

Pebworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

Held at the Pebworth Village Hall at 7:00 pm on Monday 6th January 2020.

Prior to the meeting; Mr James Simpson-Stern BSc (Hons) Senior Land Buyer for CALA homes, and Mr Alistair Russell (CALA Planning Manager) presented the CALA proposals for the development of Fibrex Nursery and confirmed that original plans of 10-12 units may not be financially viable so CALA would like PC to consider option of them increasing density to approx. 30 units (mix of 3 bedroom houses/bungalows –as yet to be decided) on Fibrex site. Chair replied that whilst the Fibrex site is parishioners' preferred site for new homes, a key issue from consultation/Neighbourhood plan is that there is support for low density build plans only. Further meetings welcomed by both CALA/PC to discuss future of site.

Meeting Minutes

Present: Cllrs. Simon Shiers (Chairman), Denise Meynell, Richard Weller, SJ Morrow, John Hyde & David Cranage

In attendance: Cllr Thomas Havemann-Mart and seven members of the public

156. Apologies were agreed from Cllr James Pearson and John Stedman (Clerk)

Note: in the absence of the Clerk, Cllr SJ Morrow recorded notes for the meeting minutes

176. 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.
None declared
- c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
None declared

157. Open Forum: The chairman suspended the formal meeting for open forum.

Summary of matters raised in open forum

- Resident – Ditch at Wesley Gardens still has not been cleared. Cllr James Pearson to action.
- Flooding from brook (by Lyall's property on Broad Marston Rd) and issue of collapsing wall by brook ditch. John Hyde to investigate.
- Resident requested a way for Broad Marston residents to be updated about remedial action regarding flooding in area. Chair advised best way is attendance at monthly parish meetings.
- Resident requested clarification about responsibilities of key organisations regarding flooding. Chair and Cllr Thomas Havemann-Mart answered.

Ward Members Report:

Cllr Alastair Adams report is appended to these minutes.

Cllr Thomas Havemann-Mart reported on Flooding issues as above, the village gap-advice sought/clarification, Wychavon Recognition Awards – nominations deadline approaching and Orchard Dene – before work commences contractors need to get permission from landowners. Clerk to action.

The Chairman closed open forum and reconvened the meeting at 7.46

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158. Minutes: The Council agreed the wording of the amended November minutes and December ordinary meeting minutes and the chairman signed them as a true record of the meetings

159. The Clerk's Progress Reports

– all reports are itemised in the minutes

160. Planning

- a) Council noted the report on the SWDP consultation submission for the removal of the Pebworth strategic gap being submitted by Brodie Planning.
- b) **19/02310/Full** Proposed demolition of Class B1 commercial building (Barn 2) and erection of 6-bedroom Bed and Breakfast building as approved under planning permission 18/00376/FUL but to vary condition 2 (approved plans) due to external elevation changes and internal alterations **Granted** with 6 conditions: **Noted**
- c) **19/01431/LB:** Meon House, Friday Street, Proposal: Replace existing metal windows with wooden. Applicant: Diana Beaumont
The Council has no objection or comment on the application.

161. Finance:

- a) **Payments:** Council approved the schedule payments list as appended to the minutes.
- d) Council considered and approved the third quarterly bank reconciliation; account balances and budget balances Cllr Meynell verified the bank statements accorded with the reconciliation
- e) Cllr Richard Weller confirmed the online bank account balance was correct
- b) Members noted that WDC has confirmed receipt of the 2020-21 precept demand

162. Village Hall:

- a) Chair advised that Dawn Adams is completing tenders, should be completed by mid-January. A meeting will then need to be arranged between PC/VH committee to consider all tenders (approx. timing within 6 weeks) Clerk to check timings with Wychavon re: implications of grant/start date as approaching date of March 'works start' and arrangements are not finalised yet.
- b) No issues or questions were raised by members regarding the NALC guidance LTN 21 and LTN 32 on financing the Village Hall project

163. Community & Council Matters:

- a) To confirm PIB have been informed they can make an application to WDC for the £171.29 available for public art as the Parish Council has endorsed the proposed storyboard suggestion from PIB
- b) Members agreed to the formal adoption of the new amended members code of conduct issued by WDC which will be council policy as from January 2020; Clerk to inform the WDC monitoring officer

164. The Close and Recreation Field

- a) The monthly safety inspection report confirmed no actions are required and Cllr J Hyde advised that matting is sinking beneath play equipment due to saturated conditions. When weather permits and area has drained, he will remedy the problem

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- b) Members noted a report on the expenditure of the Sec 106 funds of £5,953.33 Cllr Thomas Havemann-Mart will contact Jem Teal to ask for clarification on its expenditure.
- c) Members reported the Leylandii hedge at 3, School Road is only partly cut back, its progress will be monitored and reported to the next meeting

165. Street Lighting:

- a) Faulty lights to be reported.
 - i) Streetlight #2 is on the current list for next scheduled replacement therefore will not be repaired at this time.
- b) The Chairman presented an analysis of the quotations received from Candela Light and E-on for the replacements of streetlights 1 to 5 in Broad Marston Road and 25 & 27 by the Church. The quotation from Candela was the preferred quotation and Cllr J Hyde proposed that Parish Council accept Candela's quote subject to the receipt of their amended version with corrected figures. The proposal was unanimously agreed.

166. Flooding:

- a) Members considered the flooding map created by Cllr J Hyde and it was agreed the Clerk should contact all landowners responsible for relevant watercourses to request they clear their ditches to alleviate flooding issues. Cllr Thomas Havemann-Mart will contact WDC Engineers Department to request a land search to identify landowners to pass on to the Clerk to further the investigations.

Cllr David Cranage has reviewed water courses in the village and reported a small blockage in watercourse adjacent to The Close. Handyman to be requested to clear the obstruction.

In addition, ditch in Friday Street (by bench) badly clogged with debris, it was agreed Cllr John Hyde and David Cranage to investigate further. Ditch on Broad Marston Road by Osbourne residence also blocked, needs mechanical digger to clear it.

Note: The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8.32 to receive Cllr Alastair Adams report (as appended) The meeting was reconvened at 8.52

167. Highway Matters:

- a) New highway matters to be reported. – none at this time

168. Lengthsman/Handyman

- a) New and outstanding Lengthsman or Handyman matters. –
 - i) Remedial works on the gully support stonework on Front Street, this work has been suspended due to pending footpath engineering work by County Highways
 - ii) New glass pane for the kiosk is now fitted

169. Public Rights of Way matters –

- a) To report any new PROW matters in need of attention. – None reported

170. Matters Raised by Members:

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- a) The Chairman advised members that a parishioner (Ken Wood) has volunteered to be representative for Parish Games. All members approved.

171. Next meeting date:

- a) Council confirmed the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council is scheduled for Monday 3rd February 7.00 pm. at the Village Hall.
- b) Members approved the 2020-21 meeting dates schedule and queried 13 April 2020 meeting date as it is Easter Monday/Bank Holiday and agreed it to be changed to 20th April.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.07

Chairman _____ Date _____.

Bank Accounts		Verified and Confirmed Account Balances	
Statement	13/12/19	Current Account Balance	£6,264.98
Date	09/12/19	Deposit Account Balance	£45,616.09

Payments Authorised				
Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Gross Payment	Net Payment
1918	Brodie Planning Associates	SWDP consultation letter	348.00	290.00
1919	E-on	Streetlight maintenance #42	118.80	99.00
1920	HMRC	PAYE	437.92	437.92
1921	J Stedman	Clerk's Salary and Expenses	***	***

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County Councillor report by Alastair Adams
January 2020

I hope you had a lovely Christmas, and I wish you all a VERY HAPPY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

New Railway timetable from 15th December 2019 – Cotswolds Line

The new railway timetable for GWR North Cotswolds Line went live on 15th December, offering faster journey times, and more frequent services to Honeybourne.

For more details see www.gwr.com

It is the biggest timetable change on the network since 1976.

Lord Richard Faulkner, Chair of the North Cotswolds Line Taskforce said:

“We expect more people to travel by rail with the new improved timetable and numbers will increase further with the opening of the new Worcestershire Parkway station. We will continue to press for more doubling of the line so that in time we can achieve our plans for two trains an hour between Worcestershire and London.”

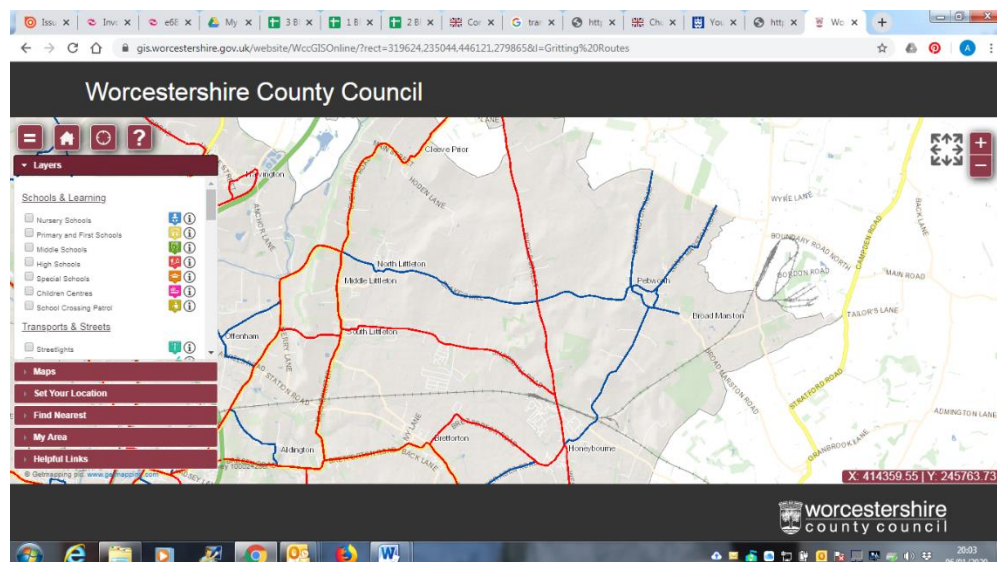
GWR now offers a fast service between Honeybourne to London Paddington, averaging 1 hour 42 minutes

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with reduce journey times to 1 hour 31minutes at peak services. Worcester to London is down to 2 hours at peak times.

Winter is here and the Highways Gritters are out but please note there are still a lot of untreated pavements and roads in rural areas so drive safely.

To see the roads that are gritted and more information on the Highways Winter Service see http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20007/travel_and_roads/381/gritting_ice_and_snow



Primary Network (red lines)

The primary Network are those roads comprising the Principal Road Network, main and secondary distributor roads, links to villages, major bus routes, emergency service locations and reasonable proximity to schools. Winter Service operations will give priority to these routes.

Secondary Network (blue lines)

Treatment of the secondary network takes place in exceptional conditions such as freezing rain forming ice on surfaces and heavy falling or lying snow, so long as physical resources are available and are not needed on the Primary Network. The Secondary Network comprises, less important local, village and estate distributor roads having significant traffic flows. Minor bus routes and school transport routes operated by Worcestershire County Council.

Update on Flooding

Last month I continued to call and email all the various organisations that might be able to help alleviate the flooding in Honeybourne in the future; Environment Agency, the WCC Highways drainage team, Severn Trent and Wychavon District Council.

In summary, to stop the flood waters in Broad Marston, we need to have a flood plain before the water enters the village. I have been discussing this with the Environment Agency for several years and fairly recently they agreed to carry out a “modelling exercise” looking at the flows in the brook and ditches to identify what is the best way to minimise flooding. I have already suggested to them a flood plain in Tim Longford’s field to hold water back entering the village like we have in the Cala Homes site which seems very successful in holding flood water back and preventing Elm Close getting flooded. A meeting has been arranged with the EA on 17th February in Broad Marston. Before then there is another meeting on 14th January looking at another potential flood plain further up-stream off Mickleton Rd on land owned by the Heart of England Forest. Also I am trying to organise a third meeting with the Head of Flood Management (Matt McGinnis) at WCC to look at all the issues across all 8 of my parishes

Also as mentioned in my report last month there are some improvements to the ditches as listed below;-.

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1. I requested the Pebworth Parish Council dig out the ditches opposite Cotswold View to improve the drainage back along Broad Marston Rd to the entrance sign. The Parish is considering this. I have given them the name of the WCC contractor -- Andy Garbett of Garbett Construction who may be able to assist on 07971 179605
2. The WDC have agreed that a new clear-span crossing under the back entrance to Orchard Dene can be installed by Pebworth Parish Council with a grant from WDC. Pebworth Parish Council to obtain a couple of quotes (Andy Garbett above should also be able to provide a quote)

Finally there are things that householders can do to help reduce the flood risk, and the Wychavon District Council can provide information and assistance. WDC have confirmed there are grants of up to £5500 for any premises that was flooded. *"The recovery fund is £500 to each flooded property and the repair grant up to £5k for each property – this in theory facilitates installations such as flood barriers/smart airbricks"*

See <https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/emergency-flooding-advice> or contact your District Councillor Thomas - thomas.havemann-mart@wychavon.net

Highway issues :

To keep up to date on the roadworks, look at the national roadworks website below, and type in Pebworth or Honeybourne in the top right box to search.

www.roadworks.org

1. **Cracks in pavement up Front Street** – A meeting occurred this month in Pebworth to discuss this project. It is a major project as a concrete raft is to be installed under the pavement to stop the subsidence. Because of the extent of works needed, it was agreed to start work after the Britain in Bloom judging. New date is estimated to now be Sept 2020.
2. **Honeybourne pedestrian crossing on Station Rd** – zebra crossing to be sometime in 2020.
3. **The traffic lights over the railway bridge in Station Rd Honeybourne have been extended** to reduce the subsidence of the embankment.
4. **Road Liable to Flooding' warning signs to be installed** either side of the two Honeybourne bridges in Stratford Rd. Road to be closed 10/2/20 to allow these to be installed
5. **Higher kerbs at the junction of Back Lane and School Lane** – programmed to be done. Inspected just before Christmas and line of kerbs marked to be replaced. Awaiting date for works to start.
6. **Road drains outside Knoll, Front Street-** Illegal connection from a resident's cess pit has been identified. WRS legal team had written to householder but there was a question on whether there should be a connection to the foul sewer or not. I spoke to Simon Wilkes MD at WRS just before Christmas, and he agreed to clarify this ASAP.

7. **Friday Street – survey of road drains** – I have chased Highways for their report.

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

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

Message from the Police - Significant reductions in house burglaries

The number of houses being burgled has dropped significantly over the past year, BUT still be vigilant!

Comparing the month of November 2018 with November 2019, there was a 42% decrease in house burglaries with 98 fewer households having property stolen from them.

Detective Inspector Nailor welcomed the news, saying: "We know the impacts burglary can have on our local communities, and we're really happy to see we've had a reduction in these offences. However, every burglary

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is one too many and our work is ongoing to try and bring these numbers down even further. “

"Working with our local communities to tackle crime is paramount and we continue to urge people to come forward and report any concerns they have to us, whether it is suspicious activity or something out of the ordinary, if they report it we can take action.

"The information we receive from local residents helps us build a picture of what is happening in our local communities and allows us to take action to prevent further crime."

To report concerns to police contact 101 or alternatively information can be passed to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Over the Christmas period, officers will be doing regular patrols but we are also reminding communities of key security advice to help keep homes safe:

- A well-lit home gives the impression someone is in - use timer switches to turn lights on when you are out.
- Lock windows and doors and keep gates and side entrances well secured.
- Keep cars locked and remove any valuable items from display.
- Don't leave car keys or valuables near windows, doors or letterboxes, where burglars can reach through to steal them.
- Lock your garden gates and side entrances. Don't leave tools lying around in the garden that could be used to break in to your home.
- Invest in external lighting.

County Council Divisional Fund

Divisional grants deadline is looming, so any community organisation that needs a little support to buy equipment or some essential service can apply by contacting me.

Grant requests received in last 6 weeks are

1. Freedom Day Centre, Badsey – grant requested for new kitchen - Paid
2. Pebworth in Bloom – grant requested for more fruit trees- Paid
3. Evesham Walking Festival – grant requested for 2020 event
4. Cleeve prior Heritage Trust – grant for new machinery
5. Blackminster School – grant for Poetry Day- Paid
6. Offenham British Legion – Grant for Skittles Alley and Hall
7. Grant request from Offenham Village Hall for a grant to refurbish the wooden floor.

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