

PEOPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 9th May 2018 @ 8.00pm in the Village Hall, Peopleton

1. The chair welcomed councillors and members of the public to the Annual Parish Meeting
2. Apologies of Absence from Councillors Mason & Baxter were noted
3. The Minutes of the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting were approved
4. There were no matters arising from the minutes
5. Chairman's Report on the Past Year and going forward

We held Parish Council Meetings in July, September, November 2017 with an extra ordinary meeting to discuss New Homes Bonus in October 2017. In 2018 we held meetings in January, March leading up to the AGM tonight. We are pleased to see more parishioners attending and being interested in the work of the Parish Council.

Council meetings are held Bi monthly with the alternating month being set aside for potential planning committee meeting – however these have not been needed as all planning applications have come through the full Parish Council Meetings.

The Council is still under represented by two Councillors and we are keen that the full complement of Councillors is reached – any parishioner is welcome to come along to any meeting and let us know they are interested – there is plenty to talk about and training is available – so do please consider how you may help the community

Michelle English as our Clerk and financial officer has experience of local council work and keeps us well informed. May I express the Councillors thanks for your work throughout the last year.

Having looked back over the year of meetings there is much to celebrate about the contribution the Parish Councillors have made to the village and its activities and facilities. Thank you to the Councillors who have all taken an aspect of the village affairs and provided a focused approach to their individual roles and I hope !! will continue to do so.

We have been able to apply for a number of initiatives and funding.

New Homes Bonus – two applications have now provided the Main street with permanent vehicle activated signs near the Church and along by the hall – the latest having been generously supported through funding from the Parish Lands Trust.

Transparency Funding – two applications through the National Association of Local Councils has ensured the Council has its own laptop, printer and scanner and can receive additional training for accountancy work and the data protection information.

It is essential that all of us Councillors are given the opportunity to attend training to keep ourselves both up to date with local government policies and practice and to be effective in the role. To that end, both the Chair and Vice Chair have attended training run by CALC. As well as this, it is important to gain up to date information that is of local importance and Councillors have been busy attending CALC area meetings, conferences and specific focused meetings such as planning and section 106.

Budget - The budget for the forthcoming year has been given a strong focus in our autumn meetings and discussed in time for the submission in February 2018. Increase to band D households amounted to £32.83p to allow additional spending on the budget.

Councillors agreed a minimum increase in line with the County Council 2%. Costs were reduced in the Clerk monthly allocated hours with an emphasis on the Councillors being more actively responsible for areas and communications. A small election contingency has been agreed along with an allocation for repairs to the notice board and training for Councillors. It was possible to reduce the allocated funding for VAS . The Council are committed to the mowing and clearance services of the Lengths man in the village and see this as an essential and effective service for the parishioners.

Work of the Lengthsman - On behalf of the community, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Steve Pike for his excellent service and cheerful manner in which he applies himself to the jobs lined up by Les Bailey.

Footpaths and highways

Les – work on barrels bridge

Ditch finally cleaned

Drains sucked clean in Main street

Website. - This is regularly updated with agenda and minutes being added but needs to be developed if it is to become a tool for parishioners to engage more in Parish Council matters.

Welcome Leaflet. - This has been a project that Tim Mason has undertaken with great gusto! and we are already into Print no 2! It is a great way of demonstrating all that the village has to offer benefit to newcomers. Certainly, reaction has been

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really positive and this will remain a focus for the future. I am sure Tim is already thinking of new features for print no 3 whilst away from the village

6. County Councillors Report

Congratulated Cllr Robinson for doing a wonderful job at Wychavon

Lots of changes at County Council

- Fire authority
- 1st year of a 4 year period – 23 new councillors working well together, new chief exec
- Concern is how the infrastructure within the county is going to work, Cllr Adams asked residents to please let him know of any concerns.
- Lots going on but money is extremely tight, it is not easy
- Congratulated TM on the booklet he put out to newcomers in the village

7. District Councillors Report

2017/18 had been a good year for Wychavon. Council tax was not increased. Voted top 3 in Halifax survey however it is important that partners, eg, schools, affordable housing, county council etc continue to work together. NHB protocol has had a revamp. 16th June ladies cycle tour of Britan. Cllr Robinson thanked the PC for all the hard work they have done over the year.

8. Reports from village trust

Annual Police Report 2017-18

The last 12 months has continued to be busy throughout our ever increasing local policing area which extends from Whittington, Upton Snodsbury and Dormston in the north to Bredon and Beckford in the south. With targeted patrols, attendance at village surgeries and numerous parish events, messaging via Twitter and the Community Messaging Service (CMS) the team have continued to be actively involved in the community. The whole team remain committed to tackling all levels of crime throughout the area including rural crime and poaching and providing security advice and support to victims and vulnerable residents.

This report is based using the recorded crime figures between 09/05/2017 and 09/05/2018 the comparison is relating to the corresponding dates in 2016/17.

Overall the police recorded 65 incidents that were reported by members of the public this is compared to 53 incidents reported the previous year.

Of the 65 incidents the Parish had 19 recordable crimes (incidents where a specific offence has occurred) this was in comparison to 16 recordable crimes the previous year.

The breakdown of offences is as follows:

2017/18 2016/17

Burglary Residential	4	1
(includes garages and sheds)		
Burglary Business	1	0
Theft of Vehicle	0	1
Theft from vehicle	1	0
Theft other	2	4
Criminal Damage	1	1
Deception/Fraud	1	0

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Other Offences

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(Includes mostly concerns for welfare or domestic related incidents and assaults)

This year has seen an increase in the number of burglaries reported in Peopleton but all have been from sheds and outbuildings where power tools and equipment were stolen. This type of incident has increased throughout a large part of the South Worcestershire area. Several arrests have been made and a number of power tools have been recovered. The local team have offered security advice to all victims and have sent out information to all the Parish Councils, security advice has also been included in CMS reports.

The 'other offences' incidents are increasing throughout the West Mercia area as police are dealing more often with vulnerable people. This could be put down to increased social and economic pressures. However Peopleton has not seen any increase.

Overall the figures still show that Peopleton and the surrounding area is a safe place to both live and work, however we all have a responsibility to ensure we maintain this and would encourage all residents to review their own security measures.

On behalf of the team and myself I should like to offer my thanks to the Parish Council for all its help over the last 12 months. I would also like to say thank you to the Parish as a whole for its continued support of the local policing team and for the numerous calls we have received relating to suspicious activity, all we ask is that you continue to do this.

Pershore Rural North and South Local Policing Team Non-emergency phone number: 101

Peopleton Cricket Club – The chariman of the cricket club mentioned the Scotty Super 8 Charity Tournament on the 28th May. With nothing further to discuss the meeting closed at 8.30

Signed

Dated