

PEOPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2019 at 7.30 pm
in the Village Hall, Peopleton

Public Question Time

The time allocated is at the discretion of the council/chairman. Residents are invited to give their views and question the parish council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the chairman. Members of the public may not take part in the parish council meeting itself. This period is not part of the formal meeting; brief notes will be appended to the minutes as an aide memoire. JP closed meeting from 7.35 till 7.50 to listen to residents concerns. See attached.

1. **Members and Officers present:** Cllrs Phillips (Chair), Bailey, Baxter, Hennerley, Mason, Smith, Wall
In attendance: CC Adams, and 4 members of the public (including clerk elect, Lisa Cope)
2. **Apologies:** DC Robinson
3. **Declarations of Interest:**
 - a) Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
 - b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
 - c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
 - d) Written requests for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) are to be with the clerk at least four clear days prior to a meeting.

Councillors who have declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or any Other Disclosable Interest which falls within the terms of paragraph 12(4) (b) of the code of conduct, must leave the room for the relevant items.

4. **Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 30 January 2019 were approved as true and accurate. Proposed by DW, Seconded LB and signed by the chair.
5. **District Councillor's Report:** Cllr Robinson sent a written report as absent at the meeting.
 - She had received an update from the Planning Enforcement Officer, Wychavon & Malvern Hills District Councils regarding Stone Arrow Farm. This stated that the Council had conducted a site visit and confirmed that there is an enforcement investigation which is currently ongoing.
 - She was very pleased to see that Peopleton's legacy project application has successfully gone through the first stage of the application with further ratification by the Executive Board next Wednesday which is webcast live.

County Councillor's Report:

- It has been recommended that the alterations to the Pinvin crossroads should proceed but this has yet to be confirmed.
- The application for a Wychavon District Legacy Grant of £81,300 made by the Parish Council on behalf of the Village Trust has been recommended to the Executive Board. A decision will be made on 21 March. CCllr Adams commented that it was an excellent application.
- Grants are available for wild flower seeds as part of a "Pollinator Promise" scheme. This might be of interest to the Village Trust who plan to plant wild flowers around the new play area.
- The Norton Parkway development is likely to be completed in September or October.

6. Planning

- Various developments were noted at Stone Arrow Farm:
 - One gate has gone missing, so a different entrance is being used;
 - A tower with a sign on top has been erected;The Council and members of the public will keep monitoring developments which should be passed to the chair who will liaise with DCllr Robinson. Enforcement officers from Wychavon have visited the site.
- Planning permission for 1 St Nicholas Road has been approved. For some reason the application had not come to the Parish Council.
- Two trees have been felled and a further two pruned at 5 Bowbrook Close by the Electricity company for health and safety reasons.
- JP will follow up as to why Wychavon has not communicated these planning items to the Parish Council.

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7. Progress reports

7.1 Chairman's Report

- Parish Council Elections: JP will send a pack to councillors with nomination papers etc. Those standing can request a copy of the electoral roll.

7.2 Village Trust (LB)

- Bookings are healthy.
- The "Mama Mia" evening went well and made a health profit. Councillors and the public are recommended to come to the "Greatest Showman" on 30 March.
- The field has been slit: the invoice has been sent to the Parish Council who should invoice the Trust and Cricket Club equally and then pay Limebridge.
- New lights have been installed in the foyer of the hall.

7.3 Village Shop (TM)

The shop has applied for an alcohol licence and hopes to stock wine, beer and cider in May.

7.4 PACT

Counterfeit £50 notes have been spent in the pub.

7.5 Lengthsman (LB)

Hardly any salt has been used this winter and the VAS risk assessment has been completed.

7.6 Footpaths (LB)

- The bridge by the Mill has some rotten wood and there is a gate missing by Barrels Bridge. LB has contacted Wychavon about these issues.
- The track from the end of Norchard Lane to Pinvin (Green Lane) has been damaged by 4x4 vehicles; the Highways Department are to inspect this.

7.7 Highways and byways (LB)

- The furniture at the junction on the A44 has not yet been replaced.
- JP circulated the petition for the speed limit to be reduced at this junction. TM had attended the Drakes Broughton Parish Council to ask for the petition to be circulated in the Parish and received a favourable response; JP will email them a copy of our petition..
- Councillors will collect signatures as follows:
 - JP will cover Monks Way and the north end of Main Street from High House;
 - TM will cover the rest of the estate and place a copy in the shop;
 - PS will cover the west side of Main Street;
 - PH will cover the shop side of Main Street including the pub and as far as Hallgarth House;
 - DW, LB and AB will cover Norchard Lane between them.

7.8 Parish Council website (PH)

A note about the petition will be put on the website and TM will put one on the village website.

8. Vacancy for Clerk

Lisa Cope has been appointed subject to references.

9. Community Legacy Grant

As previously noted, this has been submitted and recommended.

10. Finance:

HMRC for PAYE for the previous clerk - £7.50. Expenses for the chair (paper, ink etc.). AB will meet with the previous clerk to receive up-to-date accounts. The balance on 20 Feb was £6444.77. JP gave cheque books and the paying-in book to AB. Arrangements will be made to transfer the bank accounts to the new clerk.

11. There was no correspondence.

12. Future Agenda Items:

- LB has received representations from dog walkers that an additional dog waste bin is needed in the vicinity of High House. A new bin would cost £367 to install and £74pa to empty - the current bins are free. This will go on the agenda for the next meeting; TM will ask Parish Lands if they would fund the installation and JP will speak to the residents of High House.
- TM has written to Stewart Alcorn and suggested that a small token of our appreciation for their work be given to Stewart and Gill Alcorn on 6 April. TM to organise.
- CCllr Adams will collect packs for the council elections and distribute them to existing councillors.
- LB suggested that we should consider "white gates" to mark the entrances to the village. There are different designs from £200 a pair.
- It was noted that the lease for The Crown is up for sale.

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13. The AGM will be held on Wednesday 15 May 2019 to be preceded by the Parish Annual Meeting at 7.00 pm.
The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Meetings for 2019:

- 15/5/19
- 10/7/19
- 11/9/19
- 13/11/19

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NOT TO GO ON THE NOTICE BOARD OR THE WEBSITE

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Concern was expressed about the hedge which has been cut down on the right-hand side of the road leaving the village towards Pershore. It is growing back in places. Unfortunately, there is nothing which can be done about this.
2. Further along the road from this, a gap has been created between the replaced railings and the hedge. The concern is that a new gateway may be constructed here. There are two other gates to the land owned by Stone Arrow farm one of which is being used while the gates are replaced on the other. The Parish Council and Wychavon District Council are monitoring activity on this land.
3. One parishioner asked about the dog dirt bins. They are emptied weekly.
4. One parishioner asked about action to prevent flooding at the southern end of the village.

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