

**Pebworth Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council**  
 Held at the Pebworth Village Hall at 7:00 pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

**Present:** Cllrs. Simon Shiers, Richard Weller, James Pearson, David Cranage & John Hyde

**In attendance:** John Stedman (Clerk) and two members of the public

**184) Apologies were agreed from:** Cllrs, Pam Veal, and Denise Meynell

**185) Disclosures of Interests:**

- a) Members were reminded of the need to keep their register of interests updated.
  - 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.
- Disclosable Pecuniary Interests & Other Disclosable Interests – **None declared**

**186) Open Forum:**

Summary of matters raised:

- The poor state of a tree on The Close and a further tree with very low lower limbs which may need to be removed, the chairman confirmed the trees on The Close are on the agenda and will be discussed by council later in the meeting
- The vehicular access into the Recreation Field has become very cut up and in need of restoration, it was confirmed the Handyman would investigate and carry our remedial works,
- The poor state of the Recreation Field car park area was raised, and it was confirmed the matter is in hand and surface restoration works are in hand for the spring when soil condition are favourable.
- The siting and options for the proposed new flagpole on the Recreation Field was discussed and it was confirmed that the procedure will be for the council to agree the siting and size for the flagpole and a planning application lodged. When planning consent is received then the purchase and installation options can be considered.

**Ward Members Report:**

Cllr Alastair Adams gave his report and took questions from members; his report is appended to these minutes.

**187) Minutes:** The Council agreed the wording of the January ordinary meeting minutes and the Chairman signed them as a true record of the meeting.

**188) The Clerk's Progress Reports were noted.**

- a) Skip hired for the ditch clearance on The Close and now concluded
- b) Six extra bollards ordered from Hartwells for Front Street – collected by Lengthsman
- c) Request sent to the Village Hall to have the car park gate closed at night – noted
- d) Article regarding the parking in Back Lane published in the Petrus - published

**189) Planning Application:**

- a) **18/01618/RM** Miss E Woods Proposal: Reserved Matters application for Phase 1A residential development comprising of 16 dwellings relating to the outline permission W/13/00132/OU. AMENDED DESCRIPTION Location: Land Adjacent to, Sims Metals UK (South West) Limited, Long Marston, Pebworth  
 This application was considered with the application 17/01269/RM and minuted below

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**b) 17/01269/RM:** The Bird Group of Companies Proposal: Reserved Matters Application for Phases 2 to 5 inclusive comprising 364 dwellings, community building, landscaping and infrastructure. The Outline Planning Application Ref: W/13/00132 was accompanied by a full Environment Impact Assessment. Location: Sims Metals Uk (South West) Limited, Long Marston,  
The council agreed the following comments to be lodged in respect of both application for the site.

- i) Substantial traffic calming measures should be deployed on the main thoroughfare either side of the POS to improve road safety
- ii) Measures to mitigate the impact of commercial traffic on the main thoroughfare of the site should be considered as this is the access route to the industrial units in the southwest corner of the development.
- iii) Install appropriate streetlighting on the main thoroughfare in the interest of road safety
- iv) Adequate safety measures should be applied to the balancing ponds on the site.
- v) Further consideration should be given to ensure the house design and street scenes are appropriate and in keeping with the local area.

**c) 18/000048/CM Applicant:** Midlands Reclamation & Waste Limited: Proposed extension to Existing Waste Recycling Facility incorporating additional buildings to serve separate Metals and mixed waste areas Location: Long Marston Works, Long Marston Road, Long Marston  
The council offered no objection to the application and request the new building have a working time restriction in keeping with previous planning consents

**d) 19/00116/HP:** 11 Wesley Gardens Pebworth Two storey extension to rear of house and conversion of garage to habitable room: Applicant: Mr and Mrs A Adams  
The council consider the loss of the garage and potential extra vehicles using the property may cause parking problems in the locality as the access road is very narrow.

**e) 18/02650/HP Associated Ref:** 18/02651/LB: Location: 1 St Peters Court, Dorsington Road, Dorsington, Pebworth, Proposal: Single storey extension linking house to garage and conversion of garage to additional living space Applicant: Mr & Mrs Adams  
Under the Clerk's delegated power, the council made no objection or comment on the application

**190) Planning Other Matters: Noted**

**a) 18/02468/FUL:** Pebworth Village Hall refurbishment works, WDC confirmed the application was not accepted as further information is required – the matter was noted and as the Village Hall architect has the matter in hand along with issues regarding the line of the PROW through the application site. **Granted** with 4 condition

**191) Neighbourhood Development Plan:**

**a)** Nothing to report as the regulation 15 consultation is still underway

**192) Finance:**

**a) Payments:** Council approved the payments, receipts and balances as circulated by the Clerk and are appended to these minutes.

**b) Debit Card:** Council agreed to the completion of the application for a Parish Council debit card and two members signed the application form. It was further agreed the council's financial policy and risk assessment will be fully reviewed at the annual meeting of the council

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**To Note:** Cllr Alastair Adams arrived at 8.40 and the chairman suspended the meeting until 8:58 to receive the Ward members report as appended.

#### 193) Community & Council Matters:

- a) **Noticeboards:** it was agreed to request the Handyman to carry out remedial works to the Parish notice boards, particularly the Town Pool noticeboard as it leaks water and needs extra ventilating and sealing. It was also noted all the noticeboards will require a re-paint later in the summer months.

#### 194) Village Hall:

- a) Members noted the confirmation of the grant of planning permission for the Village Hall extension subject to the re-alignment of the PROW across the site
- b) Members noted the application for the NHB legacy fund for £100k to support the Village Hall refurbishment project was lodged on 17<sup>th</sup> January and the decision will be made by WDC on March 20<sup>th</sup>

#### 195) Recreation Field:

- a) **Table Tennis:** Members considered rubber grass mats as a suitable base to install the donated Table Tennis table as a concrete base was considered to be problematical. After consultation and agreement with the sponsor it was agreed to purchase six grass mats for the table, Clerk to action the purchase
- b) **Flagpole:** Members considered and agreed to the proposed site on the Recreation Field for the flagpole and the height of the flagpole to be 10 metres. It was agreed the Clerk will make a planning application to WDC accordingly.
- c) **Hedge Planting:** Council considered a request from PIB and the Tree Warden to plant a selection of elder, crab apples, hazel and dog rose plants on the eastern boundary of the orchard site on the Recreation Field and following a site visit it was agreed not to proceed with the proposal.
- d) **Fruit Trees:** Members considered a request to add further fruit trees to the orchard site on the Recreation Field and agreed more fruit trees can be planted. The planted area is not to extend beyond the line on the allotment site and the new trees to be spaced to the same dimensions as the existing fruit trees to allow ease of field maintenance and access to the allotment site

#### 196) The Close:

- a) **Inspection:** The monthly safety inspection found no safety issues needing attention.
  - i) The replacement ladder rung is in hand with Cllr John Hyde as a parishioner has offered to make the rung.
  - ii) The Handyman reported the zip wire chain is now replaced and operational.
- b) **Funding:** The Clerk confirmed the ongoing administration for securing the sec 106 funding for the equipment from Eibe. The need for an updated parish survey was fulfilled with an internet survey which confirmed 99% support for the project. Cllr Alastair Adams confirmed he had been in contact with the executive board leader and confirmed his support for the project. The application will be considered later this week.
- c) **Ash Trees:** the council agreed the badly diseased Ash Tree on The Close should be removed for public safety, also the tree limbs raised in open forum should also be removed as soon as possible. The Handyman will complete all the tree works in February.
- d) The Clerk reported on tree works carried out by Western Power Distribution as the trees were encroaching onto the power lines - Noted

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### 197) Street Lighting:

- a) Faulty lights to be reported.
  - i) New streetlight in Back Lane #21 is on all day and reported to Candela under guarantee is now on all night, Candela will resolve this when they are next in the village.
- b) The Clerk reported the Candela streetlight upgrade contract is held up as Western Power Distribution have not issued works orders for their network connection.
- c) Council noted the Npower energy supply contract renewal for 2019-20

### 198) Cemetery

- a) Members noted the permission given to place a memorial on the grave plot for Geoff Watkins and the fees paid
- b) The Chairman reported on his work to remove the brambles from the southern boundary hedge line, many were dug out and the Handyman will monitor the hedge and treat any new bramble growth.
- c) The Clerk reported the amenity contractor has removed all the Christmas floral displays from the cemetery and bin area.

### 199) Highway Matters:

- a) New highway matters to be reported. – **none reported**

### 200) Lengthsman/Handyman

- a) New and outstanding Lengthsman or Handyman matters. –
  - i) Repairs to the damaged metal fencing at Town Pool – the damage requires a blacksmith to repair the fence panel and a suitable blacksmith's contact details will be forwarded to the Handyman by Cllr Richard Weller
  - ii) Cleaning and replacing the Perspex on the Youth Shelter – The Handyman reported the re-painting is completed and Perspex is waiting to be fitted by Kevin McLeish.
  - iii) Clear vegetation and debris from the ditch adjacent to The Close – all completed
  - iv) Moss cover on the pavements on Back Lane to be pressure washed off if possible as the surface is slippery
  - v) Overhanging bush in Back Lane to be cut back clear of the highway
  - vi) Install new wooden bollards at the bottom end of Front Street –the Lengthsman has them in hand and will install them expediently

### 201) Public Rights of Way matters –

- a) Cllr John Hyde reported that the local volunteers have installed two new PROW gates in the parish in January.
- b) Members requested the Clerk to investigate the reasons for a notice placed on the PROW at the Slingate as its content is unclear and not relating to the area – Clerk to enquire with WCC mapping officers to confirm the reason for the notice.

### 202) Staff Matters

- a) A date and venue for the Clerks annual appraisal meeting will be confirmed by the Chairman and Cllr Richard Weller as they will conduct the appraisal.

### 203) Matters Raised by Members: for consideration and or items for future agendas.

- a) No matters raised

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**204) Confirmation of meeting dates:**

- a) Council confirmed the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council is scheduled for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 7.00 pm. at the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:15

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_.

<b>Payments Authorised</b>				
<b>Cheque Number</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Gross Payment</b>	<b>Net Payment</b>
1835	J Stedman	MRW skip hire card payment	204.00	170.00
1836	J Stedman	Clerk's salary and expenses	***	***
1837	Limebridge RS	Hedge planting Rec Field	510.00	425.00
1838	E-on	Streetlight repair	109.20	91.00

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**District Councillor & County Councillor report by Alastair Adams**  
**February 2019**

**Evesham Leisure Centre's extension has been officially opened in January 2019.**

This is a tremendous new facility and represents an extra £3million worth of investment by the District Council. It's also the new home to the Evesham Vale Cardiac Rehab, which provides a brilliant service to those recovering from cardiac issues.

Since its opening in 2009, Evesham Leisure Centre has become an important part of the fabric of the community, and this innovative project will both improve and extend the facility together with helping to improve the health of the community. The new two-storey extension extends the facilities to meet the demands of growing numbers of customers and brings the capital investment on the site to-date to £13million.

To see all of the improvements, such as two new studios both equipped with sprung floors, sound systems and coloured lighting, a new and expanded therapy treatment suite and a fully accessible toilet with hoist for disabled customers – not to mention an additional 91 car parking spaces – go to [www.riversfitness.co.uk](http://www.riversfitness.co.uk).

**County Council Budget Announcements**

Worcestershire County Council is proposing to invest millions of pounds into tackling congestion, improving town centres and upgrading railway stations across the county. The capital investments have been announced as part of the Council's proposed Budget for the next financial year.

Proposals include £2.5m for town centre improvements in Evesham, Redditch, Stourport and Worcester. It is proposed that the Council's programme to relieve congestion will be extended with an additional £5 million to be spent over the next 3 years.

Other proposed capital investments include £4m to build a new footbridge across the River Severn in north Worcester and to refurbish Sabrina Bridge in the city to support walking and cycling. An additional £5m is to be invested into the upgrading of railway stations.

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### **District Council Tax – Budget 2019/20**

The District Council is now looking not to increase their portion of council tax in 2019/20, but to freeze the District Council tax. This will be voted on at the next full Council Wychavon District Council has already one of the lowest council tax in the country.

### **Shed break-ins**

In Pebworth and in surrounding villages, there has been a spate of shed break-ins, and a meeting was held in Honeybourne with residents and Police on 25<sup>th</sup> January. In these long dark nights of winter, many of the shed break-ins are occurring at night – often at 3-4am.

The Police are increasing their presence in the villages and some of the high speed unmarked police cars will be routinely travelling around our rural roads during the night and stopping any suspicious vehicles.

To help protect your property, please secure your sheds with good quality padlocks, and where possible fit shed alarms (these are now battery powered, and are simple to fit). PIR lighting (that comes on when it detects movement) around your house will help deter burglars. Alarms and light are good way to frighten off any would be thief.

Also the police recommendation that you mark your property with your postcode & name using ultra-violet pen, or use Smart water. A lot of stolen property does get recovered but the police have no way of knowing who it belongs to if you do not mark your property.

Internet cameras have now come down in price and are another great way to protect your property. Ring.com supply doorbells that include a camera that automatically detects any movement, and stores the images on to the web, and sends a message to your phone. You can even answer your doorbell and talk to the person where ever you are in the world. There are other makes, and they are not only a clever way to protect your property but very useful if you have parcels being delivered to your home when you are not in.

Finally, the best way for a community to protect itself from thieves is to be vigilant, and capture information of any suspicious visitors. Many communities are now using Facebook, or village WhatsApp groups to instantly communicate with each other, and share information; type into Google “Spotted Honeybourne”, “Spotted Littletons”, “Spotted Welford” and you will see their facebook. and how they use it. We already have the village facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/pg/PebworthVillage> which anyone can post on. However, maybe we need a Pebworth WhatsApp group too, or a Pebworth Neighbourhood Group.....let me know if you are interested in helping to develop one of these.

### **Improvements to the village hall**

The good news is the village hall has had its planning application approved by Wychavon District Council. And the issue with the PROW has been resolved.

### **Community Legacy Grant Applications**

Applications for the first round of the District Council’s Community Legacy Grants closed in the middle of January, and only 11 applications were received for a total grant of £1million. Pebworth village hall committee applied, so this bodes well for them some form of grant to help extend the village hall. The Localism and Community Funding Advisory Panel will assess the applications at its next meeting, and on 20th March the Executive Board will consider the Panel’s recommendations and make the final decisions on funding.

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### Recycling collections now available for businesses

A recycling collection service to both new and existing business customers is now available. We accept a wide range of material including paper and cardboard, metal tins and cans, glass bottles and jars and plastics. In fact we will collect everything we currently do from our household kerbside collection service. All of it will be taken to Worcestershire's recycling plant at Norton where it will be sorted and sent for reprocessing into new materials.



For more information please see our <https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/commercialwaste>

For a legal, reliable, cost-effective solution to your waste and recycling needs call us now on 01386 565018 or email [wychavon@fccenvironment.co.uk](mailto:wychavon@fccenvironment.co.uk)

### Investing in Electric Vehicle charging points

With the increasing use of electric vehicles, there is a need to have more charge points available. The Government offers a grant of up to £500 per socket for work based charge points. More information is available <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-grants-for-low-emission-vehicles>

Charge point companies are also offering free installation of charge points subject to conditions. Some of these include Chargemaster, which you can read more about <https://chargemasterplc.com/site-hosts/> They are offering to install fast or rapid charges to businesses that are open to the public. [Instavolt](#), [Alfapower](#) and [Engenie](#) also offer free installation of rapid charge points.

### Highways:

Worcestershire County Council's winter season has started and gritting becomes the main task for Highways. Worcestershire County Council currently has 14,700 tonnes of salt in storage, and 32 gritter trucks (costing £120k each) to keep our roads clear and safe. So far this winter it has been mild and only 9 grit runs have occurred, but the Beast from the East is expected to come back in February so a cold spell may be on the horizon. More information on the gritting routes, the location of the WCC yellow gritting bins and lots more information can be found on the following link:-

[http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20007/travel\\_and\\_roads/381/gritting\\_ice\\_and\\_snow](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20007/travel_and_roads/381/gritting_ice_and_snow)

1. **An extra £6.6m has been allocated to Worcestershire County Council from central government to help repair pot holes.**
2. **Road Closure C2099 Shinehill Road, South Littleton 25/02 - 27/02 – Severn Trents' works**
3. **Dorsington Road & Front Street closed** by Severn Trent from 25<sup>th</sup> November until 19<sup>th</sup> April for new water main to be installed. Also **Front Street/Dorsington Road/Back Lane junction will have 4 –way traffic lights. Meeting in Pebworth Village Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb between 3.30pm – 6.30pm for Severn Trent representatives to show plans and explain**

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4. **Highways to install 'Road Liable to Flooding' warning signs** either side of the bridges on the Honeybourne Rd. The lowest point is by the bridge nearest to Honeybourne. The lowest point by the bridge on the Pebworth side is approx. 450mm higher. The worst of the flooding is by the bridge on the Honeybourne side. The height restriction signs on the bridges are either missing, faded or damaged, so Highways will be also replacing these signs at the same time. To do this work will require a road closure, so what with road permits and delivery times for the signs it will be approx. three months before this work is completed. The drains at this locality have been cleared as has the roadside ditch, so hopefully the problem will not be so severe when we next get heavy rain.
5. **To close part of B4085 Cleeve Road, Middle Littleton from its junction with B4510 Cleeve Road to Three Cocks Lane on to its junction with C2050 Long Hyde Road in order to facilitate new culvert crossing works by WCC from 4<sup>th</sup> February.**
6. **Water on Buckle Street just before junction with Sheenhill Rd near Fairview Trading** –Further to my report last month, Highway engineers have confirmed works will start in building the concrete spillways through the verge to divert the water off the road very soon.
7. **Higher kerbs at the junction of Back Lane and School Lane** – programmed to be done but no date set.
8. **Cracks on the pavement along Chapel Rd, and Front Street** – these will be “Joint Sealed” in the next few months. No date set.
9. **Fly-tipping** on the Z-bends reported to WDC for collection, and collected.

As always, if you have any issues on any Highways matters, please report it on the WCC website [http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/98/report\\_it](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/98/report_it)

Also remember a photo of the Highways problem is as good as “a thousand words” so always take a photo where possible.

#### **Divisional Fund**

1. Honeybourne Harriers – grant approved for a contribution towards the purchase of a large metal container to store football equipment.
2. Honeybourne News – Grant approved to help continue to distribute the Honeybourne News to all residents in Honeybourne free of charge. £1000 agreed as a one-off with the Parish Council agreeing to continue to support the Honeybourne News in future years by £4000 per year.
3. Blackminster School - £400 grant approved to support their involvement in a regional poetry project.
4. Evesham Rambling Club - £500 grant approved to support the Evesham Walking Festival on 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July which will include some walks around Pebworth PROW's following the excellent work by the Pebworth Countryside Volunteers
5. Offenham Village Hall- grant requested for new stage lighting

If you run a local Community organisation and need a grant for some vital equipment or service, then please feel free to apply for one from the Divisional Fund by contacting me at [adams.pebworth@gmail.com](mailto:adams.pebworth@gmail.com)

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