

PEOPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th November 2023 at 7.30pm in Peopleton Village Hall

- Members and Officers present:** Cllrs Mason (Chair), Bailey, Wall, Harbon, Darby, MacCalman and Povey. Two members of the public attended.
- Apologies:** Cllrs Phillips, Baxter and District and County Cllr Robinson sent their apologies
- 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.

- Minutes:** The minutes from the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th September 2023 were approved as true and correct

5. County & District Councillors report:

After we had barely recovered from Storm Babette. I received alerts from County about our next dose of bad weather named Storm Ciaran. With heavy rain and strong winds forecast we had yet more localised flooding from surface water and smaller ordinary watercourses which was followed by more flooding from the bigger main rivers. Our Civic centre weather station recorded over 53mm of rain overnight and through Friday 20th October on top of 31mm rain on the 18th and prior to that 53mm Wednesday to Friday the week before. This means that we have ended up with the highest total rainfall for the month of October since our records began in 2008 and the second highest monthly total in 16 years for any month.

On the 20th October we experienced surface water run off the likes of which have not been seen since the July 2007 event.

As more evidence is raised globally re Climate Change and its effects on our weather. I am pleased to note that WCC reported in October that it has received a 45% reduction in net greenhouse gas emissions and reduced 91% of emissions from its buildings, fleet vehicles and street lighting. The data is in line with the council's long-term mission to reduce its own emissions to net zero.

WCC have also planted 50,000 new trees with additional plans to plant 150,000 more. More good news from our local Envirosort at Norton is that since the plant opened over a decade ago it has processed over a million tonnes of recycling.

GWR recent proposals for closing their ticket offices have today been withdrawn. In a recent public consultation to which there were 750,000 responses 99% of which were not in favour including myself and many residents I discussed it with.

- Planning:** The following planning application was considered with no comments or objections:

W/23/01789/HP	Rose Cottage Main Street Peopleton Pershore WR10 2EE	New garage block and car port	Pending Decision
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7. Progress reports:

a) Chairman's- TM

Cllr Mason suggested the Clerk write to WRS regarding the smell and smoke from the ongoing bonfire at Stone Arrow Farm on behalf of residents-Clerk to action.

The Clerks appraisal is due- Cllrs Mason, Wall and the Clerk are to find a suitable date to meet and undertake. Attended a recent meeting for the community bus scheme whereby County Council have agreed to fund the scheme until June 2024 while they review the bus services for the area.

Cllr Mason agreed to attend the Wychavon Planning Communities Together Event being held on Thursday 23rd November at Wychavon and invited any other councillors to join him.

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b) Village Trust- LB

All is going well and the Trust are currently exploring different grant options for replacing the windows with double glazing at the Village Hall.

An extra grass cut has been organised due to the weather conditions meaning it still required due to the football team using the playing fields.

c) Village shop-TM

Sales have increased slightly but still looking for more people to use the shop regularly.

d) Community policing charter

Nothing to report.

e) Lengthsman-LB

Nothing to report.

f) Rights of Way-LB

The Manhole cover outside the White House still requires Severn Trent water to fix it.

Green Lane still requires work- Highways have it on the system but no date to action as yet.

g) Flooding- DW

Cllr Wall shared that the flood alleviation scheme in the village worked well during the recent heavy rainfall. Following a meeting with Cllr Mason, the Environment Agency, WCC and Wychavon earlier in the year the Parish Council are still awaiting a report from Wychavon and WCC as to whether any further alleviation works are required- Clerk to ask Cllr Robinson to chase.

Cllr Wall shared that still some parishioners are receiving high home insurance quotes as Peopleton is still showing on old maps used by them from the Environment Agency highlighting the village as high flood risk. This is no longer the case due to the flood alleviation scheme implemented. Cllr Wall requested the Clerk contact the environment agency to adjust this and this make a note in Bowline to let parishioners know- Clerk to action.

The Clerk shared that the ditch running through the village was checked in early October and will be again in January- it was found to have normal summer growth. Cllr Wall said that parishioners are still concerned and requested the Clerk feed this back to Cllr Robinson to speak with the drainage department at Wychavon- Clerk to action.

Cllr Mason shared information from an email received about a grant application by WCC for Natural Flood Management projects on the Bow Brook. They are looking for landowners in the Bow Brook area who might wish to support the project - Cllr Mason to follow up and share landowner details for them to make contact. Cllr Mason will also give the Parish Council's full support for the grant application for the project.

8. Finance

a) Update on the budget/ Bank balance as of 28th September 2023

Treasurers Account £8,047.02
Business Instant Account £12,889.90

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

Lengthsman September	£184.00
Clerk's salary	£640
Clerk's expenses	£6.21
Lengthsman October	£152.00
Clerk tax HMRC	£36.20
Limebridge September	£432.00
Limebridge October	£216.00
PATA Payroll	£14.00

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c) Savings account options

The Clerk circulated some different savings account options before the meeting with alternative Lloyds Accounts offering higher interest rates dependent on how long the funds could be locked in for. The Clerk also attending a training session on Parish Council savings conducted by CCLA who offer a savings account a higher interest rate. Clerk to investigate the CCLA option further before a decision is made in January 2024.

d) Budget 2024/2025

The Clerk requested that any larger projects/ expenditure for 2024 be highlighted now before budget options are considered in January. Cllr Bailey suggested that the old wooden noticeboard be replaced with a new metal one and agreed to collate quotes.

9. **Crime update-** Nothing to report

10. **Enforcement-** Nothing to report

11. **The Crown Pub**

Cllrs MacCalman, Harbon and parishioner Debbie have undertaken some research into other Village Pubs and how they have remained sustainable as a village asset.

12. **Correspondence for Information-** None to report

13. **Future agenda items and reports:**

Cllr Bailey suggested the article in the Worcestershire CALC email regarding Tree wardens is replied to and will look into this.

14. **Date of next meeting:** To confirm the date of the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting as Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 8:30pm

Signed

Dated.....

Future meetings

January	10/01/24
March	13/03/24
May	08/05/24
July	10/07/24
September	11/09/24

AIDE MEMOIR

One parishioner commented on the nuisance caused by the fire burning for over a month from Stone Arrow Farm.

One parishioner wanted to comment on how good the Bonfire Night was organised by the Cricket Club and also commented that two houses in Main Street were still struggling with home insurance due to the flood risk being incorrect on maps.