schedule of Payments, Receipts and Balances.

178. Honeybourne Road Street Signage:

- a. The Chairman proposed this item is considered under confidential matters, the proposal was agreed by Council. The Council also agreed to Cllr Alistair Adams being present during the debate.
- b. Correspondence received from District Council’s solicitor was considered by members along with the Clerk’s report and it was agreed to wait for further information from the District Council legal officers before the matter receives further consideration.

179. Highway Matters:

- a. New highway matters to be reported. –
 - i. Road gully on the bottom bend of Back Lane is blocked and requires jetting
 - ii. The road camber on Chapel Road near the access to Orchard Close is causing storm water to flow across Chapel Road instead of down the gutter into a gully and has the potential of causing an ice sheet in winter condition.
 - iii. New kerbing on Chapel Road near the new footpath from Wesley Gardens is causing a pinch point as the soft verge is now a hard kerb, the matter to be brought to the attention of the highway engineers.

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- iv. Parking on verges and footways throughout the village is causing problems for footway users when they are forced into the road to pass a parked vehicle particularly pedestrians with prams or trollies. Blocking a footway is illegal when footway users cannot pass freely. This inconsiderate parking is also causing unnecessary damage to grass verges.
The matter will be published in the next Parish Council newsletter.

- b. The No Parking Signs for Front Street are awaiting installation by the Lengthsman.

180. Drainage matters funded by Cala Homes:

- a. Council considered a report from Cllr Alistair Adams's meeting with Cala Homes representative over drainage matters in Honeybourne Road and the connected ditches and culverts. As the ditch adjacent to The Close is to be cleared of undergrowth and debris it was agreed to request Mr Rainbow to clear the ditch across his land which is a continuance of the ditch across The Close, Clerk to write to Mr Rainbow and offer financial support from the Cala fund for the clearance work.

181. Lengthsman/Handyman

- a. Council noted the Lengthsman's report on works carried out and some outstanding.
- b. Council agreed the following Lengthsman or Handyman works.
 - i. Clear the road gully at Town Pool by the litter bin.

182. Public Rights of Way: No matters reported

183. The Close:

- 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. Council considered a proposed Fun Run in Pebworth in June 2015 making use of The Close as a start and finish venue and the Recreation Field as a car park for the event. The request was agreed by Council with a proviso that only the defined car park area on the Recreation Field can be used for parking.

184. Street Lighting:

- a. Faulty lights to be reported: none at this time.
- b. The Clerk reported that the replacement of the lantern on Streetlight No 9 on Broad Marston Road is completed.
- c. The Clerk reported that the replacement of streetlight #24 near the Church is still awaiting completion, the matter will be pursued.

185. Allotment Gardens:

- a. The Clerk reported that the amenity contractor had sprayed the allotment site with herbicide, and members expressed concerns that the operation has failed as no effect is apparent. Clerk to pursue the matter.
- b. The allotment site hedge cutting and ditch clearance will be carried out by the contractor on 5th January, The Chairman will ask the contractor to also clear the ditch on the roadside to ensure the drainage from the Recreation Field is successful.

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186. Parish Projects:

- a. The Chairman informed the Council of the section 106 funding questionnaires analysis and confirmed that cricket and football associated sports were most popular uses of the Recreation Field. The refurbishment of the Village Hall and provision of allotments are also ranking highly in the requests for the funding expenditure.
It was considered that the proposed field drainage scheme would accommodate all the sporting requests for cricket and football and the allotment provision is underway as it is not supported from section 106 funding.
The chairman also confirmed the least supported item is dogs being allowed on the Recreation Field.
- b. The Council agreed that the Clerk investigates the requirements to lodge a planning application to the District Council for the BMX track and youth shelter being sited at the eastern end of the Recreation Field. The BMX track design company will be requested to supply suitable topographical plans for the planning application and architectural plans are to be sourced if necessary for the application. Clerk to report further at the January meeting.

187. Cemetery

- a. Council considered the request for the relinquishment of grave 677 which was purchased in 2009. The council agreed to allow the relinquishment and refund the original fee paid for the plot.
- b. Council noted the Clerk's report on the purchase of grave 950 and the interment of Mr Keyte on 21st November 14.
- c. Cllr David Lees requested the option of pre-purchase grave plots be reviewed as a need for such arrangements exists, the matter will be re-viewed at the February meeting when the cemetery regulations and fees are reviewed.

188. Parish Council Newsletter

- a. It was agreed to publish a winter edition in February printed by WDC and to include the sec 106 questionnaire analyses, a NDP report and the agreed precept. Other articles will be considered at the January meeting.

189. Pebworth in Bloom:

- a. Members reported on WW1 event at the war memorial on the Recreation Field and complemented the Pebworth in Bloom group for organising a very good event with approximately 150 people attending. Particular thanks were given to Mary Harrison and Jenny McLeich for their very detailed presentation of war time events and participants.
Cllr Simon Shiers sent a brief report for the meeting which stated: -
Pebworth in Bloom pass on a huge thank you to the Parish Council for supporting us with the recent WW1 weekend and in particular with the invaluable admin assistance that the Clerk gave with organising the memorial stone, bench etc.

190. Correspondence noted:

191. Matters raised by members: None

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192. Next Meeting:

- a. Council confirmed the Clerk's proposed meeting dates for 2015
- b. It was confirmed the next ordinary meeting of the Council is scheduled for the 5th January at 7.00 in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:20 pm.

Chairman _____ Date _____.

District Councillor & County Councillor Report - Pebworth Month: December 2014

Prepared by Alastair Adams
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WISHING YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Planning

1. Nothing to report

Flood alleviation

1. **Priory Lane.** – **Worcestershire County Council** - WCC cleaned out the ditch at the bottom of Priory Lane by the bridge and will fit a new outlet with a non-return valve.
2. **Priory Lane.** – **Severn Trent** - awaiting the camera inspection of the sewer.
3. **The water in the ditch by the old Fire Station appears to be quite high** – the farmer who rents the field behind the station had put a pallet across the ditch which was slowing down the flow. He has been asked to remove the pallet and to clear out the ditch.
4. **Cala Homes flood alleviation scheme** – Now the houses on the 2 sites are now all occupied, I had a meeting with Cala's engineer to inspect the flood alleviation scheme and to check it has all been built as per the original designs. There were a few points identified that needed attention which Cala were going to resolve including:
 - a. There is a large inlet into the flood plain which is too low which is letting in water. Water should only enter the flood plain when the water levels are very high.
 - b. Some of the ditches around the site need clearing
 - c. The attenuation pond at the top of the Chapel Road site is not completed
 The Engineer also mentioned that the brook alongside the village hall (from the road bridge to the culvert under Manor Farm needs) to be kept clear and fast flowing at all times. AA has advised the Parish who are responsible for using the £5000 funding donated by Cala to help with the flood alleviation scheme.

Highway Issues

1. **The collapsed road drain** on pavement at Pebworth Sign, Broad Marston – awaiting repair
2. **The re-tarmac of the pavement by the village hall has been completed**
3. **Flooding at entrance to Wesley Gardens** – Cala have fitted 2 drains by the entrance and have tarmac'ed the road which should solve the problem

Broadband:

I have had several meetings last month with BT, Openreach and WCC to see if we can find out when Cabinet 3 will be upgraded which serves the village of Pebworth. So far no firm date has been confirmed. If you want to help exert some more pressure, then please email the following person asking when Pebworth cabinet 3 will be upgraded, and why Pebworth Exchange cabinet 1,2, & 4 have been upgraded, but not cabinet 3 that serves the village of Pebworth! ;
Steve Ashton – project manager of Superfast Broadband – his email = sashton@worcestershire.gov.uk

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More emails the better! More information on Superfast Broadband can be found at
<http://www.superfastworcestershire.com/how-to-get-it>

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