

**Pebworth Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council**

Held at the Pebworth Village Hall at 7.00 pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015.

**Present:** Cllrs. David Cranage, June Haycock, David Lees Albert Jeffrey & Pam Veal.

**In attendance:** Cllr Alistair Adams, John Stedman (Clerk) and six member of the public.

**246. Apologies were accepted from:** Cllrs. John Hyde and Simon Shires

**247.** In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman Cllr. David Cranage took the chair.

**248. 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.

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

**Open Forum:**

Parishioner concerns over housing allocation and bids for homes was brought to the councils attention and it was confirmed that the Council has no powers or influence in housing allocation matters.

The wording in the minutes published in the village newsletter was questioned as a parishioner considered that particular wording in the February minutes could compromise property security. It was confirmed the council has no control over the village newsletter publications but noted the concerns for future publications.

The Chairman of the Village Hall requested details for making an application to WDC for sec 106 funding for the Village Hall refurbishment project. The Clerk confirmed he would liaise with the Chairman to make the application which has to be submitted by the Parish Council. A report will be put to the April council meeting.

**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 7.15

**250. Minutes:** The Council agreed the wording of the minutes of the February meeting and the Chairman signed them as a true record.

**251. The Clerk's Progress Reports.**

- a) The Clerk confirmed the change from Quality Parish Status (QPS) to the new Local Council Award Scheme. The accreditation will last until January 2016 when the renewal will be reviewed.
- b) All members were issued with election nomination papers and the events time table for the forthcoming election on May 7<sup>th</sup>
- c) Members noted the Clerk's report on the Heart of England Forest drop-in meeting at Sperrall on 10 February.

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- d) Letters were sent to the Profound Decisions organisers requesting the cancellation of the planned events.
- e) Members noted an email received from Mr David Bliss cancelling this year's Profound Decisions events and it was agreed to write a further letter thanking Mr Bliss for his event cancellation and consideration of public sentiment and opinion.
- f) The Clerk confirmed that the agreed meeting protocol policy is posted on the website.
- g) Clerk confirmed that the Parish Pump newsletter has been delivered to Ron Thomas.
- h) Members noted the land drainage demand, reference L/15/00475/FAS for the ditch clearance opposite the old fire station on Broad Marston Road.
- i) Fly tipping on Long Marston Road re-reported after six weeks. There was no confirmation that this was resolved, members will check and report to the Clerk.

#### 252. Planning Application to Consider:

- a) Stratford District Council neighbouring parish consultation  
Application(s) reference: 14/03579/OUT  
Application accompanied by an Environmental Statement has been made to Stratford-on-Avon District Council for Planning Permission in respect of:  
Proposed: Outline application (with all matters reserved (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for future determination) for the erection of up to 400 dwellings (Class C2/C3), up to 4,000m<sup>2</sup> employment hub (Class B1(a)-(c)) and a community hub (Class A1-A5/B1(a)/C3/D1/D2). Provision of new open space including parks and amenity space. Upgrading of existing access junction and provision of new emergency access off Campden Road and associated infrastructure, engineering and landscaping works including a new pedestrian/cycle link from Campden Road to the Stratford Greenway, sustainable urban drainage systems and all ancillary enabling works including demolition of existing buildings and structures.  
At: Long Marston Airfield (predominantly the south eastern corner), Campden Road, Lower Quinton, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 8LL  
For: CALA Management Ltd c/o CALA Homes (Midlands) Ltd.

It was agreed to make a strong objection to the application, the objection to be commensurate with the objections made regarding the Codex application for 380 houses and the residential development of the Long Marston camp site. Concerns over the escalating parking problem at Honeybourne station will be added to the Council's submissions.

- b) **W/15/00242/LB:** Mr and Mrs C Warren: Bank House, Front Street: Proposal, Internal works and exterior alterations to doors and windows.  
The Council has no objection or comment on the application.

#### 253. Planning Decisions to Note:

- a. **W/15/02855/PP** Mr & Mrs J Corstorphine: Proposed chimney at The Coach House at Pebworth Manor, Dorsington Road. **Granted** with 3 conditions
- b. **W/14/02839/PP & W/14/02821/LB** Mr & Mrs Witcherley The Old Vicarage, Front Street, Proposal Lean-to to be partially demolished and reformed within the existing footprint. **Granted** with 3 conditions.

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**254. Planning Matters:**

- a. SWDP Consultations
  - i. Community Infrastructure Levy Revised Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule
  - ii. Draft Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document
  - iii. Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document
  - iv. Call for Sites for Travellers & Travelling Show-people

Members noted the consultations without comment.
  
- b. **New Bus Shelter.** Council considered 4 siting options put forward by the County Council and agreed site 3, opposite the Masons Arms was preferable. It was further agreed that the Recreation Field fence can be moved back to accommodate the new shelter if necessary. Clerk to inform the County Council officer.

**255. Neighbourhood Plan (NDP):**

- a. Cllr David Lees had no further comments on the NDP and Council agreed the future NDP should be considered again at the June meeting.

**256. Finance:**

- a. Council approved the Clerk's schedule of Payments which is appended to the minutes
- b. In the absence of Cllr Simon Shiers the consideration of the wording of a flyer for the proposed Oil buying promotion was deferred until the next meeting.
- c. The Clerk reported on stopping cheque 1508 to Avon Bank Nurseries as it was lost by the Payee. A new cheque was issued in the payments schedule.

**257. Highway Matters:**

- a. Highway matters to be reported. –
  - i. The poor condition of Dorsington Road.
  - ii. The reported fly tipping on Long Marston Road possibly remains un-resolved.
  
- b. Rain water discharged directly onto Back Lane near the property. Investigations indicated the water may be emanating from a nearby road drain and it was agreed to request the drains in Back Lane are jetted by County Highways. Further investigation will be made to substantiate the actual source of the water.
  
- c. Members considered a request for a salt-grit bin to be placed on the Priory Lane and Broad Marston Road junction and it was agreed that members would identify a suitable site and report back to the April meeting.

**258. Drainage matters funded by Cala Homes.**

- a. The Clerk confirmed Rooftop Housing has paid their 50% of the ditch clearance costs
- b. The Clerk reported that the ditch clearance on land north of The Close was now completed and members commented the works were very satisfactorily completed.

**259. 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. Reinstate the verge damage on the Friday Street and Long Marston Road junction.
  - ii. Investigate remedial work for the verge erosion at the top of Front Street.

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**260. Public Rights of Way:**

- a. No new matters were reported and outstanding work reports were not available for the meeting.

**261. Recreation Field Projects:**

- a. It was agreed professional advice on Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs) was needed to progress the project and Council requested a suitable representative to attend a site meeting. Clerk to make the meeting arrangements for a meeting and investigate outdoor table tennis tables.
- b. No report was available on remedial works to the ditch crossing at the Broad Marston Road pedestrian gate. The matter will be reported at the next meeting

**262. Allotment Gardens:**

- a. Members confirmed the meeting with existing potential tenants on 7<sup>th</sup> March.
- b. The Clerk reported a contractor was arranged to carry out the cultivation of the allotment site within the next few days.
- c. It was agreed that stock proof fencing on the allotment site would be considered as needs arise.

**263. The Close:**

- a. **Inspection:** The Chairman's report was not available for the meeting

**264. Street Lighting:**

- a. Faulty lights to be reported: none at this time.
- b. The Clerk reported that the installation of the replacement streetlight #24 near the Church was now scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

**265. Cemetery**

- a. **Clearance works:** The Clerk reported the eastern boundary clearance works was now completed except for final soil preparation and grass seed sowing, members reported the works were very satisfactorily completed.
- b. The Clerk reported that the agreed purchase of 12 fence panels for the eastern boundary had been delivered to site. Council requested clarification of the fencing quotation details from Mr Nick Holdsworth. Clerk to action the request.
- c. The annual review of cemetery fees and regulations was deferred to the April meeting due to gaining confirmation of legal matters.
- d. Council considered a request for the relinquishment of grave plot 677 with an uplifted reimbursement of the fees paid in 1988. It was agreed to delegate further negotiations to the Clerk to conclude an amicable resolution

**266. Annual Parish Meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> April**

- a. Local organisation will be invited to offer a report for the meeting and a council report on the last four years on council business will be presented. Refreshments will be available.

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### 267. **Pebworth in Bloom: (PIB)**

- a. In the absence of Cllr Simon Shiers a Committee update report will be circulated to all members for information.
- b. The Clerk reported that the request to WDC for the remaining £120 sec 106 arts funding to purchase fence paint for the metal fencing around the Recreation Field was successful and the paint would be purchased and the railings painted by the PIB members.

### 268. **Matters raised by members:** None

### 269. **Next Meeting:**

- a. It was confirmed the next ordinary meeting of the Council is scheduled for the 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 in the Village Hall.
- b. The Annual Parish Meeting was confirmed for April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7.00 in the Village Hall

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:55 pm.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ .

<b>Payments Authorised</b>			<b>Gross</b>	<b>Net</b>
<b>Cheque Number</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Payment</b>
1515	Hartwells & Co Ltd	Cemetery Fencing	484.58	403.82
1516	Poore Prints Ltd	Newsletter printing	45.00	45.00
1517	Limebridge RS	Cemetery landscape works	2880.00	2400.00
1518	J Stedman	Clerks Salary and Expenses	***	***
1519	C + H Contracting	Ditch Clearance Cala Scheme	456.00	380.00
1520	Avonbank Nurseries	5 Trees for the War Memorial	150.00	125.00

### District Councillor & County Councillor Report - Pebworth Month: March 2015

Prepared by Alastair Adams  
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**Good news - Profound decisions – Roleplaying Events** – The good news is the organisers have decided NOT to hold any events on the land between Honeybourne and Pebworth following the strong local opposition. This does show what “People Power” can achieve. Well done to everyone who got involved.

**Budgets have been approved at both County Council & District Council for 2015/6**

**First Schools** – there is a county wide move by academy schools to hold public consultation on whether to add a year 6 thus making them align with first schools in Gloucestershire and Warwickshire. This is causing widespread concern in middle schools as it will affect their funding. Everyone is asking all schools, high,

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middle and first schools, to work together to find a solution. News this month - Pershore School voted against taking on an extra year.

### **Planning –Stratford District Council**

**Long Marston Airfield** – Cala Homes have put in planning application into Stratford District Council for 400 new homes on the Long Marston Airfield. If this goes ahead, then this site will ultimately merge with the old Engineers Site (Now called Meon View) which is already being developed by St Modwen. This has the potential to grow into a town as nearly 2000 houses are already approved or pending approval! – so if you don't want a new town on your borders, make sure your objections are heard – for more details go to the Stratford District Council web site <http://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/> and enter the reference **14/03579/OUT**

### **Increasing number of burglaries in the area**

This was discussed at length at the recent Police Liaison meeting, and the police are concentrating on this issue. I also wrote to the police commissioner. The main point for all residents is to stay vigilant and to note down any registration numbers of suspicious vehicles in the area.

### **Damaged litter bin outside village hall**

A request was put into WDC for a spare lid

### **30mph sign fallen over on entrance into Pebworth from Stratford Rd**

Reported to Highways and will be repaired

### **Untidy condition of land affecting local amenity – next to Thatch End Cottage, Broad Marston**

Reported again to Planning Enforcement at WDC

### **Flood alleviation**

1. **Priory Lane. – Worcestershire County Council - WCC** to fit a new outlet with a non-return valve from ditch into Noleham Brook, and to install the flood alleviation scheme in Green Lane. Works planned to begin 16<sup>th</sup> March.
2. **Priory Lane. – Severn Trent** - the camera inspection of the sewer has occurred and there are some issues. Also confirmed that seals on the manhole covers will be installed
3. **Ditches by Pebworth Holt** – over-flooding across road – Tim Longford has helped clear them.
4. **Brook by Village hall**  
All cleared using the monies supplied by Cala Homes for flood alleviation
5. **WDC Engineers and Deputy MD coming to Pebworth Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March to look how else they can help with flood alleviations.**

### **Broadband:**

Still no date has been confirmed for the cabinet in Pebworth to be updated. If you want to help exert some more pressure, then please email the Leader of the Council 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!

Adrian Hardman, the leader of the council [AlHardman@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:AlHardman@worcestershire.gov.uk)

More emails the better!

### **Councillor's Divisional Fund**

In addition to the good causes already authorised, the following actions have happened this month :

1. Roundabout charity that supplies furniture to low income families – a grant to help fund a fork lift truck – Paid
2. Pebworth Church – help requested to repair a wall - Paid
3. Blackminster School – help requested with brochure to promote school - Paid
4. Honeybourne Cycle Fest has requested help with marketing – grant form submitted
5. Field Barn Heritage Centre in Cleeve Prior has requested a contribution to repairs to roof – pending
6. Offenham village hall – grant requested to help with upgrades - pending

End of report.