

The Minutes of Pendock Parish Council
Held at Pendock School at 7.30pm on 19th March 2013

Present: Cllrs Mr John Humphreys, Mr Barry Baker, Mr Simon Fellows, Miss Rosemary Philipson-stow and Mr John Davison.

In attendance: District Cllr Bronwen Behan, Karen Humphries from Community First and three members of the Parish

The meeting was adjourned for **Public Question Time**, notes of which are appended to these minutes.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Sarah Noble and Cllr Adrian Lovegrove.
2. **Declaration of Interests:** Cllr Barry Baker declared his interest in item 6 on the Agenda as his property adjoined the land in question.
3. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2013 were approved and signed.
4. **Progress Reports:**
 - a. **Community Projects:** Karen Humphries introduced the new Mobile Library schedule and services. This included home services for the housebound. She also introduced the new community bus services which run to Tewkesbury on Wednesdays and Thursdays. This is a heavily subsidised service which will pick up near or at a given point but does need to be booked by a quick telephone call. She also advised of an Oil Buying Scheme which through a government incentive is offering free joining fee for the next two weeks.
 - b. **Berrow & Pendock Village Hall:** The Clerk reported that further to the council requesting assistance from Richard Timney of Community first, a meeting was going to be held tomorrow Wednesday 20th March between Pendock Parish Council and Berrow Parish council and other interested parties to discuss the future of the Village Hall.
 - c. **Traffic Speed Indicator:** The Lengthsman had reported that the VAS when located just south of the M50 bridge on the B4208 in February was triggered 12,386 times. This suggested a substantial speeding issue. The clerk was requested to make these figures known to the police. It was suggested that the position of the VAS so close to the 30 speed limit sign was perhaps a bit unfair and the clerk was requested to see if it could be moved back towards the shop some 20 yards. The VAS is now positioned on the southern entrance to the village and working well.

- d. **Parish Plan:** The summary survey leaflets had been distributed with a good many constructive returns. A meeting was planned for Thursday 21st March with Richard Timney to review and move to the next stage.
 - e. **Broadband:** It was reported that approximately 20 households were interested in receiving faster broadband and a public meeting was going to be organised at which 'Airband' would present their services and answer any questions. Cllr Behan also reported that MHDC was working towards providing a faster service in conjunction with BT to areas which were struggling to receive a satisfactory signal.
 - f. **Flooding:** It was reported that the Highways had cleared the culvert under the B4208 and had remarked that the ditch down stream needed clearing. On contacting the owner of this land his response was that he would assess his ditch and clear it if necessary. The Council will return to this at the July meeting and make recommendations if nothing further has been done to the ditch.
- 5. Finance Report:**
- a. **Single Farm Payment:** It was reported that Single Farm Payments had been received for both 2012/13 and the omitted one for 2011/12 giving the Council a bank balance of £8,346. It was expected that monies would need to be spent next year on the infrastructure of The Moors.
 - b. **Internal Audit:** It was proposed and agreed that Mr Melling should be asked to do the internal audit of the Financial Statements
 - c. **Account Signatures:** It was proposed and agreed that further signatures be added to the existing list.
- 6. Enforcement Investigation:** The site of the old Pendock Garage had seen considerable activity since Christmas and MHDC had raised an enforcement investigation. It was agreed that the Council should seek assurances from MHDC that the matter was in hand and that action would be taken to stop any use of the site which contravened current use law.
- 7. District Councillor Report:**
- I. Cllr Behan reported that the Tourist Information office in Upton on Severn had relocated to the Heritage centre.
 - II. That MHDC were adding to the drive for cheaper fuel costs with a scheme encouraging people to sign up to get cheaper electricity.
 - III. She reported that the police were developing a 'Safer Neighbourhood Team' operating in the rural parts of the county and hoped to increase the number of special constables in villages.
- 8. Correspondence:** There was no correspondence to report.

9. Councillors Reports: There was concern as to the state of the roads in the parish and the number of potholes with particular reference to School lane through to Upper Pendock which had a broken drain. It had been noted that Cotteswold Dairy had been using this road as a cut-through to Blackford Mill Farm. It was also noted that lorries from the Environmental Waste site were also using Pendock Lane to access the M50 instead of picking up the A417 at Corse. The clerk was asked to contact the highways department to see if restrictions could be placed on these roads, to contact Cotteswold Dairy Transport to remind them they were expected to access the farm from the A417 and to request that they instruct their drivers accordingly.

10. Date of the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting: 7.00pm on Tuesday 7th May 2013 at Pendock Primary School.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed
Chairman

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Notes of Public Question Time

Three members of the public were in attendance and raised the following concerns during Public Question Time:

1. The considerable and increased activity at the Old Pendock Garage site together with the poor communications and feedback from MHDC
2. The litter and mess along the B4208 from the M50 bridge to the Berrow turn