

# PEOPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.30pm in Peopleton Village Hall

1. **Members and Officers present:** Cllrs Mason (Chairman) Phillips, Bailey, Smith, Wall, Hennerley, Whittingham, Darby, District and County Cllr Robinson. Two members of the public attended.
2. **Apologies:** Cllr Baxter sent her apologies.
3. **Declarations of Interest:**

### Public Question Time

The time allocated is at the discretion of the council/chairman. Residents are invited to give their views and question the parish council on issues on this agenda or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the chairman. Members of the public may not take part in the parish council meeting itself. This period is not part of the formal meeting; brief notes will be appended to the minutes as an aide memoire.

4. **Minutes:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were approved as true and correct.
5. **County & District Councillors report:**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> November our Coronavirus average infection rate across Worcestershire is 454 per 100,000 population with Wychavon at 400 we are the lowest in the District. The England average is 413. The latest NHS figures show a total of 50 people were in hospital in Worcestershire with Covid-19 including three people in intensive care. The NHS data show that there have been five Covid deaths recorded for county hospitals in the past seven days. It means in total there have been 927 Covid-related deaths in county hospitals during the pandemic. The Acute Hospitals Trust covers Worcestershire Royal Hospital, as well as the Alexandra Hospital in Redditch and Kidderminster Hospital. The public are encouraged to follow the safety measures set out in the Government's winter response plan. This includes meeting outdoors whenever possible and letting fresh air in when meeting indoors. We should wear face coverings in enclosed settings when mixing with people we would not normally do and getting tested if you have any symptoms plus staying at home if you feel unwell. Local GPs are encouraging residents to get booster jabs and second vaccine if invited to. 12-to-15-year old's are now being urged to 'Grab a Jab' in a new County campaign. Surprisingly latest figures show that 374 staff in Worcestershire hospitals are unvaccinated. Mandatory vaccination for NHS staff is now under consultation.

WCC are re-opening proposals for the Pershore education pyramid to change from the current three tier system to two tier. A full public consultation is now underway until the 26<sup>th</sup> November. The link below can be used to access it [https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20921/pershore\\_education\\_planning\\_area\\_review/2490/pershore\\_education\\_planning\\_area\\_review](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20921/pershore_education_planning_area_review/2490/pershore_education_planning_area_review)

WEST MERCIA POLICE. New Community engagement is now live:

We are committed to engaging with our communities across Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin to increase trust and confidence and to help us protect people from harm. Our communities are active participants in helping to prevent and detect crime and anti-social behaviour and we know that by working together we can make a real difference. Public safety, crime prevention and protection of the vulnerable cannot be accomplished by the police alone. It takes effective partnership working and strong community relationships. It is only by the police, our partners and the public working together that we can build resilient and safe communities, and both reduce and prevent crime.

Our Local Policing Charter, launched in March 2021, outlines how we will ensure we provide a visible policing presence and how, using local engagement, social media and new digital channels, we will create further opportunities for dialogue so the public can raise concerns, provide feedback, be involved and help shape policing. Neighbourhood Matters will help us to work with the public and build strong community relationships. If you sign up to Neighbourhood Matters, you decide who you want to hear from and the type of alerts you want to receive. You'll be getting information on exactly what's happening in your area and what is being done about it. You'll also hear about positive police action, good news stories and be able to play an active part in helping us with our public appeals. You can sign up to Neighbourhood Matters <https://www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/#SignUp>

### Update on FCC staffing situation

There has been no major change since our last update. The situation remains fragile, but FCC are managing to maintain essential collection services, with the exception of bulky waste, as well as increase the amount of highway litter picking and mechanical sweeping taking place through the use of agency staff.

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Redditch Borough Council last week announced it was suspending its garden waste collection service which is a reminder of how difficult the current situation is for all councils.

If residents ask about alternative ways to dispose of bulky waste while our service is suspended, please direct them to our bulky waste page on our website where we have listed some options.

## Green Flag success

I am delighted to report that our five parks and Droitwich Community Woods have retained Green Flag Status. This is an incredible achievement and huge thanks and congratulations must go to our parks team and contractors Continental and Smart Cut for all their hard work. People now have the chance to vote for their favourite park for a People's Choice Award, which recognises the most popular parks on the planet.

To find out more and to vote for your favourite park visit [www.wychavon.gov.uk/parks](http://www.wychavon.gov.uk/parks)

Bird flu was now present in Wychavon and warned anyone keeping birds should follow the guidelines online.

Lastly Cllr Robinson shared that some divisional funds had been spent sending 'Joy in a box' a box full of outfits/ dress up from Vamos Theatre to care homes for Christmas and Stonebow House was included in this.

## 6. Planning: The following applications were considered between meetings:

<a href="#">21/01700/CU</a>	Jim Crow Corner Norchard Lane Pepleton Pershore WR10 2ED	Change of use of redundant agricultural building to visitor accommodation.	Application Approved
<a href="#">21/01859/HP</a>	Harahan Court Main Street Pepleton Pershore WR10 2EA	Proposed single storey rear extension along with internal alterations	Application Approved

It was noted that there had also been a meeting of the Planning committee on 20/10/2021 to discuss the possibility of a future planning application on Lomax Field with actions for the Clerk to follow up on.

## 7. Progress reports:

### a) Chairman's- TM

Cllr Mason reported that the Clerks appraisal had been carried out with Cllr Wall and formally thanked the Clerk for her work throughout the year.

The welcome leaflet is still work in progress, as is the community speedwatch.

An email had ben circulated to all Cllrs regarding a crowdfunding project organised by Pershore Volunteer Centre for an electric vehicle and it was agreed that individuals could contribute if they wish rather than a contribution from the Parish Council

### b) Village Trust- LB

The Village Hall is financially secure with new bookings coming in and potentially 7 poultry show's next year in the pipeline.

Still recruiting for a cleaner for the Hall, paying £12 an hour

Planned events include:

Christmas Fayre 05/12/21 including wreath making sessions for £5

Rugby super Saturday 19/03/22 (for the final of the Six Nations rugby where tickets are £10 and include a fish and chip supper.)

Pony and dog show 15/05/22

Scenic Six 27/03/22

Autumn Show 03/09/22

### c) Village shop-TM

Cllr Mason reported that trade was slower and they were hoping it will pick up over Christmas and there are some new volunteers which is always very welcome.

### d) PACT- PH

A white Ford transit van had been noted acting suspiciously around Upton Snodsbury and surrounding villages

### e) Lengthsman-LB

Nothing to report

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## f) Footpaths- LB

A water leak outside The Crown Pub has been reported to Severn Trent who are coming back to action works to fix- this will require traffic lights and so may affect School traffic.

## g) Highways & Byways issues- LB

Manhole cover still requires attention- Clerk to email Barry Barnes and copy in Cllr Robinson  
Barrells Bridge was damaged recently due to horses but repairs have since been made.  
Cllr Bailey was concerned that Green Lane once again is being used by 4X4 vehicles and ideally needs a temporary road closure during the winter months-Clerk to email highways and copy in Cllr Robinson.

## h) Flooding- DW

Cllrs Wall, Bailey and Mason met with Peter Lewis this month who has farmed within the village for a number of years to understand how the effects of possible development on Lomax Field could exacerbate flooding issues within the village.  
Cllr Mason suggested that Mr Lewis be approached to undertake clearing of the new ditch within the village and the Parish Council be invoiced for this, seconded by Cllr Wall and all Cllrs.  
Cllr Wall suggested the Clerk contact Wychavon and request they clear the ditch in Mr Powells land and chase the culvert inspection- Clerk to action.  
Cllr Mason suggested a reminder by sent via the website and Bowline for all landowners to keep ditches clear to help reduce flooding issues.

## 8. Finance

- a) Update on the budget/ Bank balance as of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021  
Treasurers Account £14,162.20 (£6,000 community bus funds held)  
Business Instant Account £10,147.07

- b) The following payments were approved for the Clerk to pay-

Lengthsman September	£174.00
Lengthsman October	£96.00
Clerk's salary	£476.58
Clerk's expenses	£36.36
HMRC Clerk Tax	£72.20 (Cheque)
Limebridge- mowing September	£324.00
Website hosting	£180.00
Worcester Wheels	£240.00
Pershore Volunteer Centre	£240.00
Wychavon- uncontested election charge	£50.00
Limebridge-mowing October	£324.00

- c) Cllr Bailey reminded the Clerk to Invoice 40% of mowing costs to the Village Trust

## 9. The Queens Green Canopy UK

All Cllrs agreed that a tree planting would be a fitting tribute for the Queens Jubilee and Cllr Bailey agreed to oversee the project and liaise with the Clerk. The most suitable location would be near the playpark, with the possibility of 3 trees to be planted possibly including a Worcester Black Pear Tree.

## 10. Village Bus service

Nothing to report- buses running as planned

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## 11. Village Picnic in the Park

The Village Trust are organising the event in 2022 with a committee in place organising various activities and entertainment all free of charge for the local villagers. The estimated cost for the event is £1300 and Cllr Mason proposed a £250 donation from the Parish Council, seconded by Cllr Wall.

## 12. Allotment's update

Cllr Mason still to contact landowner from end of Perry Mill Road to discuss options.

## 13. Correspondence for Information

Clerk noted a FOI request had been received and responded to from Ms Harrison  
The Pub ACV has been submitted to Wychavon and a response due mid- December.

## 14. Future agenda items and reports:

Setting of the budget 2022/2023

15. **Date of next meeting:** To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7:30pm.

Signed .....

Dated.....

## Future meetings

January	12/01/22
March	09/03/22
May	11/05/22

## AIDE MEMOIRE

### Public Question Time

- A parishioner expressed concern that Wychavon have historically consented to culverts/ water course works without communicating with the Parish Council first