

**Pebworth Parish Council**

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

Held at the Pebworth Village Hall at 7:00 pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019.

**Present:** Cllrs. Simon Shiers (Chairman), John Hyde, James Pearson and SJ Morrow

**In attendance:** John Stedman (Clerk), Cllr Alastair Adams, Cllr Thomas Havemann-Mart and three members of the public

**59) Apologies were agreed from:** Cllr Richard Weller, Denise Meynell & David Cranage,

**60) Disclosures of Interests:**

- a) Members were reminded of the need to keep their register of interests updated.
- b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in Items on the agenda and their nature.  
**None declared**
- c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.  
Disclosable Pecuniary Interests & Other Disclosable Interests – **None declared**

**61) Open Forum:** The chairman suspended the formal meeting for open forum

Summary of matters raised:

- Fibrex Nurseries representative thanked the council for the use of the Recreation Field for car parking at the nurseries very successful open day in June.
- Highway issues at The Holt on Broad Marston Road were raised whereby many five-inch steel nails were found on the edge of the road and alleged to be placed there by someone. The matter has been reported to the local police, but no action taken. A further issue of branches on tall trees overhanging the highway is causing large vehicles and buses to pull out into the road to avoid the branches which is hazardous on the bend by the bridge with poor visibility. The chairman confirmed the Lengthsman will investigate these matters and carry out remedial actions where possible.
- Parking in Back Lane was again reported to be a problem and is alleged to be a danger to road users. The chairman confirmed that this has been investigated and while it may occasionally cause congestion it is not considered to be causing a problem. No parking restrictions exist on Back Lane, none are believed necessary at this time, and no accidents have been reported.
- A question was asked regarding the village cups and trophies which are no longer used and if they could be used for village events. It was considered that as awards at events were now made with new trophies the rather old trophies are now redundant. Cllr John Hyde may have one or more of these old trophies still in his possession.
- An update was provided by a member of the public regarding an extra radar speed gun for the police, and how the police have advised that contributions towards such equipment could not ensure their use in specific villages. Cllr Havemann-Mart confirmed that an additional speed gun has been purchased.

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### Ward Members Report:

**Cllr Alastair Adams** report is appended to these minutes if made available.

A question was put to Cllr Alastair Adams as to why only some patches and potholes are filled when nearby potholes are left unattended to. Cllr Adams explained that this was due to prioritising and limited budgets.

**Cllr Thomas Havemann-Mart** reported on the Persimmon Homes planning application decision made by WDC last week and the ongoing issues over the community facilities and sec 106 agreement, his full report to be appended to these minutes if made available.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 7.25

**62) Minutes:** The Council agreed the wording of the June ordinary meeting minutes and the Chairman signed them as a true record of the meeting.

**63) The Clerk's Progress Reports were noted.**

- a) Two letters sent to a property in Broad Marston requesting the garden hedge is cut back from the footway – The Lengthsman reported he had agreed with the property owner that the hedge would be kept trimmed and fully cut back in the autumn as it may contain nesting birds
- b) The Councils response letter sent to Miss Smith regarding the councillor's co-option process, no further correspondence.
- c) Suspect tree failure in the verge between Pebworth and Middlesex reported to WCC
- d) Agreement given to Graham Fowles to use the Recreation Field for parking on July 6th
- e) Acknowledgement of donation received from Prostrate Cancer UK.
- f) Funeral Directors instructed not to dump soil in the cemetery and responses received.
- g) Report from County Highways of fly posting on Honeybourne Road dealt with by the Lengthsman

**64) Planning Application:**

- a) 17/01269/RM: Sims Metals Uk (South West) Limited, Long Marston, Pebworth, The community building and football pitch have been removed from the proposal. The description now reads: -  
Reserved Matters Application for Phases 2 to 5 inclusive comprising 364 dwellings, landscaping and infrastructure. The Outline Planning Application Ref: W/13/00132 was accompanied by a full Environment Impact Assessment  
The council's comments on the application are appended to the minutes

**65) Planning Other Matters: Noted**

- a) **19/00705/FUL:** Change of use from workshop to a licensed cattery facility and proposed linked single storey garage building: Low Furrow Farmhouse, Dorsington Road, **Granted** with 9 conditions

**66) Neighbourhood Development Plan:**

- a) Members noted the progress with the NDP referendum on July 25<sup>th</sup>

**67) Finance:**

- a) **Payments:** Council approved the schedule payments list as appended to the minutes.
- b) Council agreed the first quarterly bank reconciliation, account balance and budget and Cllr Pearson checked the bank statement and signed off the account balances.
- c) It was agreed Cllr Weller can verify the internet bank accounts at the next meeting.
- d) The new bank mandate was not available and will be considered at the August meeting.
- e) A donation of £100 was agreed for the request from the Evesham Volunteer Centre.  
Clerk to action the payment at the August meeting.

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### 68) Community & Council Matters:

- a) Three members agreed to attending a programme of training sessions to be held locally and in conjunction with neighbouring Parish Councils. Clerk to make the arrangements with other local councils.
- b) A parishioner's request to change the Post Code for the Priory Barns area in Broad Marston was considered and the residents of Priory Barns area will be directly consulted on the proposal. Clerk to action the consultation

### 69) Village Hall:

- a) The Chairman reported on the refurbishment project finance meeting held on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and informed the council of the progress and funding shortfall for the project, the project plans were inspected by members where all the aspects of the refurbishment were explained by the chairman.
- b) Members considered a request from the Village Hall chairman for the council to support the refurbishment project with a very substantial public works loan. After considering the proposal's impact on council finances it was agreed to defer the debate to the next meeting as such a decision should be made by the full complement of members

**Note:** The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8.30 to allow Cllr Alastair Adams to give his ward members report which is appended to the minutes .  
The meeting was reconvened at 8.50

### 70) Recreation Field

- a) Members agreed to a resident's request to park cars in the Recreation Field on 25<sup>th</sup> October subject to the Recreation Field surface condition.

### 71) The Close:

- a) The Handyman's report on the monthly safety inspection found new no matters needing attention.
- b) The Handyman reported on the remedial works carried out to resolve matters in the RoSPA inspection report. All high and medium risk issues are resolved, and several minor issues are in hand.
- c) The Handyman reported the replacement of the Timberplay ladder rungs is in hand and will be completed shortly
- d) No report was available for the resolve of the identified trip hazard on the new roundabout, Clerk to pursue the matter with Eibe.

### 72) Street Lighting:

- a) Faulty lights to be reported. – none reported
- b) The Candela quotation for next phase of streetlight upgrades was considered to be possibly in error and will be referred back to Candela for verification.

### 73) Highway Matters:

- a) New highway matters to be reported. – **none**

### 74) Lengthsman/Handyman

- a) New and outstanding Lengthsman or Handyman matters. –
  - i) Town Pool fencing repair works – Cllr SJ Morrow had not yet obtained a quotation from a metal worker to fabricate a new fence panel to match the existing dimensions and will pursue the quotation for the next meeting.
  - ii) Weed spraying various locations – spraying throughout the parish is ongoing
- b) New Lengthsman or Handyman works agreed by council: - None at this time

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**75) Public Rights of Way matters –**

- a) To report any new PROW matters in need of attention. – none reported

**76) Matters Raised by Members: none**

**77) Next meeting date:**

- a) Council confirmed the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council is scheduled for Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 7.00 pm. at the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:08

<u>Chairman</u>		<u>Date</u>		
	<b>Bank Accounts</b>	<b>Verified and Confirmed Account Balances</b>		
Statement	12/06/19	Current Account Balance	£13,201.37	
Date	10/06/19	Deposit Account Balance	£28,858.25	
	<b>Payments Authorised</b>			
<b>Cheque Number</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Gross Payment</b>	<b>Net Payment</b>
1877	Pebworth Village Hall	NDP Expenses	20.00	20.00
1878	John Hyde	Lengthsman Works	102.75	102.75
1878	John Hyde	Handyman works	132.75	132.75
1879	Limebridge RS	Amenity mowing contract	823.20	686.00
1880	J Stedman	Clerk's Salary and Expenses	***	***
1881	HMRC	PAYE	427.74	427.74

**Council observation on the planning application**

17/01269/RM: Sims Metals Uk (South West) Limited, Long Marston, Pebworth,  
The community building and football pitch have been removed from the proposal

The Parish Council comment: -

Pebworth Parish council are generally supportive of this development, we recognise the benefits that it should bring to our Parish and to the wider community, however this also involves more than doubling the number of dwellings within our Parish so the impact over time is anticipated to be extensive.

We wish to make the observation that the potential removal of the proposed onsite built leisure (community /sports facilities) will undoubtedly increase the demand on the existing adjacent facilities in Pebworth Village and Meon Vale. The point has been made that the Meon Vale facilities are currently underused, however the existing community facilities at Pebworth are old, unmodernised, and inefficient, and are currently struggling to meet the needs of even the existing community.

Persimmon works on site are planned to commence this year, and additional capacity at both adjacent community facilities is likely to be needed within 2 years or less, therefore we strongly suggest that the applicants contribution to built leisure and community facilities needs to be addressed now, not at some arbitrary future point on the occupation of the 350th dwelling. We urge all parties not to defer agreement on a contribution to those facilities but to make it a condition of this application that this is considered now as a priority.

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### **Pebworth Parish Council District Councillor & County Councillor report by Alastair Adams July 2019**

Worcestershire County Council Passenger transport Strategy Consultation  
Residents and stakeholders are being encouraged to have their say on the draft  
Worcestershire Passenger Transport Strategy over the next couple of months. WCC spend  
over £23million a year on transport, and this review will look at ways to improve the service  
provided by the council. The main spend is on

- Home to School Transport
- Public Transport
- Community Transport
- Social Care Transport

To read more go <http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/passengertransportstrategy>  
To download the full document strategy on the above webpage at the bottom, click on  
“Worcestershire Passenger Transport Strategy Downloads”, and click on the “Worcestershire  
Passenger Transport Strategy 2019-2030”  
To have your say, click on the “Have your say: Online Consultation Survey”

**New Community Travel websites for this area**

If you have limited mobility and don't drive but need to get to the doctor, hospital, shops,  
health centre, or dentist or even the hairdresser, then try Community Travel – See  
[www.communitytravel.org.uk](http://www.communitytravel.org.uk) And <http://www.eveshamvolunteers.org.uk/community-transport/> or phone 01386 45035 to book a journey.

**Volunteers**

Do you want to help the Community Travel Service? Do you have a car, and willing to use it  
to drive other people to hospital etc? If so, new drivers are always needed so please contact  
Evesham Volunteers on <http://www.eveshamvolunteers.org.uk/volunteer/apply-to-volunteer/>  
or phone 01386 45035

**Worcestershire Children First**

A new council owned arms-length organisation called Worcestershire Children First is  
getting ready to officially launch in October 2019. It will operate all Council Children  
services including education, special needs, children's homes, and the adoption service. The  
new Worcestershire Children First website [www.worcschildrenfirst.org.uk](http://www.worcschildrenfirst.org.uk) is now live.

**School admissions**

For the third year in a row, over 90% of children in Worcestershire will be starting school in  
September at their first-choice school.

WCC held on the title of Council of the Year at this year's West Midlands Energy Efficiency  
Awards.

The award recognises the hard work over the last year making Worcestershire a more  
environmentally friendly county, as well as financial savings and carbon emission figures.

**Blackminster Middle School**

Two science laboratories and a design technology area featuring a food technology area and  
graphics space have been officially open this month, following an ambitious £860,000 school  
refurbishment funded from the Worcestershire County Council's Capital Investment  
Programme.

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### Community Speed Watch

Speeding through our villages is a concern for every parish council, and I had a good meeting with West Mercia Road Safety Partnership recently and they are looking at launching a Parish Council guide book on how to help tackle speeding in your village. In the meantime, anyone interested in helping is recommended to look at <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/38884/Community-speed-watch>

### Vale of Evesham Freight Quality Partnership Working Group

Worcestershire County Council has agreed to lead the resurrection of the VFQP Working Group (Vale of Evesham Freight Quality Partnership Working Group) with the support of Wychavon District Council who have agreed to provide secretarial support. The aim is to meet once or twice a year to discuss any issues. First meeting is on Friday 26 July at 2pm.

### Highways:

Worcestershire County Council's road maintenance programme on surface dressing is nearly at the end. However, there are still a lot of road closures around the area caused by the utilities – Severn Trent, Broadband, gas and electricity all upgrading the services. To keep up to date on the roads affected see

[http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20602/roadworks\\_in\\_worcestershire](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20602/roadworks_in_worcestershire)

Or look at the national roadworks website below, and type in Honeybourne in the top right box to search.

[www.roadworks.org](http://www.roadworks.org)

1. New Ullington sign as you enter from Bidford. – replaced as last one was destroyed sometime again by an accident or verge cutter.
2. Water on Broad Marston Rd by Cotswold View – possible water mains leak. Reported.
3. Blocked gully on top of hill on Pebworth Rd on bend as you come into the village – reported and marked to be jetted
4. Dangerous tree branch hanging from in Norton Garden – branch removed by householder
5. Temporary night Closure Stratford Rd Honeybourne- Bridge maintenance 8th July for 5 days.
6. Road Liable to Flooding' warning signs to be installed either side of the bridges in Stratford Rd. No date yet when this work will start.
7. Higher kerbs at the junction of Back Lane and School Lane – programmed to be done but no date set.
8. Cracks on the pavement along Chapel Rd, and Front Street – Highways have sealed these cracks but used a road based sealant and not a pavement one. So the repairs are not satisfactory. I have flagged this to the Head of Maintenance, and he has confirmed that this financial year the pavement will be re-surfaced/top surfaced.
9. Road drains outside Knoll, Front street have been jetted. Illegal connection from a resident's cess pit has been identified. Action being taken.
10. New "No-Through road" signs erected at entrance to Priory Lane, Broad Marston - completed

As always, if you have any issues on any Highways matters, please report it on the WCC website [http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/98/report\\_it](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/98/report_it)

Also remember a photo of the Highways problem is as good as "a thousand words" so always take a photo where possible.

New waste planning application by MRW next to Sims.

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The WCC waste planning committee will be visiting MRW on 8th July to look at the proposal to expand their business to recycle 25,000 tonnes per year.

#### **Burst sewage mains**

Severn Trent confirmed that the new sewage pipe from Pebworth to Long Marston did burst last month, and a fleet of lorries had to be used to transfer the waste for a few days. However the pipe has now been repaired.

#### **Please be careful when driving through Little Meadows, Pebworth Road**

A cat was run over by a car recently on the road through South Meadows. Unfortunately it died of its injuries. Please remember this road has a speed limit of 30mph and please drive carefully and obey the speed limit.

#### **County Council Divisional Fund**

Divisional grants have re-opened in April, so any community organisation that needs a little support to buy equipment or some essential service can apply by contacting me.

Grant requests received so far are

1. Badsey Soap Box Races – grant requested to help organise it
2. Cleeve Prior Annual Cricket Match – grant requested for new equipment
3. Badsey Carnival - grant requested to help organise it - paid
4. Badsey Flower Show & Scouts – grant request towards a new marquee

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