

# PENSAX PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Pensax Annual Parish Meeting held in Pensax Village Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015

**Present:** Cllr Gready (Chairman), Cllr Rudd,  
Cllr Keron, Cllr Wise

**In Attendance:** Clerk, County Cllr Ken Pollock, CSO Theresa Howells and 16 Members of the Public.

1. **Apologies:** District Cllr Paul Cumming, Village Hall Trustees.
2. **Minutes** of Annual Parish Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014 were circulated and agreed by all and signed by Chairman.
3. **Outcome of matter raised at May 2014 meeting:-**
  - **Snead Common** – issues regarding back lane. The Parish Council have established the lane is within MHDC but it is the responsibility of the people who live in Snead Common to maintain the road surface. WCC may adopt the lane if it is resurfaced to their standard and they are willing to come and look at the lane. This offer has not been taken up by residents. Mr Kincaid, a resident of Snead Common, attended this meeting and stated he had paid for 3 loads of plantings to go on the lane to make a good base. Various prices had been obtained for tarmacing the lane and Mr Kincaid stated all residents were willing to pay their share of costs. Drainage work needs to be done by WCC as water is running off B4202 and drain is not taking the water. County Cllr to look into drain issues. Mr Kincaid was thanked for his work on finding a solution to the problem.
4. **District Cllrs report** – Apologies received, no matters of concern reported.
5. **County Cllrs report** – Circulated to all and will be added to end of May Parish Council minutes. Resident wished to alert County Cllr to road issues (see item 9 below). Clerk to keep updated. County Cllr was thanked for coming and left the meeting.
6. **Police Report** – CSO Theresa Howells reported one theft from a farm over the last 12 months. In other areas sheds are being broken into, smaller items being take, quite a few quadbikes and dogs are being targeted so be alert for strange vehicles. Road issues at item 9 were noted and CSO stated the PC were taking the correct action. Rural Watch being promoted at present, details on Twitter and website. Contact details were left to be put on PC website. CSO was thanked for coming and left the meeting.
7. **Chairman's Report** – this was circulated at meeting and is on website. Chairman also stated following -
  - Hall Survey** - undertaken last year 78 returned, all were supportive of hall, 38 residents agreed to help and will be contacted by new Trustees shortly. Two new trustees in place. Retiring Trustees Nerys Didlick and Lyn Sykes were thanked, Don Currie remains as a Trustee at present. The Parish Council have money in budget to help hall if it is needed. This will only be granted if there is a plan put in place by the Trustees which is acceptable to the PC. There are no plans to replace the hall.
  - Lenghtsman** - Richard Whiteman has taken on this role. He was thanked for his work over the last year. Any concerns on roads/drains to be given to Clerk or Councillor to pass to Richard.
  - Business Rate Relief application for 2015-16** - The Parish Council again decided to support The Bell as it is an asset to the Community but they did not feel they could support it financially, it would have meant a payment of £457.50. A vote at this meeting showed residents present would be happy to support The Bell financially in the future so this fact will be noted when future requests are received.
  - Road issues** – Chairman had spoken to a local resident who is retired Police Officer. His remarks were -
    - Perception of speed is often different to actual speed
    - Difficult to get Counties to spend money on roads if no accidents, minor or serious, reported

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- Traffic restrictions that are inappropriate can be detrimental to the speed of traffic
  - Highway Code states drive at appropriate speed
  - His experience of mechanical devices (gated area on sides of road) is effective.
  - Chicane system – effective but very expensive and requires street lighting.
  - Changing signs has little impact.
- Chairman asked if residents would spend £1000.00 on traffic calming measures, 4 residents voted for this. Calming measure could cost in excess of £20,000.00.  
Vehicle Activated Sign was funded by County Cllr and Pensax are on list to have it soon on B4202.
- 8. Pensax Village Hall** – Trustees sent apologies. The Trustees written report was given by Chairman. A grant from Community First to update documents and ensure all legal requirements are in place before bookings are taken has been obtained. An active Management Committee is to be formed to promote future activities, website to be used to advertise events. A recent sponsored cycle ride had raised £305.00 for hall funds. Trustees meeting to be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Bookings can be made with Mark Trigg. Thanks go to Mike Breakwell who is supplying and fitting a carpet in the hall at no cost to Hall.
- 9. Pensax Village Speed concerns** – Concerns were raised by residents who attend the January Parish Council meeting. Stockton Road was main concern and the 30mph within Pensax village. Clerk has contacted the Safer Roads Partnership who have visited the area with WCC and agreed to put up more signs and clean signs. Also a laser will be put up to establish accurate traffic speeds and amount of traffic. This may take a while to set up. Stickers for wheelie bins can also be provided and will be available from Clerk.
- 10. Superfast Broadband Programme** – Cllr Wise contacted WCC and BT. Funding being given by Government to WCC to improve speeds in rural areas. Demand led so residents need to register their interest on WCC Superfast website. Possible for some residents to use Airband transmitter, need to visit Airband website for details. Community need to work together to get Superfast Broadband. Cllr Wise to continue with his enquiries.
- 11. Issues raised tonight –**  
**Group space website** – This website has been set up to give resident’s information on Hall and Council events. It can be used to send out invites and take bookings for hall in future.  
**Beer Festival** – Resident invited all to the Festival being held during 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of September in field opposite The Bell. Bring your own homebrew and food. Bands and disco will be provided. It is hoped to give a donation to Pensax Village Hall. Please support this local event to help the hall.
- 12. Chairman thanked everyone for coming and meeting closed at 8.20pm.**

Signed----- Date  
Chairman

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016

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