

Pebworth Parish Council
Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held
At the Village Hall, Pebworth on Monday 6th September 2021

Present: Councillors: Richard Weller (Chairman), Simon Shiers, Denise Meynell, James Pearson, John Hyde & David Cranage

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

Also in attendance: 3 members of the public.

86	Apologies accepted for absence: Cllr Morrow
87	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. Cllr Weller declared an interest in item 92a - planning application
88	Open Forum: The Chairman suspended the formal meeting for the Ward Members and public participation. a) A streetlight in Friday Street is causing an issue because it is shining brightly into houses – resident has requested either a lower wattage bulb, or for it to go off at 10pm. It was agreed a review of the streetlighting will take place to see which lights are remaining on too long and for Clerk to contact Candela to ensure they all turn off at 11pm. b) There is an issue with unacceptable behaviour, vandalism and verbal abuse within the village. Clerk to report to Rooftop Housing. Cllr Weller to contact PC Matt Beards. He also reminded residents of the Keep Pebworth Safe WhatsApp group which anyone can request to join. c) The culverts outside the fire station need attention. Cllr Hyde will investigate. d) County Councillor Alastair Adams sent his apologies. Report to follow. The Chairman closed the open forum and reconvened the meeting at 19:25
89	Matters raised in Ward Members' reports District Councillor Havemann-Mart went through his report which is appended to these minutes. He also pointed out that there may be an issue with the Strategic Gap detailed in the NDP and the South Worcestershire Development Plan which he is going to investigate. Cllr Cranage to send the letter from Brodie Planning regarding the gap to DC Havemann-Mart.
90	Acceptance of Minutes: The Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2 nd August 2021 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.
91	Clerk's Report Noted: a) No further update from HMRC regarding the VAT overclaim. Clerk to monitor. b) A business SIM only contract has been ordered from O2. Clerk will inform Members of the new number once received. Clerk to monitor.
92	Planning Matters: To consider: a) 21/01313/HP Location: Charnwood, Back Lane, Pebworth, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 8XA Description of Proposal: Proposed extension to provide new first floor accommodation. Cllr Weller took no part in the discussion. Following a discussion Members had no comment on this application. b) 21/1901/HP Location: Thatched End, Broad Marston Rd, Broad Marston, Pebworth, CV37 8XY. Description of Proposal: demolish existing garage and construct new garage and workshop. As this application came in so late it was decided for Members to review this via email and provide their response to the Clerk. Considered: c) 21/01748/HP Location: Chalford House, 1 Mill Field, Pebworth, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 8UX Description of Proposal: Erection of single and two storey side extension. Following consultation via email Members had no comment on this application. Decisions: d) 21/00845/FUL Proposed two railway carriage workshops and ancillary building. Location: Sims Metals Uk (South West) Limited, Long Marston, Pebworth, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 8AQ. Planning Permission Approved. e) W/09/01251/PN. (Variation of condition 1 Ref. 18/02512/FUL) Erection of dwellinghouse and associated development. Alternative design approved under planning permission. Location: Land Adjacent Blenheim

	Farm, Buckle Street, Honeybourne. Planning Permission Approved. f) 21/01476/FUL New build dwelling to replace existing barn approved for residential conversion at land adj to Bramble Cottage, Dorsington Rd, Dorsington, Pebworth. Planning Permission Refused. Enforcement: g) Members noted the Clerk has requested an update regarding the proposed enforcement issue at Norton Gardens. h) Members noted the report of possible enforcement issues at a site in Long Marston Rd has been investigated with nothing to report.
93	Finance: a) Council approved the August schedule of payments to be made by internet banking as appended to the minutes. b) Members noted queries raised by the External Auditor have been resolved to their satisfaction. c) Members noted there has been a delay in adding Clerk to the Bank account. It is hoped this will be resolved shortly. d) Members resolved to accept the amendments to the Financial Regulations, following a review by Cllrs Meynell & Shiers, along with the Clerk. These have now been brought in line with NALC.
94	Mowing & Amenity Contract: Members noted the contract has been advertised in newsletters and the noticeboards. Clerk had contacted 13 companies inviting them to tender with 4 companies to date showing an interest. Closing date is 15th October.
95	Council & Community Matters: a) No new representatives for the John Cooper Foundation. Clerk to advertise this position via usual channels. b) Cllr Hyde has inspected the noticeboards and confirmed he will refurbish these at no cost except materials. c) Cllr Weller stated the Meet and Greet was very successful, although not much interest was shown in the Parish Council table. d) Cllr Weller still to meet with Village Hall Committee regarding security measures at the Village Hall.
96	The Close & Recreation Field a) Clerk to obtain quotes for a sign at The Close stating no vehicles on the grass b) Members noted the vandalism to the roundabout at The Close. c) Members noted S106 monies in the sum of £5,953.30 have been approved by Wychavon District Council for the purchase of wooden trim trail equipment. Clerk has now issued the PO for these works. d) Members approved the running of the car boot sale in conjunction with the Pebworth Collective on Sunday 12th September. A risk assessment to be put together; parking, marshalling and rubbish collection is also being arranged.
97	Cemetery: a) Members noted the interment of ashes of Mr M L Foster. b) It was resolved for Clerk to order a sign for the gates making it clear that plastic flowers or other artificial items are not allowed to be placed in the burial ground. c) It was resolved for the Clerk to carry out a full review of all rules and regulations of the burial ground, following her attendance at a course in July.
98	Pebworth In Bloom: Members noted the report and considered the requests. It was resolved: For the Clerk to write to all farmers requesting their tractor drivers drive considerately through the village Cllr Shiers to attend their next meeting to provide Parish Council feedback on the requests.
99	Allotments: Members decided not to progress with the new allotment plots until more interest is shown.
100	Streetlighting: a) Cllr Shiers has inspected the updated quote from Candela which he believes is still incorrect. Clerk to challenge this quote. To avoid any further delay Members resolved to agree a maximum quote of £10,353.10 plus VAT for the replacement of 3 columns, numbered 8, 10 & 12, along with replacement heads and lanterns at 6, 7, 9 & 11. b) Candela confirmed the replacement of 2 photocells in columns 24 & 30. The RCD on column 16 was re-set the RCD, however this has tripped once again. Candela to investigate. c) Clerk has received notification from the Streetlighting Department that they are under severe pressure at the moment and are unable to provide a maintenance quote until December. An estimate of £30.11 for maintenance per streetlight per year has been provided although this fee is under review. Streetlight Energy would also be an additional cost. d) Cllr Hyde to carry out a review of the streetlights.

101	Highway Matters: a) Members noted the roundels quoted at £300 per pair are for painted signs on the road. This will be considered at the budget meeting. b) Cllr Hyde informed Members that he has requested the VAS to be discussed at the Honeybourne Parish Council meeting next week.
102	Lengthsman/Handyman Matters: The Wendy House floor has now been repaired. Future Tasks: Weed spraying around the Parish. Grips/culverts on Honeybourne Road
103	Public Rights of Way: Nothing to report.
104	Matters Raised by Members: The following matters were raised by Council Members for consideration for future agendas: a) Cllr Weller to talk with artist regarding village information board. b) To consider setting the budget meeting to December.
105	Staffing: The staffing committee will be meeting to finalise the Clerk's contract and pension arrangements.
106	Date of Next Meeting: Council confirmed the date of the next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Monday 4 th October 2021 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Pebworth.
107	Closure of Meeting: The Chairman closed the meeting at 21:40 hrs

Chairman: _____ Date: _____

FINANCE

Verified & Confirmed Account Balances

Treasurers Account	16,433.60
Business Bank Instant	55,889.23
Total	72,322.83

PAYMENT	PAYEE	DETAILS	TOTAL	VAT	NET
BACS	HMRC	Clerk & PC NIC & Tax	54.60		54.60
BACS	Mrs D Bowles	Salary & Expenses	****		****
BACS	Limebridge Rural Services	Amenity Contract	852.00	142.00	710.00
BACS	1&1 IONOS Ltd	Ionos Email	1.20	0.20	1.00
BACS	Birmingham City Council	Concrete Investigation	1166.40	194.40	972.00
BACS	Hartwell Timber & Co	Wendy House materials	165.72	27.62	138.10

District Councillor Havemann-Mart's report

Have your say on your local area!

The annual Wychavon Residents' Survey is now open. To take part, follow the link in this post. It will take around 15 minutes to complete, but you can save your progress and return to it later if you want. If you don't feel able to complete any questions, for the vast majority you can skip the question and move to the next one.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/WRS2021/>

Coronavirus update The infection rate in our district is currently at 239 cases per 100,000. This has risen by 7% in the last 7 days (information correct as of 27 August 2021). Communications will focus on continuing to encourage people to get vaccinated reminding people of the basic precautions they can take to protect themselves and others.

View the latest infection rate on the Coronavirus dashboard Vaccine rollout data.

View the Worcestershire Vaccine dashboard for the latest information.

Read more information about the Covid-19 Vaccination Programme in Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

COVID-19 vaccine surveillance report Yesterday (26 August), Public Health England (PHE) published its latest weekly COVID-19 vaccine surveillance report. The latest estimates suggest that 105,900 deaths and 24,088,000 infections have been prevented as a result of the COVID-19 vaccination programme, up to 20 August. The estimate was calculated by comparing the estimated impact of vaccination on infection and mortality against a worst-case scenario where no vaccines and no non-pharmaceutical interventions were in place to reduce infections and mortality. Read the announcement.

Afghanistan Resettlement Scheme

There are 2 schemes relating to Afghan resettlement to the UK:

1. The Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy (ARAP) for Locally Employed Staff (LES) in Afghanistan. This scheme is designed to support those Afghan nationals who have worked with our forces eg interpreters. This scheme was launched in April 2021.
2. The Afghan Citizen Resettlement Scheme (ACRS). This was the scheme that was announced last week and which is designed to welcome 5,000 vulnerable Afghans into the UK in the first year of the scheme and 20,000 over the longer term. Further guidance on this scheme is still awaited.

Locally, the current Afghan resettlement scheme is being co-ordinated by Worcestershire County Council and this will be the same for ACRS. The County Council will work closely with the West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership who are delivering this programme for the West Midlands on behalf of the Government. The County Council will consider wider support arrangements for Afghan arrivals, co-ordinate financial support from Government and donations from communities. As non-housing stock councils we are working with our housing association partners and private landlords to identify accommodation. Commitment has been sought from both Platform and Rooftop to begin to identify suitable family sized accommodation within our districts that could be appropriate, and both have responded positively to these requests. In addition, we will be working with voluntary groups in due course to help them with their work supporting new arrivals and getting access to funding. Vic Allison (Joint Chief Executive of Malvern Hills and Wychavon District Councils)

Abbey Park Barrier Consultation starts

A consultation was launched on Monday (23 August) asking residents and users of Abbey Park in Pershore for their views on the design of a new barrier to protect the park from illegal encampments. A three-week consultation seeks to confirm whether there is enough public support for the proposal before work is carried out, as it will alter the look and feel of the park. The design uses a mixture of knee height rails and boulders to create a physical barrier around the park, while still allowing easy access for people through entry points. Other options considered included creating bunds, ditches and a full line of boulders to create a barrier around the park. These have been ruled out because it was felt they would not be as effective as other measures and would have a significant impact on the character of the park. It is hoped the barrier will prevent a repeat of recent events, which have seen travellers illegally occupy the land for several days on two separate occasions.

Take part in the consultation. The deadline for responses is 11pm on Sunday, 12 September 2021.

Evesham Levelling Up Fund Application

An application for £9.1m from the Levelling Up Fund for Evesham Town Centre has been submitted for two key projects emerging from the Town Centre Prospectus work. They are Connected Evesham and Evesham Public Hall. The bid will enable growth and enhance Evesham town centre as a place to work, live and play, and improve external perceptions, encouraging additional inward investment. The two projects are designed to be mutually supportive.

Connected Evesham

The Connected Evesham project addresses congestion and improves bus reliability. It also creates high quality active travel routes to a better connected town centre to its surroundings delivering a significant proportion of the draft Evesham Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan. It will deliver 12 of 18 planned active travel links, enable sustainable housing and employment growth, as well as improve public health by encouraging people to

walk and cycle. It includes: 6.4km new pedestrian/cycle infrastructure, 6.84km improved pedestrian/cycle infrastructure, creation of 12 active travel routes, connecting committed infrastructure investments, existing residential and employment sites and connecting 41ha of employment sites and 735 homes planned within Evesham, Badsey and Offenham; unlocks the National Cycle Network 442 (Worcester-Oxford) with a new A46 crossing, and also provide Real Time Information System to make bus travel more reliable town centre by programming bus priority at signalised junctions and increased capacity at A46/B4035 Badsey roundabout.

Evesham Public Hall

A successful bid would help with the restoration to enable it to be used for a public arts venue in partnership with the Evesham Arts association and potentially with 'The Story of Evesham'. This will be the catalyst to lead the developer to submit its application for the redevelopment of the Riverside Shopping Centre for the mixed use we have long been anticipating. Our cost ratio is very good and we have had lots of support including from Nigel Huddleston MP. Hopefully, we should hear late Autumn leading into Christmas time as to whether we have been successful.

In other news...

Help needed with Evesham Vaccination Centre We are continuing to work with Public Health to support a vaccination centre in Bengeworth, Evesham. We are looking for marshals to help around the drop-in centre and also have a presence around the Evesham Bengeworth/Port street area to signpost people. The dates of the clinic are Saturday 18 September and Sunday 19 September from 10am to 6pm, the venue is currently being confirmed. We will also be out doing leaflet distribution in the week leading up to this so would be looking for volunteers to help with this too. If you can help out over that weekend, for either a full or half day could you please let Robin.Mace@wychavon.gov.uk know by 3 September.

Your District Councillor, Thomas Havemann-Mart can be contacted on Thomas.HavemannMart@Wychavon.net or mobile 07817 873 054