

Pebworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

Held at the Pebworth Village Hall at 7:00 pm on Monday 4th November 2019.

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

In attendance: John Stedman (Clerk), Cllr Thomas Havemann-Mart and 12 members of the public

146. Apologies were agreed from Cllrs John Hyde & Alastair Adams,

147. 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

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

Summary of matters raised in open forum

- PC Jamie Lee gave a crime report for Pebworth and confirmed one burglary had occurred in the last month, targeting car keys and leading to a car being subsequently stolen from outside the property. Two separate incidences of vehicle damage were also reported to the police. Speed enforcement checks were carried out in Middlesex over a two-hour period and one speeding offence was committed. When asked to carry out speed checks in Broad Marston PC Lee confirmed he would investigate the area to find a suitable site for the checks as he requires a long sight line and a suitable place to stop vehicles, he will also consider checks on Honeybourne Road and was offered the Fibrex nursery gateway for the operation
- Mr. John James gave a report on the Patients Participation Group at the Bidford Health Centre and informed the council and parishioners of the groups aims and activities. A summary of his report is appended to the minutes
 - Several members of the public gave extensive reports on the flood events of October 26th. Friday Street was flooded over the area on the S-bend and raw sewage was very evident in the flood water. An added problem during flood events is vehicles passing through the floods creating a wave impacting on local houses. Many explanations of the cause of the sewage problems were put forward and the engineer's reports are awaited. Further reports of extensive flooding in Broad Marston were reported as the area around the Priory Lane junction and under the rail bridges was almost impassable to traffic. Two properties in the village were reported to have been flooded and the incidents will be reported to the flood authorities. Cllr Thomas Havemann-Mart confirmed that WDC has funds for flood alleviation works and sites need to be identified for alleviation funding. The Chairman confirmed the Parish Council will persist in highlighting flooding problems to the relevant authorities and noted that the Wesley Gardens balancing ponds did work well by relieving the flood levels in the ditch leading to the Friday Street area.

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Ward Members Report:

Cllr Alastair Adams report is appended to these minutes if available

Cllr Thomas Havemann-Mart reported on matters relating to the October floods and the ongoing investigation with County Council and District Council engineers

He also informed the meeting of the proposed removal of the planning policy to retain the strategic gap for the land at The Close and opposite Court Farm, this proposal could bring the land into a future development site. The Chairman asked for further details so that this proposal could be properly considered and responded to.

The Chairman closed open forum and reconvened the meeting at 7.40

149. Minutes: The Council agreed the wording of the October ordinary meeting and the extraordinary meeting minutes and the Chairman signed them as a true record of the meeting.

150. The Clerk's Progress Reports – all reports are itemised in the minutes

151. Planning Application:

a) 19/02310/FUL; Location: Cider Mill Barns, Long Marston Road, Pebworth, Description of Proposal: 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 Applicant: Mr Adrian Roberts
The Council has no objection or comment on the application.

b) 19/02221/CM: Location: Sims Metals Uk (South West) Limited, Long Marston, Pebworth, Proposal: Application to operate without complying with conditions 4 (annual throughput of waste) and 6 (operating hours) of planning permission reference number: 14/000012/CM, dated 9 October 2014 to allow the existing Energy from Waste plant to operate on a permanent basis (24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year) Applicant: Mr M Williamson. Application withdrawn by the applicant.
The withdrawal was noted

c) 19/02309/HP Location: The Stables, Martins Corner, Long Marston Road, Pebworth, Proposal: Single storey pitched and flat roof extension to south west. Erection of detached garage/store. Vehicular access Applicant: Mrs S Muirhead.
The Council wish to ensure that WDC planning officers have examined all relevant planning permissions and conditions for the site.

152. Planning Other Noted

a) **W/16/01618/RM** 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; **Granted** with 11 conditions

153. Finance:

a) **Payments:** Council approved the schedule payments list as appended to the minutes.

b) The date and venue for the finance group meeting was agreed for Wednesday, November 27th at Cllr Pearson's residence at 7.00pm

c) Members signed the bank mandate variation to enable cheque signatories to authorise payments using online banking.

d) The Budget letter issued by WDC for the 2020 precept was noted.

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154. Village Hall:

- a) Members reported on the successful delivery of the public works loan letter and questionnaire being distributed to every parish household with all 350 questionnaires delivered over the weekend by volunteers.
- b) Members noted the WDC community funding officers have been informed of the progress and timelines for the project and acknowledged their acceptance.

155. Community & Council Matters:

- a) Council considered possible projects for the expenditure of sec 106 funds of £5,593.33 available for built sport and leisure facilities and £171.29 available for public art. It was agreed that the clerk will bring options and costs for new play equipment to the next meeting for consideration of using the leisure funding. The School, Village Hall and PIB to be invited to offer small art projects using the available art funding.
- b) Members noted the Royal Mail post box in Broad Marston Road has been reported to Royal Mail as its support post has rotted off and failed; John Hyde had fitted a temporary support and Royal Mail have now replaced the support post.
- c) Members noted that Rooftop Housing have confirmed they are aware of the issues with their tenants in Elm Close and remedial actions are in hand.
- d) Members agreed to attending a continuation of the councillor training from CALC along with a training session on planning and CiL. Clerk to action the events

156. Mowing Contract:

- a) As there were no responses to the advertising of the contract it was agreed to continue the existing contract for one year, subject to agreed costs which will be reviewed at the precept meeting and considered at the December meeting. It was further agreed the contract would be advertised again in August 2020 with a full month given for the return of tenders. The adverts to be placed in the Evesham Journal, Petrus, parish website and noticeboards as it was currently.

157. Recreation Field

- a) Members noted that the Recreation Field boundary hedge cutting has been carried out and completed
- b) Council agreed to securely locking the main gate to prevent access to the allotments and any other events which may cause damage to the field surface

158. The Close

- a) The Handyman's report on the monthly safety inspection was not available for the meeting.
- b) The Leylandii hedge cut back at the boundary of 3, School Road, the clerk reported the occupier has confirmed the hedge will be cut back to the fence line as requested and will be carried out as soon as they are able. The occupier's request to cut back or remove a rose bush on The Close which grows through the fence into their garden, Clerk to inform PIB of the issue with the rose bush.
- c) A request from PIB to plant an Elm tree and a Hornbeam tree on The Close to replace the removed Ash tree was fully supported and agreed by the council. Clerk to inform PIB

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159. Street Lighting:

- a) Faulty lights to be reported. – none reported
- b) The Clerk reported on E-on taking up the streetlight refurbishment project and a site meeting will be arranged as soon as possible to progress the refurbishment project.

160. Highway Matters:

- a) New highway matters to be reported. **None reported**
- b) **Flooding:** The Chairman reported on a meeting held in Friday Street with Severn Trent Water, County Highways and the WDC engineers, his full report is appended to the minutes

161. Lengthsman/Handyman

- a) New and outstanding Lengthsman or Handyman matters. –
 - i) Remedial works on the gully support stonework on Front Street - in hand
 - ii) New glass pane for the kiosk received and passed to John Hyde – in hand

162. Public Rights of Way matters –

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

163. Allotments:

- a) Council noted the relinquishment of half of plot 5 and advertising the half plot in Petrus.

164. Matters Raised by Members:

- a) For the December meeting agenda
 - i) Action on flooding and reports from STW and consultant engineers
 - ii) SWDP review proposed removal of the strategic gap policy for land at The Close and opposite Court Farm

165. Next meeting date:

- a) Council confirmed the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council is scheduled for Monday 2nd December 7.00 pm. at the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00

Chairman _____ Date _____.

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Bank Accounts		Verified and Confirmed Account Balances	
Statement	15/10/19	Current Account Balance	£7,603.27
Date	09/10/19	Deposit Account Balance	£45,612.28

Payments Authorised

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Gross Payment	Net Payment
1908	J Stedman	Kiosk Glass pane	11.34	9.45
1908	J Stedman	Newsquest mowing advert	208.26	173.55
DD	Npower	Streetlight Energy	530.39	505.13
DD	Npower	Streetlight Energy	90.80	86.48
1909	R A C Giddings	Rec Field hedge cutting	120.00	120.00
1910	John Hyde	Lengthsman Works	121.40	121.40
1910	John Hyde	Handyman works	62.75	62.75
1911	Limebridge RS	Amenity mowing contract	823.20	686.00
1912	J Stedman	Clerk's Salary and Expenses	***	***
1913	Poore Prints	Loan letter printing	170.00	170.00

Chairman's report on the Friday Street Flooding

"Following the flood event in Friday Street on 26th October 2019 a meeting was held at Low Furrow, Friday Street on 1st November 2019 attended by the homeowners plus representatives from Severn Trent Water, Worcestershire County Highways, WDC engineering department and Pebworth Parish Council, plus District Councillor Thomas Havemann-Mart. The meeting was to discuss the inability of the road drainage system and the Severn Trent sewer system to cope with extreme rainfall events in this area of the village such as that experienced on 26th October 2019 and specifically the risk to health and property caused by the resulting sewer discharge and raw sewage left floating in the street. On that occasion the homeowner had successfully overcome the threat at his own expense by pumping the Severn Trent sewer water away from his property. The outcome of the meeting was that Severn Trent accepted no responsibility for discharge of sewer waste during events which they consider to be outside their control, nor could they consider putting any measures in place to prevent this happening again unless an affected property is recorded on their "At Risk" register which Low Furrow is not. County Highways did however agree to carry out a survey of the drainage system in this specific area to see if any obvious problems could be identified and the homeowner and District Councillor will be kept informed".

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG) AT BIDFORD HEALTH CENTRE

The surgery at Bidford has an active Patient Participation Group - usually referred to as the PPG. It is a contractual requirement for all English GP practices to have a PPG.

WHAT EXACTLY IS A PPG?

A PPG is a group of active volunteer patients from a specific practice, along with management representation and GP involvement from that practice. This equal partnership working is essential to achieve high quality and responsive care that is tailored to the makeup of the local practice population. Research has shown that practices with a PPG have improved health outcomes amongst their patients.

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This comprises of a number of patients of the practice, just like you. Their role is to represent all patients and to discuss with the doctors and practice staff about issues that concern us all. This is a two-way dialogue and is important to help the practice develop and deliver its services in a way that meets patient's needs. It is also helpful for patients to understand the issues and constraints that the practice has to meet and comply with. Our PPG meets every two months.

Information Evenings

One of the things that our PPG does is organise evenings in order to help patients understand better, and be able to ask questions, usually of specialists, about matters that may concern them. This may be particularly important when they are considering whether a visit to a doctor is necessary.

Contact us:

In the first instance, the reception at Bidford Health Centre, who will pass on information to the Chairman for an informal chat.

Our meeting minutes are on the Practice website <https://www.bidfordhc.nhs.uk/ppg>