

# PENSAX PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Pensax Parish Council held in Pensax Village Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday 3rd October 2016

**Present:** Cllr Rob Gready (Chairman), Cllr Rudd, Cllr Keron, Cllr Weston

**In Attendance:** Clerk, District Cllr Paul Cumming, 1 Member of the Public

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Wise apologies received and accepted.
2. **Declaration of Interest:**
  - a. **Register of Interests** – Cllrs to keep updated.
  - b. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** – None.
  - c. **Other Disclosable Interests** – None.
3. **Dispensations** –
  - a. To consider written requests from councillors for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) – **None requested.**
4. **Public Question Time** – See notes at end of minutes. The Police did not attend this meeting.
5. **Minutes** of Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 and Special Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016 were agreed by all and signed by Chairman. Meeting to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016 was cancelled due to only 2 Cllrs attending, note in minutes folder.
6. **County Cllr Report** – Apologies received, nothing to report.  
**Dist Cllr Report** – Brief report given, see notes at end of minutes.
7. **Progress reports for information:**
  - a. **Pensax Village Hall** – No Committee has yet been formed to run functions, no volunteers have come forward to help. Trustees still in place, grants available for improvements. Future of hall is of concern to PC.
  - b. **Superfast Broadband** – Cllr Wise to email update for insertion. Lindridge Cllr has done survey of Menith Wood residents within central part of village. Good response.
8. **Reports on Meeting attended by Clerk or Councillors 5**  
CALC Area Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> June and 14<sup>th</sup> September – Clerk attended, details have been circulated.
9. **Finances** -
  - a. **Payments made** – Mrs S Burrows (see e) = £9.94, Mrs S Burrows (see f) = £253.55, British Heart Foundation (Defibrillator see 15) = £400.00.
  - b. **Payments received** – MHDC Precept = £2000.00 (including Council Tax subsidy £38.50), WCC LM payment April 2016 = £420.00.
  - c. **Bank Reconciliation** (circulated) - Signed for April/May/June/July/August 2016. Balance agreed as £6717.612 in Cash Book at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016. Budget to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 circulated, query on balance for Estimated overrun 2016-17, Clerk to circulate amended figures.
  - d. **External Auditors Report** (circulated/on website) - Clerk had put notice up for one day too long, only observation of Auditor.
  - e. **Clerks Salary (circulated)** – National increase April 2016, Standing Order letter signed for Bank, monthly payment now £148.78 from October 2016, arrears due £9.94.
  - f. **Clerks Expenses (circulated)** – It was agreed to pay £253.55 for 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.
10. **Planning:**
  - a. Plans circulated since last meeting – **See item 19.**
  - b. Decisions received since last meeting-
    - 16/00454/HOU – Myrron, Snead Common, Abberley WR6 6AF** – Proposed single storey rear extension, side porch, rear dormer and render to exterior dwelling. **Approved by MHDC.**
    - 16/00877/AGR – New Inn Farm, Worles Common, Stockton WR6 6XQ** – Prior notification of a replacement agricultural building for straw and machinery storage. **Approved by MHDC.**
    - 16/01075/HOU – Claremont, Snead Common Abberley WR6 6AF** – Proposed front porch and two dormer windows in the front elevation. **Approved by MHDC.**

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**Appeal decision – 14/01586/FUL – APP/J1860/W/15/3133352 – Ridding Coppice, Pensax WR6 6AE -**  
Planning permission for the permanent retention of two canvas yurts for forestry worker accommodation to maintain the woodland of Ridding Coppice. **Appeal dismissed by Inspector.**

- c. **Plans for comment on tonight –**  
**16/01294/HOU – Rowley Farm Bungalow, Pensax, Abberley WR6 6AG –** Raise roof of existing bungalow to allow for first floor extension. Internal alterations. Porch. **It was agreed by all to support this application.**
  - d. **Appeals Received by MHDC -**  
**15/01017/FUL – APP/J1860/W/16/3149836 - Land off Stockton Road, Stockton-on-Teme, Worcestershire WR6 6UT –** Photo Voltaic Solar Energy Farm (5MW) and ancillary equipment.
11. **Road report**
    - a. **Lengthsman –** Drain/gulley's to be cleared.
    - b. **Problems to report –** None.
    - c. **Worles Common Dangerous Trees –** Following one tree falling onto road and landowner not being identified locally this matter has been passed to WCC for action.
    - d. **Speeding issues B4202 Snead Common –** After May Meeting County Cllr asked for more signs to be put in on B4202, this should have been done. Information about a Community Speed Watch Scheme has been sent to Clerk. Cllrs are interested in joining this, further information to be obtained, residents to be contacted, 6 volunteers needed for Parish.  
VAS sign at Snead Common not working most of time it was up in August. Clerk to make enquiries.
  12. **Standing Orders** (circulated) - As per regulations item 18(f) was amended, Cllrs to be sent amended copies. Copy to be circulated again by Clerk.
  13. **Financial Regulations** (circulated) – As per regulations item 6(4) was amended and additions/deletions made to item 11. Copy to be circulated again by Clerk.
  14. **Rubbish Bin for Pensax –** It was agreed by all to purchase a green Litter Bin with hood at approximate cost of £56.39. Chairman and Cllr Keron to ask residents in area if they have any objections. To be post mounted by footpath stile (B4202 side of Pensax Village). Cllr confirmed he has spoken to landowner who does not wish to have stile replaced with gate for access to footpath at this point.
  15. **Defibrillator for Parish –** British Heart Foundation have agreed to help fund this, cheque for £400.00 signed tonight. Purpose made boxes were from £535.50 for unlocked box. It was agreed to look for other boxes that may be cheaper. To agree box type by email. Fitting to be arranged by Clerk.  
Pensax Hall Trustees to confirm in writing that they have no objection to Defib being located in porch of Hall.
  16. **War Memorial –** Chairman had been asked if PC would take on responsibility of War Memorial and the remaining funds held which are to be used for its future maintenance. All agreed to this. Memorial is insured by PC at present. Clerk to action and obtain further details.
  17. **Election of Vice Chairman –** It was agreed by all not to elect anyone at present.
  18. **Correspondence for information –**  
Email correspondence circulated - list in minute's folder.  
MHDC Conference 17<sup>th</sup> October – 6-8.30pm at MHDC. Clerk and 3 Cllrs to attend.  
WCC Conference/CALC AGM 26<sup>th</sup> October – 5-8.30pm. Clerk to attend.
  19. **Clerks report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting.**  
**August 2016 -** Letter of condolence sent to the family of the late Albert Williams, a previous Cllr in this Parish for many years.  
**Plans circulated for comments –**  
**9<sup>th</sup> August – 16/0441/FULL – Land at Whytehouse Farm, Greenway, Rock, DY14 9SJ –** 20 starter homes and ancillary works. This is a WFDC application, it was agreed by all to make no comments.  
**16<sup>th</sup> August - 16/01075/HOU – Claremont, Snead Common Abberley WR6 6AF –** Proposed front porch and two dormer windows in the front elevation. **It was agreed by all to support this application.**  
Chairman went to see Neighbours to ensure they were aware of the plans.  
**16<sup>th</sup> August – 16/00877/AGR – New Inn Farm, Worles Common, Stockton WR6 6XQ –** Prior notification of a replacement agricultural building for straw and machinery storage. **No comments made.**  
**16<sup>th</sup> August – 16/01009/AGR – New Inn Farm, Worles Common, Stockton WR6 6XQ –** Prior notification of agricultural development for a proposed replacement building. **No comments made.**

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**20. Councillors' reports and items for the next agenda.**

**Agenda items** - Broadband, Pensax Village Hall, Police to be invited, Defibrillator for Parish, Communication with residents, Litter pick, Clerks Review, Risk Assessment, Precept 2017-18. To invite Menith Wood Community Association Chairman.

**21. Date of next meeting:** **MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017 7.00pm**  
**At MENITH WOOD OLD CHAPEL HALL**

**22. Meeting Closed 8.40pm.**

**Signed**----- **Date 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017**  
**Chairman**

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**Public comments/queries –**

Mr Albert William's relative attended this meeting and thanked Clerk for the letter, it was appreciated by the family. Mr Williams had been a Cllr for 42 years in Pensax.

A complaint was made by landowner regarding a public footpath and trespass. Clerk stated the matter would be reported to Worcestershire Footpath Officer for investigation, it is not a matter for discussion tonight.

Landowner has ploughed to the edge of field and his hedge now encroaches onto the line of the footpath so walkers have to walk in field. Landowner stated if Cllrs or volunteers wished to clear paths on his land he would need to see their certificates for use of strimmers/chainsaws. He would also need to know they were covered by insurance. Clerk to contact WCC and advise landowner on completion of enquiries. Member of Public left the meeting.

**District Cllr Report**

MHDC has two operational buildings in Malvern, moving all officers on to one site and rent out empty space. This will save money in long run. Meeting room to be refurbished with view to joining up with The Council House (subject to Historic England approval). Sharing services with Wychavon working well. Planning being reviewed with view to sharing services.

**Yurts at Worles Common –** MHDC are taking steps to start Enforcement Action on this matter.