

# PENSAX PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Pensax Parish Council held in Old Chapel, Menith Wood at 7.0pm on Tuesday 17th May 2022

**Present:** Cllr Alistair Keron (Chairman), Cllr Abraham, Cllr Meese

**In Attendance:** Clerk, Nancy Gould (Prospective Co-Opted Councillor, County Cllr David Chambers.

1. **Apologies:** Received and accepted from Cllr Rudd.
2. **Adoption of Minutes:** The minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Public Question Time** – No members of the public were present.
4. **County Cllr Report** – County Cllr David Chambers had already provided a report (circulated and see below). However, CC Chambers reported that now the Covid pandemic regulations were at an end, the County Council will be able to move on to its full programme. Works at Worcester Royal Hospital are continuing and it is hoped that the A&E works will be completed by the end of the year. The problems with the delays were not down attributable to the Ambulance Service but the lack of beds available. There was a need for the service to be “joined up.” CC Chambers expressed his surprise that additional Section 106 funding from Malvern Hills District Council for hospital improvement was turned down.  
  
**District Cllr Report** – Due to a conflicting engagement Cllr Cumming sent his apologies was unable to his report.
5. **Police Report** – Not received.
6. **Chairman’s Report** - attached
7. **Pensax Village Hall** –
  - i. The Village Hall has now been sold
  - ii. It was agreed not to set up a Working Party for present and leave it to the Parish Councillors to make decisions on any suggestions put forward by residents.
  - iii. The Clerk was requested to transfer the funds to a restricted deposit account. The Clerk was asked to investigate investing this money but only in funds registered with the FCA.
  - iv. It was the general opinion of the Meeting that the Parish Council should not be restricted and keep their options open.
  - v. It was agreed that a letter would be sent out to the Residents informing them of the sale and seeking their suggestions how the funds should be used. This would be a loose leaf inserted Temespan delivered to households in the area of benefit of the Village Hall, Facebook, the website and on the noticeboards. Suggestions received from parishioners would be directed to the Clerk for onward transmission to the Councillors. However, there would be a time limit of six months for receipt of initial suggestions.
8. **Fibre Broadband** – This has been successfully in large parts of the parish.
9. **War Memoria** – A Trustee of the Memorial Charity has clarified that the Parish Council has been given £1,500 for maintenance of the Memorial and that this should be shown in the accounts as restricted funds. The Clerk was asked to make the appropriate adjustments.
  - i. Concern was expressed about flooding in front of Pensax Hall which was causing problems for pedestrians. The Clerk was asked to send an e-mail to David Cummings, the County Councillor, about the Exact location.
10. **Residents** - No Residents attended the meeting.

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11. **Date of next meeting:** 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – 7pm - Old Chapel Hall, Menith Wood

28. **Meeting Closed 9pm**

Signed-----  
Alistair Keron  
Chairman

**Date 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

## REPORTS

### **Worcestershire County Council Report Meeting of Pensax Parish Council 17th May 2022.**

1. Worcestershire County Council is working closely with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, and with local partners, to co-ordinate actions regarding our response to the Ukraine refugee

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crisis. The County Council has agreed with the six Worcestershire District Councils, to co-ordinate our response as “One Worcestershire,” to ensure a joint approach is undertaken.

At the moment the best way to provide humanitarian help for the people of Ukraine is through financial donations to organisations with a presence in the region. This is considered a more effective way to support those in need, rather than physical donations, given the complexities and time it can take to physically transport supplies. Together with this Report, I am forwarding a list of agencies supporting Ukraine, should anyone wish to contact them.

Over 2,000 families have offered their homes to Ukrainian families in Worcestershire. 700 guests have arrived so far and are being hosted by 289 families. 228 guests in Wychavon, followed by Malvern Hills, Worcester City, Bromsgrove, Wyre Forest, and Redditch. Host families offer their home for a minimum of 6 months and a maximum of 12 months, though this may be extended if necessary.

2. The Worcestershire Health and Wellbeing strategy consultation 2022 – 2032, has been launched. Good mental health and wellbeing may mean different things to different people. Your thoughts and feelings are welcomed, to help WCC shape the future of health and wellbeing over the next ten years. The consultation survey is open to everyone and will help build up a picture of what Wellbeing means to people of all ages across the county. More details can be found at: [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/HWBStrategy2022](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/HWBStrategy2022)
3. Worcestershire County Council have been unsuccessful in their Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) submission to the government. It is also extremely disappointing to hear that First Bus have announced they intend to significantly cut services in Worcestershire. The details are yet to be finalised but this will have a detrimental impact on residents. The County Council is now considering its future policy with regards to bus services in Worcestershire.
4. Ambulance waiting times remain a major concern in the county. Ambulances often continue to wait for several hours to discharge their patients at the Worcester Royal Hospital, due to patient delays from progressing from the Emergency Department onto wards.

David Chambers  
County Councillor, Tenbury Division.

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### **Lengthsman's Report**

Just a short report for your annual meeting next week,

Firstly, I hope the councillors are pleased with the work I am doing, majority of the drains are working with the exception of a couple of drains on the Pensax - Stockton road just past the turning to Pensax common, highways are aware of this issue and have said there needs to be some excavation work to see where the problem is, this will mean a road closure and they haven't given a time scale for this to be carried out, if I hear anything then I will let the parish know.

Further down that road by the turning to Worles common a drain is blocked but this is due to the fact that the ditch in which it flows into needs to be cleaned out, actually ditches on both sides of the road needs some attention as the verge grips are the same level as the ditch now in some places, this is a landowner issue.

If any further information is needed then please let me know

Chris Bunn.