

Pebworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

Held at the Pebworth Village Hall at 7.00 pm on Monday 3rd November 2014.

Present: Cllrs. John Hyde (Chairman), David Cranage, & Simon Shiers.

In attendance: Cllr Alistair Adams, John Stedman (Clerk) and 2 member of the Public.

143. Apologies were accepted from:

Cllr David Lees, June Haycock, Albert Jeffrey & Pam Veal

Note: a quorum of the Council is 3 members

144. Disclosures of Interests:

- a) Members were reminded of the need to keep their register of interests updated.
- b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Items on the agenda and their nature.
- c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – None declared

Other Disclosable Interests – None declared

145. Chairman Moved: The meeting be now adjourned for Open Forum.

Open Forum: No comments from the public present

County & District Ward Member Cllr. Alistair Adams reported on District and County Council matters, his report is appended to the minutes.

The Chairman closed the adjournment and reconvened the meeting at 7:03

146. Minutes: The Council agreed the wording of the minutes of the October meeting and the Chairman signed them as a true record.

147. The Clerk's Progress Reports.

- a) Reporting the un-repaired potholes in the pavement in Broad Marston Road, the Chairman informed members the pothole had been sprayed with orange paint.
- b) Road sweeping schedule from County Highways and a road sweeping request, the WDC officer confirmed the sweeping will be carried out in December.
- c) Water runoff from the Wesley Gardens access road is causing standing water on the Honeybourne Road; information from Cala stated the drainage works on the access road will be completed shortly which will solve the problem.
- d) A raised manhole on the carriageway edge in Back Lane, County Highways confirmed this was not a road safety issue, matter resolved.
- e) War Memorial stone on the Recreation Field ordered from Wilcox Granite, a purchase order has been placed for the memorial.
- f) Large willow on the Rooftop Housing land reported as dead, Rooftop confirmed the tree is dead and it will be removed when resources allow.
- g) Trees reported to Western Power Distribution requesting attention. Call Ref 887 25H Reported on 8th October, members confirmed no work has been carried out. The matter will be pursued as neighbours are reporting seeing sparks from the cables at night.
- h) Report from Cllr Alistair Adams on the Severn Trent inspection and CCTV survey of the sewer under Priory Lane – Members noted the information.
- i) The future storage of the old Council documents. Clerk to request the Village Hall committee to permanently store the council's metal box of old documents in the Village Hall. It was also agreed the Handyman will fit a suitable lock to the box for security of the historic documents.

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148. Planning Application to Consider:

- a. **W/14/02034/PP:** Mr A Emerson, 2 Little Meadow, Pebworth Road. Proposal: Two storey extension to rear, bay window and canopy to front, detached garage and proposed vehicular access. The Council has no objection or comment on the application.
- b. **SDC 14/01186/OUT** Meon Vale, Campden Road, Long Marston.
Application accompanied by an Environmental Statement has been made to Stratford-on-Avon District Council for Planning Permission in respect of:
Proposed Outline Planning Application (with means of access) for the development of up to 550 dwellings use Class C3/C2 (Use Class C2 not to exceed 85 dwellings); a one-form entry Primary School (Use Class D1) with associated open space; a leisure village comprising up to 150 self-catering lodges (Use Class C1), up to 150 holiday homes (Use Class C3), ancillary facilities building(s) to incorporate reception and administration facilities (Use Class B1a), entertainment areas (Use Classes D1/D2) and retail uses (Use Classes A1/A3/A5), a touring caravan and camping site with up to 80 pitches and ancillary facilities building; the creation of landscaping, open space and ecological habitats; new accesses for vehicles, pedestrians and cycles; new internal highways; car and cycle parking; sustainable drainage measures, including storage ponds for surface water attenuation; provision of utilities infrastructure; earth works and all ancillary enabling works including demolition of buildings and structures and ground remediation.
The Council has no further comment on the amendments but made reference to their objection to the original application.
- c. **W/14/02182/CU** Mr A. Cotgrave Pebworth Fields Cottage, Pebworth Fields Stratford Road, Proposed; Garage change of use to holiday cottage. Erection of new stables and implement store. The Council has no objection or comment on the application
- d. **W/14/02347/CU** Mr T Longford: Priory Farm, Priory Lane, Broad Marston. Description of Proposal: Change of use of redundant agricultural barn into single dwelling.
The Council has no objection or comment on the application

149. Planning Decisions Noted

- a. **W/14/01812/PP** Mr K Thompson Orchard Cottage, Buckle Street, Ullington Single storey extension to domestic property (detached) and detached garage with hobby room over. **Granted** with 5 conditions.
- b. **GPMB/14/02091/GPMB** Mr G Watkins: Land at, Broad Marston Road
Prior Approval of Change of Use of Agricultural Building to a dwellinghouse use and associated operational development. The applicant has withdrawn the application.
- c. **W/14/01975/PP** Rooftop Housing Group, 35 Broad Marston Road. Proposed single storey extension. **Granted** with 3 conditions
- d. **W/01474/AV** Mr k Hughes, Land off, Long Marston Road, Pebworth
Proposal: New Agricultural Field Access **Granted** with 3 conditions

150. Planning Matters:

- a. New house on the Charnwood development site – members considered correspondence and plans for the site and consider that construction work is ongoing and the concerns raised over the access will be resolved in due course. The ongoing works will be monitored and further reports made as necessary.

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151. Neighbourhood Plan (NDP):

- a. Members considered that as the South Worcestershire Development Plan had moved to the next stage after formal approval of all the County's District Councils. The item will remain on the agenda for consideration until the NDP committee re-convenes.
- b. Cllr David Cranage briefly reported how interesting the Historic Environment Workshop for Neighbourhood Planning event was and will offer a full report to the December meeting when the NDP members are present.

152. Finance:

- a. Council approved the Clerk's schedule of Payments, Receipts and Balances.

153. Honeybourne Road Street Signage:

- a. Correspondence received from District Council's solicitor was considered by members and it was agreed to respond stating the Parish Council wishes to continue with the name changing despite the issues raised in the solicitor's letter. Clerk to draft a response for members to agree before sending to WDC.

154. Highway Matters:

- a. New highway matters to be reported. –
 - i. Road gully on the bottom bend of Back Lane is blocked and requires jetting
- b. The No Parking Signs for Front Street are awaiting delivery.

155. Drainage matters funded by Cala Homes:

- a. A third quotation for the ditch clearance works adjacent to The Close was considered and council agreed the quotation from Limebridge Rural Services Ltd was acceptable on the condition that Rooftop Housing agreed to sponsor half of the cost. Clerk to confer with Rooftop and if they are agreeable to shared funding then instruct the contractor to proceed with the clearance as soon as possible.

156. Lengthsman/Handyman

- a. Council noted the Lengthsman's report on works carried out.
 - i. Clear gullies of fallen leaves where necessary – ongoing as leaves fall
 - ii. Dig new verge grips where necessary to clear surface water - ongoing with regular monitoring carried out.
 - iii. Clean highway signs where necessary – to be carried out over time
- b. Council agreed the following Lengthsman or Handyman works.
 - i. Side out the footway from the cemetery to Middlesex

157. Public Rights of Way: No matters reported

158. The Close:

- a. Inspection: The Chairman's report: The regular visual inspection of the play equipment found no safety problems with the equipment or the site.
- b. The wooden benches on The Close are in need of cleaning and oiling as they have a layer of algae making them not fit for purpose. Council agreed the Handyman be requested to clean and oil the benches.

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159. Street Lighting:

- a. Faulty lights to be reported: none at this time.
- b. Council considered and agreed a quotation for the replacement of the lantern on Streetlight No 9 on Broad Marston Road. The new lantern will be a 50w Son.

160. Allotment Gardens:

- a. Planning application: The Clerk reported there has been no progress with the planning application enquiry for the allotments; Cllr Alistair Adams will pursue the matter with head of planning at WDC.
- b. Council agreed that the amenity contractor be requested to spray the allotment site with herbicide, work to be carried out as soon as possible.

161. Parish Projects:

- a. The section 106 funding questionnaires received from the residents of the Cala Homes developments were analysed and added to the previous questionnaire data set. Members noted the primary requests are for cricket, Village Hall improvements and a multi-use games area including 5 a-side football. The analysis will be considered again at the December meeting and fully published in the Parish Council's winter Newsletter.
- b. Cllr Simon Shiers presented a proposal from Pebworth in Bloom to further enhance the war memorial project on the Recreation Field with the addition of the new wooden bench installed on a granite base. Simon issued a full costing for the memorial project and the Council agreed to fund the additions and order the bench and base to be installed for the memorial ceremony. Invoices for the goods purchased will be forwarded to WDC to claim the section 106 arts funding allocation.
- c. Hedge and ditch clearance- the contractor PAS, has been sent a purchase order but no confirmation or start date has been received, Clerk to pursue the matter.

162. Cemetery

- a. Council noted the Clerks report on the cemetery plot sale and interment for John Osborne.

163. Pebworth in Bloom:

Cllr. Simon Shiers reported that PIB were investigating placing a flower bed on the willow tree site on School Road, Tree planting on the Recreation Field on 22nd November, a poppy appeal event at the Village Hall on 23rd November and the Christmas tree lights event on 13th December. Simon also invited anyone to come along and help a leaf clearance at the Churchyard on 29th November at 10am.

164. Correspondence noted:

- a. Clerks and Councils direct.
- b. Meon View booklet

165. Matters raised by members: None

166. Next Meeting:

- a. It was confirmed the next ordinary meeting of the Council is scheduled for the 1st December at 7.00 in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:58 pm.

Chairman

Date .

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District Councillor & County Councillor Report - Pebworth

Month: Nov 2014

Prepared by Alastair Adams

Honeybourne & Pebworth Ward, Wychavon District Council

Littletons Division, Worcestershire County Council

Planning

1. **Stratford District Council 14/01186/OUT a further 550 new houses on the Long Marston Army Base – Meon Vale.** The SDC issued some amendments last month to the above application, and if you want to object to this latest planning go to <http://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/> and type in 14/01186/OUT as the Application number. The deadline for comments is 7th November, but even after this date your comments may still be accepted up until the decision is made. Act now otherwise it will be too late; - if this additional planning application gets approved, then a new town of over 1430 houses will be built within 3 miles of Pebworth.

Flood alleviation

Priory Lane. – Worcestershire County Council - WCC completed the improved road drain in Priory Lane with a new outlet near the old fire station.

They have also confirmed a non-return valve will be fitted to the outlet from the ditch into the brook by the bridge in Priory Lane.

A meeting occurred with the various landowners adjacent to Green Lane (off Priory Lane) to discuss the different options to the ditch improvements, and it was agreed in principle to move forward to produce the engineering drawings.

Priory Lane. – Severn Trent - 3 Engineers from Severn Trent visited Priory to look at what they can do to help the flooding issue. They have agreed to

- a. To put a camera down the sewer pipe to check the condition of the sewer pipe
- b. To look at sealing all the manhole covers down Priory Lane to prevent leakage of raw sewage in a flood situation
- c. To see if there are any upgrades to the pumping station needed

Highway Issues

1. **Pebworth Holt** –The dumped rubbish (old tent and fax machine) by the bridge over Noleham Brook has now been removed by WDC
2. **The collapsed road drain** on pavement at Pebworth Sign, Broad Marston has been chased up and will be repaired within a few weeks.
3. **The potholes in Dorsington Road** have been repaired
4. **The uneven pavement in Dorsington Road** has been reported.
5. **The re-tarmac of the pavement by the village hall** will be completed in the next few weeks by Cala Homes
6. **Flooding at entrance to Wesley Gardens** – Cala have fitted a new drain by the entrance and tarmac'ed the road which should solve the problem

County Council News:

1. It was confirmed last month that an additional £1.1m has been awarded to WCC to help coverage of Superfast Broadband and Pebworth was mentioned as one of the villages that will benefit. Pebworth Exchange has been upgraded, and cabinets 1,2 & 4 have been upgraded . Cabinet 3 serves the village of Pebworth, and no date has yet been published on when this will happen. I raised this issue at the BDUK meeting at the WCC, and have sent a number of emails to exert pressure on BT to obtain a date. If you want to help exert some more pressure, then email the following person asking when Pebworth cabinet 3 will be upgraded, and why Pebworth Exchange cabinet 1,2, & 4 have been upgraded, but not cabinet 3 that serves the village of Pebworth! ;
Steve Ashton – project manager of Superfast Broadband – his email = sashton@worcestershire.gov.uk

More emails the better! More information on Superfast Broadband can be found at <http://www.superfastworcestershire.com/how-to-get-it>