

# PEOPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.30pm in Peopleton Village Hall

1. **Members and Officers present:** Cllrs Mason (Chair) Bailey, Wall, Darby, Harbon, MacCalman, District and County Cllr Robinson. One member of the public attended.
2. **Apologies:** Cllrs Whittingham, Baxter and Phillips sent their apologies
3. **Declarations of Interest:** None

### 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.

4. **Minutes:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were approved as true and correct, as proposed by Cllr Mason and seconded by Cllr Wall.
5. **County & District Councillors report:**

### Voter ID – videos and leaflets

Wychavon have produced some explainer videos to help raise awareness of the new photo ID requirement at this year's local elections. The videos can be viewed on our elections web page as well as on our social media channels. There are two Wychavon videos available for you to share:

Following a change in the law you will need to show a photo ID when voting in May's local elections. Watch our guide to everything you need to know about Voter ID. You can find out more on our website at [www.wychavon.gov.uk/elections](http://www.wychavon.gov.uk/elections). If you don't have an acceptable photo ID then you can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate. You will need to supply us with some basic details and a picture. Watch our guide to how to take an acceptable photo for your Voter Authority Certificate. <https://youtu.be/0-wn7eBhD00> Find out more about Voter ID at [www.wychavon.gov.uk/elections](http://www.wychavon.gov.uk/elections).

A list of acceptable ID can be found: [https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/elections#voter\\_ID](https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/elections#voter_ID)

### Wychavon Design Code consultation

Consultations for all parts of the district are now open and the deadline for residents to have their say is 31 March 2023. You can find the consultation links and more information at [www.wychavon.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.wychavon.gov.uk/consultations)

### Smart Water rollout

Our community Safety Team is starting the rollout of Smart Water in Peopleton, with the aim of making it a Smart Water village. SmartWater is a colourless liquid solution that can be applied to the surfaces of belongings and valuables, leaving a unique code which is almost impossible to remove and can only be viewed under ultraviolet light. Marked items are registered with a national database and if stolen it can conclusively prove the ownership, ensuring they are returned to the rightful owner.

The aim is to get all homes and businesses in Peopleton signed-up to SmartWater. People Charity Lands has agreed to fund seventy-five percent of each kit for every household in the Parish of Peopleton. The other twenty-five percent funding will be coming from the Police Crime Commissioner. South Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership will also be putting up signs informing people it is a Smart Water protected area.

We're tired of fly-tipping, aren't you? A load of 500 used tyres were dumped on a layby off the A44 between Broadway and Wickhamford on 25 November. This cost £6,000 of public money to clean up. We are appealing for people to come forward who might have information or have seen something to contact our Community and Environmental Protection Team [cepo@wychavon.gov.uk](mailto:cepo@wychavon.gov.uk). Residents and businesses can help to stop fly-tipping by following the SCRAP code. Only use properly licensed waste disposal companies, refuse offers from those who aren't, ask how they will dispose of your waste and get paperwork and receipts from them.

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You can report fly-tipping and find out more at [www.wychavon.gov.uk/fly-tipping](http://www.wychavon.gov.uk/fly-tipping)

6. **Planning:** The following planning application was considered with no objections:

<a href="#">W/23/00189/HP</a>	13 St Nicholas Road Peopleton Pershore WR10 2EN	Proposed rear extension	Pending Decision
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7. **Progress reports:**

a) Chairman's- TM

Cllr Mason explained that Cllr Whittingham had resigned as councillor from the Parish Council due to other commitments, but she was thanked for her contribution during her time on the council.

Cllr Mason reported that he and Cllr Wall had met with Martyn Cross, drainage engineer from Wychavon DC, Henry Harbord, WCC, and John Shaughnessy from the Environment Agency to discuss whether any further flood alleviation work is needed. The report from BWB, which the Parish Council had commissioned was non-committal. M Cross and H Harbord will do their own assessment and if they consider that there is a risk of flooding from surface water, they will assess the extent of this risk. The fact that some local house insurances have increased greatly was also discussed and this could be possibly due to insurance companies using a high-risk flood map which is outdated and before the scheme was implemented to reduce flood risk in the village.

The Community buses are also still running until at least the end of the financial year (start of April) when Worcestershire County Council will decide to continue the service.

b) Village Trust- LB

Cllr Bailey explained how June Sargeant had retired from helping out at the Village Hall, and she was thanked for all her help and support.

There was a working party recently at the Hall to clean all the tables and chairs thoroughly and the foyer has been updated with pictures produced by local people in the village.

The hall bookings are busy, plans are shaping up for the Pony and Dog show however the Village Trust are not planning any celebrations for the Kings Coronation at present.

c) Village shop-TM Nothing to report

d) PACT- Covered in Item 9.

e) Lengthsman- Nothing to report

f) Rights of Way

Cllr Bailey reminded the Clerk to chase the manhole cover outside Lower Norchard Farm and the missing grit bin.

g) Flooding- DW

Cllr Wall wanted it noted to remind residents to keep their ditches clear to try and help prevent flooding in the village and also to remind Martyn Cross to clear the ditch across Stone Arrow Farm.

8. **Finance**

a) Update on the budget/ Bank balance as of 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023

Treasurers Account       £7,990.87  
Business Instant Account   £11, 773.92

b) The following payments were approved for the Clerk to pay-

Lengthsman December	£32.50
Clerk's salary	£502.00
Clerk's expenses	£32.70
Lengthsman January	£208.00
Clerk tax HMRC	£102.20
PATA Payroll	£24.90
Limebridge	£600.00
Detertech (SmartWater)	£1774.20

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- c) Cllr Mason suggested that Mr Nigel Clay be asked if he is willing to internal audit the end of year accounts as agreed by Cllr Wall- clerk to action.

## 9. Crime update

Cllr Mason shared that the Public meeting held in the Village Hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> March had been very well attended (see minutes) and thanked Cllr Phillips for chairing the meeting and any councillors that attended. He added that before the meeting he had also written to MP Nigel Huddleston detailing the series of criminal incidents within the village and invited him to attend the meeting.

Inspector Wise suggested a intermediate contact in the village between the residents and the Police to help pass/share information or incidents ongoing, Cllr Bailey suggested Cllr Harbon be the PACT contact for the village as agreed by all Cllrs present.

## 10. Enforcement

Correspondence from Mr Ash at Wychavon had been received that a PCN had been returned from Stone Arrow farm regarding building materials being held on the site.

## 11. SmartWater

An event was being held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March at the Village Hall to encourage residents to attend and register a SmartWater kit. The initiative was being funded by Parish Lands and some homeowners have already registered online for the kit and received theirs in the post. It was important for all homeowners to not only use the kits but register them so that the goods are linked to their address.

## 12. Correspondence for Information

The Clerk confirmed a £200 grant was being funded by Wychavon for the Parish to celebrate the Kings Coronation, however as no celebration was planned at present this could possibly be used for a commemorative gift for the village children such as a mug or coin- all Cllrs agreed. Clerk to research and feed back to councillors via email for a decision.

## 13. Future agenda items and reports:

It was noted that the next meeting in May would take place after the elections and be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

14. **Date of next meeting:** To confirm the date of the Annual Parish Meeting as Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7:00pm followed by 7:30pm with the Annual Parish Council Meeting

The meeting closed at 8:50pm

Signed .....

Dated.....

### Future meetings

May	10/05/23
July	12/07/23
September	20/09/23
November	08/11/23

## AIDE MEMOIR

One parishioner attended and encouraged parishioners and village groups to use the website more for village stories and events. They also highlighted that the Police should be followed up on their assurances that night patrols would be conducted in the village.