

Pebworth Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting of the Parish Council held
At the Village Hall, Pebworth on Monday 5th September 2022

Present: Councillors: Richard Weller (Chairman), Simon Shiers, Denise Meynell, John Hyde, Sam Parkins

In attendance: District Councillor Thomas Havemann-Mart, Mrs D Bowles (Clerk)

Also in attendance: 25 members of the public. PC Matt Beards & PC Bradley Thomas

1.	Apologies Considered for Absence: Cllrs Cranage & Pearson
2.	Register of Interests: Disclosures of Interests: Members were reminded of the need to keep their register of interests updated. Members were asked to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary or other Interests in items considered in virtual meetings and their nature. None declared
3.	Open Forum: The Chairman suspended the formal meeting for the Ward Members and public participation. a) 25 members of the public were in attendance and the following was discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The safety and ongoing vandalism of the play equipment. Suggestions were made regarding signage and to designate a safe place for children under 5, perhaps by fencing. - A resident from Little Meadows thanked Members for the VAS sign; requested to be trained for a community speed watch team, (it was pointed out that the Parish Council had tried to engage with residents previously regarding a community speed watch team however there were insufficient volunteers); complaint was also made regarding the amount of litter in the area. A request was made to extend footway from Little Meadows to join the rest of the village. Clerk to investigate. - Whether the remaining part of Broad Marston Rd footway could be resurfaced. Resident was advised that County Councillor Adams has confirmed these works are due to take place early part of next year; the speed of traffic along the road was also mentioned. - Streetlight 33 not working – this is due to be replaced October. - The gable end of Walnut Cottage, Front St is falling down – Clerk to report to Planning. - Resident noted the smell of drugs emanating from their neighbour– advised by PC Beards to contact Rooftop. - Meon Way Gardens – requested a Pebworth Parish Council welcome pack for all new residents. - School bus transport query was raised – this was directed to County Councillor Adams who provided a response. - Town Pool car park query – on the agenda to be discussed. - A resident advised that a list of vulnerable residents is being put together so that people are aware who needs support. Post Meeting Note – The Parish Council advises that GDPR should be considered and the need to control sensitive information such as this. - Cllr Weller thanked everyone for coming and confirmed that he has been speaking with the police for some time now regarding the recent vandalism and anti-social behaviour in the village. The Police were in attendance and advised the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anti-social behaviour and speeding complaints are common themes around all villages. - Anti-social behaviour needs to be reported as it is happening; if it is a crime taking place then dial 999. If reporting the crime at a later date then dial 101. If in doubt dial 999 as all calls are triaged and will be dealt with accordingly. All calls are logged as a record. - Criminal activity can be recorded and provided to the police. DO NOT share or place on social media. - CCTVs can be installed on personal property but only to video their own property and not the surrounding area. - Anyone has the power to make a Citizen’s Arrest but please think of your own safety. - The Parish Council also contact Rooftop as and when required. Rooftop will be invited to future meetings. - Clerk to email Police for Neighbourhood Watch and Community Speed Awareness information. – -

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Weller advised there are a number of WhatsApp groups within the village which will hopefully help reduce anti-social behaviour and vandalism. The Parish Council does report any issues of anti-social behaviour to Rooftop (if appropriate), and although they were unable to attend this meeting, they advised they would be happy to attend future meetings. <p>Members thanked PCs Beards & Thomas for their attendance.</p> <p>The Chairman closed the open forum and reconvened the meeting at 19:55</p>																														
4.	<p>Ward Member's Report: District Councillor Havemann-Mart advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the 5 year land supply is being published for public consultation shortly - the Significant gap in Pebworth will remain in place. - The bin by the bus stop on Broad Marston Rd should be installed later this week. - The CLG request of £70,000 had been approved which was excellent news <p>County Councillor Adams report is appended to the minutes. He also stated that community recycling centres are being phased out as all residents now have recycling bins.</p>																														
5.	<p>Acceptance of Minutes: The Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th July at the Village Hall, Pebworth were considered and approved by the Council to be a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.</p>																														
6.	<p>Planning Matters: Decisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> W/22/01256/HP - Proposal: Erection of proposed side extension and loft conversion, and installation of dropped kerb Location: 25 Broad Marston Road, Broad Marston, Pebworth, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 8XR. Application approved, subject to conditions. W/22/01253/HP - Proposal: Single storey rear extension Location: Ivy Cottage, Front Street, Pebworth, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 8XQ. Application approved, subject to conditions. W/22/01369/HP - Proposal: Demolition of conservatory and erection of replacement rear extension Location: 5 St Peters Court, Dorsington Road, Dorsington, Pebworth, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 8UL. Application approved, subject to conditions. W/22/00318/FUL - Proposal: Change of use from agricultural to garden use and single storey extension to existing garage Location: Long Barn, Friday Street, Pebworth, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 8XW. Application approved, subject to conditions. 																														
7.	<p>Finance: Council noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the external audit report with no queries. This information has been added to the website. approved the payments made in August. Council noted the Clerk's report on payments made since the last meeting: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="6">PAYMENTS MADE BETWEEN MEETINGS</th> </tr> <tr> <th>PAYMENT</th> <th>PAYEE</th> <th>DETAILS</th> <th>TOTAL</th> <th>VAT</th> <th>NET</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>Candela Lighting</td> <td>Streetlight replacement</td> <td>2122.50</td> <td>353.75</td> <td>1718.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>BHIB Insurance</td> <td>Annual Council Insurance</td> <td>606.32</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>606.32</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>2728.82</td> <td>353.75</td> <td>2325.07</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Clerk pointed out to Members that the BHIB payment had been made twice in error and a refund has been made.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Council approved the schedule of payments to be made by internet banking as appended to the minutes. 	PAYMENTS MADE BETWEEN MEETINGS						PAYMENT	PAYEE	DETAILS	TOTAL	VAT	NET	BACS	Candela Lighting	Streetlight replacement	2122.50	353.75	1718.75	BACS	BHIB Insurance	Annual Council Insurance	606.32	0.00	606.32	Total			2728.82	353.75	2325.07
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8.	<p>Council & Community Matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Members considered the email re Town Pool Car Park. Cllr Weller clarified that this is owned by the Parish Council. It was resolved to reinstate the wall completely. Clerk to obtain quotes and timescale from local stonemasons. Cllr Hyde to investigate what safety measures can be put in place for the time being. Clerk to seek advice as to how to permanently remove the ivy. Members noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Richard Prior has strimmed the area at Millfield and will now cut every three weeks from March to August as per confirmation by Members via email. - The NDP covers the period of 2018 to 2030 and will be monitored and reviewed where necessary. - The new VAS poles have been installed and the VAS is now operational. Cllr Hyde will add the cost of charging to his monthly timesheet. It was pointed out that the VAS does not record any data although 																														

	<p>an upgrade can be purchased to provide a report of numbers, speeds and times. A quote had been obtained from Cllr Hyde in the sum of £400 plus £55 carriage. It was resolved for Clerk to find out whether a more detailed upgrade can be purchased (providing graphs) and at what cost; if so Clerk to advise Members via email. If not, then Clerk to purchase the £400 upgrade as this figure is still well within the original budget.</p> <p>c) Members had reviewed the new website which Clerk had set up. It was resolved for the website to be made 'live' and link to the Pebworth.org website.</p>
9.	Pebworth In Bloom: Nothing to report.
10.	The Close & Recreation Field Members noted: a) recent vandalism at The Close. Members discussed signage, CCTV and covert surveillance. b) the repair to the tennis net has been carried out, although there is now an issue with the opposite side. Members dissatisfied with the initial installation and repair. Clerk to seek advice from a different company. c) The Community Legacy Grant application of £70,000 has been approved. Clerk to discuss tender documentation with Cllr Pearson to move things forward. d) It was resolved not to have recycling bins placed on The Close. It was considered that residents have their own recycling bins and this is no longer required – the bins were not emptied on a regular basis causing an overflow.
11.	Cemetery: Members noted an interment of ashes took place on 12 th July.
12.	Allotments: Nothing to report.
13.	Streetlighting: Members noted the final streetlight replacement has been ordered and is expected to be installed 17 th October. There has been an issue regarding the PEC part night timer and it was resolved to purchase an off the shelf PEC pre-programmed to 0:00-05:00.
14.	Highway Matters: Members noted: a) the request to install a layby opposite the school has been refused as the area is too small. b) The remaining footway along Broad Marston Rd is due to be re-surfaced Mar/Apr 2023.
15.	Lengthsman/Handyman Matters: Works carried out: - Replaced a bollard on Front St, a further one to be replaced - Grill cleared and re-fixed - Basketball net has been installed
16.	Public Rights of Way: A resident has advised that a cable has been tied across the stile from Friday St to The Close. Cllr Hyde has removed this and several other attempts – it is possible this has been put up to stop sheep escaping however this is not acceptable.
17.	Matters Raised by Members: The following matters were raised by Council Members for consideration for future agendas: a) Laurel hedge needs cutting at the burial ground. Clerk to request the burial ground contractor to cut this back.
18.	Policy: It was resolved to adopt the Equality & Diversity Policy.
19.	Date of Next Meeting: Council confirmed the date of the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Monday 3 rd October 2022 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Pebworth.
20.	Closure of Meeting: The Chairman closed the meeting at 21:00 hrs

Chairman: _____ Date: _____

FINANCE

Verified & Confirmed Account Balances as at 8th August 2022

Treasurers Account	3,356.90
Business Bank Instant	38,152.57
Total	41,509.47

Appendix A

PAYMENT	PAYEE	DETAILS	TOTAL	VAT	NET
BACS	HMRC	Clerk & P C Tax & NIC	80.60		80.60
BACS	Mrs D Bowles	Clerk's Salary & Expenses	****		****
BACS	Limebridge Rural Services	Amenity Contract	496.80	82.80	414.00
BACS	M Parkinson	Cemetery Contract	396.00		396.00
BACS	Mr J Hyde	Lengthsman Invoice	137.40		137.40
BACS	Microsoft 365	Annual Subscription	59.99	10.00	49.99
DD	Nest	Clerk's Pension Jul	39.65		39.65
DD	Nest	Clerk's Pension Aug	40.44		40.44
DD	Ionos	Jul Fee	6.00	1.00	5.00
DD	O2	Mobile Phone	14.74	2.46	12.28
DD	Yu Energy	Streetlight Energy	44.40	2.11	42.29
DD	Yu Energy	Streetlight Energy	159.36	7.59	151.77

County Councillor Report – Pebworth Parish Council
Month: September 2022
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Dear All

I hope you had a GREAT Summer, and are looking forward to **Pebworth Party in the Park on Sunday 11th September** down on the Close.

Cost of Living Help

Reminder of measures announced so far by central government and the link to find out more.

The government has recently announced the **Energy Bills Support Scheme (EBSS)**, which will give **households a £400 discount off their energy bills from October.**

The EBSS is part of the government's wider support to help households with the cost of living. It's open to all domestic households who use electricity.

How much will I get?

Every household will get £400, paid over six months starting from October 2022. So you'll get the following each month:

Month	Amount
October 2022	£66
November 2022	£66
December 2022	£67
January 2023	£67
February 2023	£67
March 2023	£67

If your electricity bills are less than £66/£67 a month, you'll still get the same amount. You can carry on using the discount to pay for your electricity after March 2023 (until all the £400 is used up).

How do I apply?

You don't need to do anything – every household will automatically get the discount. You don't need to repay the discount and it won't affect your credit rating in any way.

How do I receive the discount?

This depends on how you pay for your energy:

For Direct Debit customers, your electricity supplier will send the discount straight to your bank each month – like a refund – once your Direct Debit has gone through.

For example:

If your Direct Debit is £100 a month, you'd pay that as normal. Then a few days later, £67 will be paid into your bank account. If your Direct Debit is less than £67 a month, say £50 for example, £50 will be refunded to your bank account and the remaining £17 will be applied as credit to your energy account.

For Cash/Cheque customers, your discount will be applied to your energy account balance each month.

In addition the following government help has also been announced/paid;-

- £150 cash rebate for homes in Council Tax bands A-D ; already been paid in May
- £650 one-off cost of living payment for those on means tested benefits such as Universal Credit or Pension Credit. See <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/cost-of-living-payment>
- An additional £300 one-off pensioner cost of living payment for pensioners in receipt of the Winter Fuel Allowance to be paid in November 2022
- £150 one-off disability cost of living payment for people in receipt of disability benefits.
- 5p fuel duty cut for a full year across all fuel duty rates.
- National Insurance threshold increase from £9,500 to £12,570 from July 2022
- Increase the National Living Wage by 6.6% to £9.50 per hour from April 2022

For more information see <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/cost-of-living-payment>

And for details on the Energy Bills Support Scheme see

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/energy-bills-support-scheme-explainer>

REMINDER - Pebworth will be upgraded to Giga-Fast Broadband

Just a reminder that Openreach have confirmed the project will go ahead. Fibre to the Premises should give you a minimum of 100Mbps with possible much faster speeds in the future.

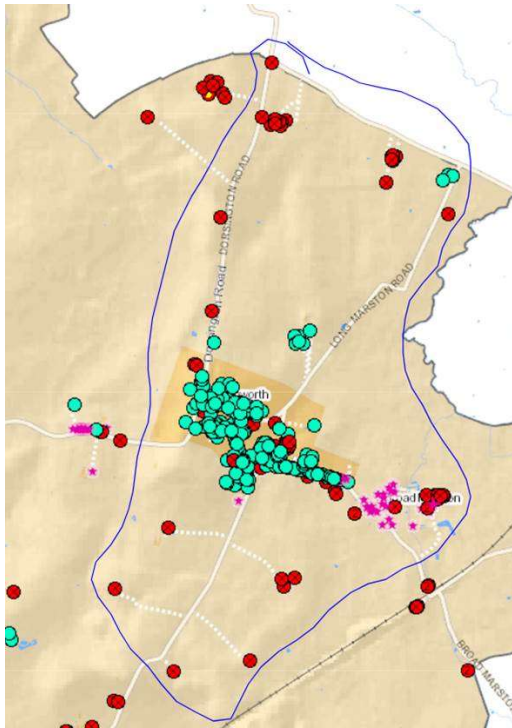
Also a reminder that if you have not yet pledged, and you want giga fast broadband then you should still pledge by clicking on

<https://www.openreach.com/fibre-broadband/fibre-community-partnership/connect-my-community>

and putting your contact and address details into the website – only takes 2 minutes. If you don't sign up then they may not build the infrastructure to get the fibre to your house; especially important for houses in the extremes of the map (as shown below) as it will be expensive to retro fit the infrastructure. Once you sign up, you will then be contacted automatically by Openreach.

Please note, for everyone that has pledged their support, you will receive a voucher from Openreach with instructions on how to use it. The voucher is funded by central government so costs you nothing.

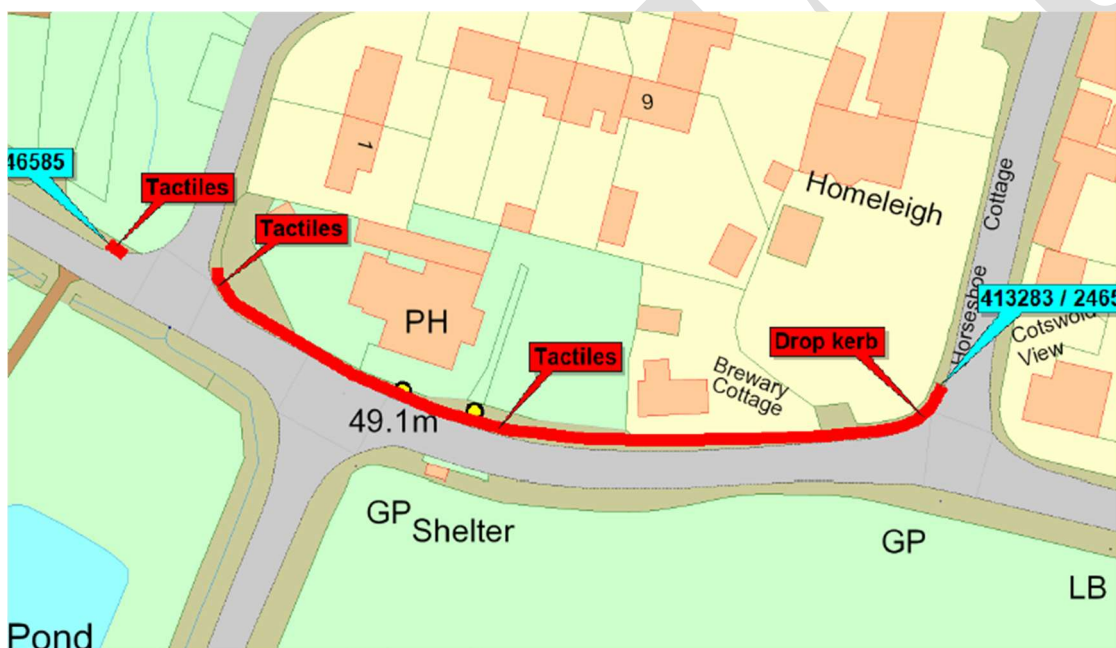
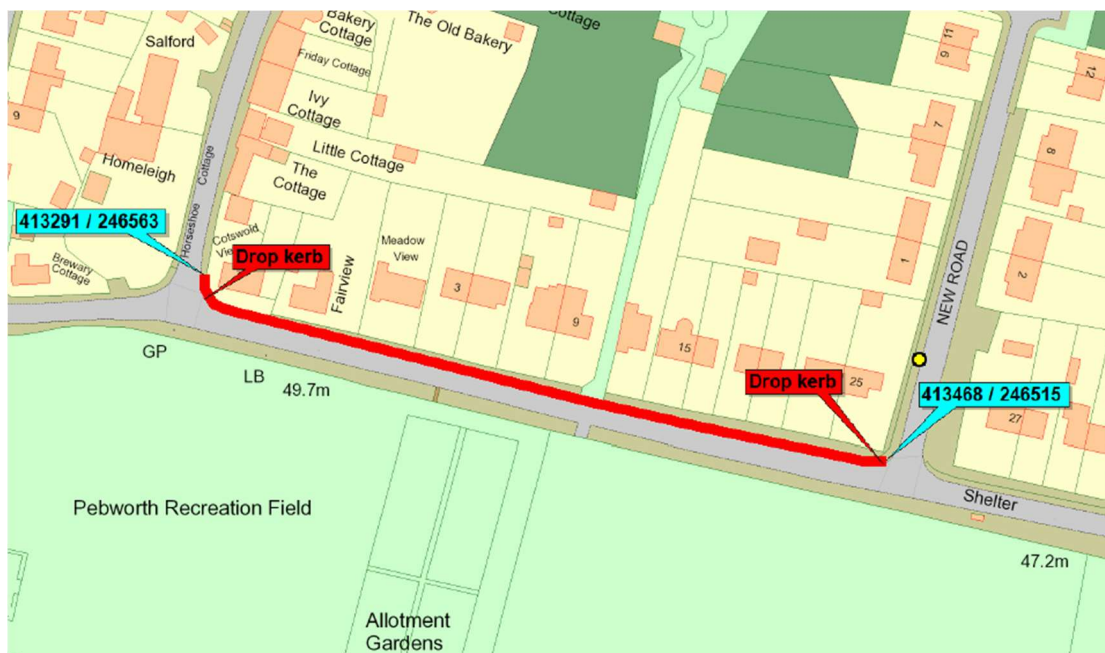
Map showing what houses within the blue line are eligible to get Giga-fast broadband in Pebworth as part of this project.



Highways:

There are still road closures so please check <https://one.network/> to see all the temporary road closures on a regular basis.

1. **B4085 S.Littleton to Blackminster School – Road closed until 3rd Sept. New cycleway built from South Littleton to Blackminster School opening 12th September**
2. **Further Flood alleviation – Broad Marston Rd** - A small secondary flood plain can be built in Tim Longford's field just before the entrance to Broad Marston. This is a "belt & braces" scheme to prevent water flowing from the brook onto the road. Work to start in Sept.
3. New sewage connection completed last month at the top of Front Street so the foul smells from the old septic tank will cease.
4. New Gullys interactive map is now live on **Report It**. See https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20978/tell_us_about_a_road_or_highway_issue/1044/drainage_and_flooding_on_a_highway This should help identify the road drain much easier, and you will be able to see when it was last cleansed too.
5. Broad Marston Rd & Chapel Rd to be resurfaced in March/April 2023 – see plans below



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.

County Council Divisional Fund

The new Divisional Fund has re-started Applications are invited from local community organisations that are manned by volunteers and require a little help to buy equipment or services. To apply, please contact me. New grants processed so far:

1. The Pebworth Collective – for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations
2. Honeybourne Bowls Club – new mat and storage
3. Honeybourne Cricket Club – Cricket equipment
4. 1st Littleton Scout Group – improvements to the toilets
5. Cleeve Prior Heritage Trust – Poetry books for school visits

6. Cleeve Prior – contribution to security to the Marquee over the Jubilee Weekend.
7. Pebworth in Bloom – contribution to developing the wetlands area at Wesley Gardens
8. Bretforton Show – display boards

Other good news in Worcestershire

The government has announced more than £43 million to upgrade the A38 near Bromsgrove. A new cycle and pedestrian corridor running parallel to the A38 will also be built, while new crossings and overbridges will connect to the wider local cycle network. The upgrades will take place on a 7.5-mile stretch of the route, between the M5 Junction 4 to the north and the A38/B4094 to the south.

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