

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF **PETERSTOW PARISH COUNCIL** HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 7th SEPTEMBER, 2016 at 7.00 p.m. IN ST. PETER'S HALL.

Present: Roger Townend (Acting Chairman), Rob Hunter, Steve George and Sarah Beggs.

In attendance: Mrs Pat Newton (Clerk),
Cllr. Elissa Swinglehurst H.C.

09/16 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllrs. Martin Lown and Frances Nightingale.

09/16 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

None

09/16 3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATION REQUESTS.

None were declared or requested.

09/16 4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6th July, 2016, be signed as a true record of the meeting.

09/16 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

5.1 Bank encroaching on pavement – bus shelter to New Road: Still not done, the clerk will contact HE.

5.2 Centenary Fields Programme: This programme is about protecting space for active recreation, so the Common would not be suitable.

5.3 Forgotten footpaths: Cllr. George had looked further into this and there were no footpaths of any significance.

09/16 6. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION.

6.1 Path across common to pedestrian road crossing: This will be discussed further at the next meeting, the clerk will see if there are any grants available.

6.2 Rural bus services consultation: It was felt that it would be better if individuals responded to the questionnaire on this matter, the more responses the better.

6.3 Co-option: We still have one vacancy on the parish council, the councillors will ask around to see if anyone is interested in joining.

6.4 Request for replacement water pipe under the common: There are a couple of options available for this, the rural land agent had advised that a reasonable charge should be made, but we will discuss further at the next meeting.

09/16 7. REPORTS

7.1 Herefordshire Council: The councillors has all received Cllr. Swinglehurst's reports. August is a quiet month. There are going to be tough times ahead, HC will be looking to parish councils to take on more.

7.2 Tree Warden: Two trees to be felled on the common, Cllr. George will organise this.

It was **resolved** that we would go ahead with this work as it was necessary for safety reasons.

7.3 Budget consultation: Cllr. Hunter had been to the H.C. budget consultation meeting. Adult care and child care uses the bulk of the budget. Savings can be made by parish council's support and organising voluntary care within the parish. It is important for parish councils when setting the precept to consider longer term planning.

09/16 8. WEBSITE – Update: Running smoothly.

09/16 9. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The grant of £4314 was approved. The meeting on the 6th September was quite productive, we have virtually finished the questionnaire, we hope to sign off the final questionnaire at the next meeting, and the questionnaire can then be distributed around the parish in November.

The steering group would like to give a £50 prize, to be drawn from the completed questionnaires.

It was **RESOLVED** that we would go ahead with this suggestion.

09/16 10. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH – Update.

Now the weather is better, we are doing speed checks at least once a month.

09/16 11. PLANNING.

Application.

162660: 1a, Harlyn, Peterstow

Propose to pollard Weeping Willow and fell Birch...No objection.

Refusal of Planning Permission

161590: Innisfree, 4 Everstone Rise

Proposed enlargement of 2 no. rear windows and siting of new garden shed.

09/16 12. FINANCES.

12.1 Bank Account Balances.

07.09.16 Current Account..... £8124.63

07.09.16 Deposit Account..... £4630.14

12.2 Receipts...Groundworks NDP Grant.....£4314.00

H.C. Len Scheme.... £ 216.00

12.3 Payments...Glasdon ...Dog bin.....£ 152.02...paid

Adam Cordy..Tree work..... £ 80.00...paid

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Galebreaker...NDP..... £ 342.20...paid

Clerk...salary..... £ 450.00

Terry Griffiths – Roads/July.. £ 158.40

Clerk..setting up laptop..... £ 40.00

Clerk...Toner..... £ 10.89

Hilary Pulsford...website.... £ 40.00....**All Resolved**

12.4 Draft proposed budget & precept 2017/18: to be displayed on the website for parishioners comments, and the precept decided at the Nov or Jan meeting.

09/16 13. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION SHEET

Herefordshire Council

Funding Update – July/August

Call for sites in Rural Settlements

Travellers sites development plan

Budget consultation

Complaints re: Code of Conduct

Sandbag request form

Power cut – new phone number 105

Rural Hub newsletter – September

Planning Update for Parish Councillors – October 6th

Balfour Beatty

Parish Newsletter – July/August

Parish Briefing – 11th October

Members & Parish Update Traffic Regulation Orders

Locality Steward weekly reports

HALC...Information Corner....August

09/16 14. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS/MATTERS FOR NEXT MEETING

The fete committee would be happy to supply another grit bin or whatever the PC would like. On November agenda.

Cllr. Hunter requested the council purchase a Speed Indicator Device this year and one next financial year.

On November agenda for further discussion.

09/16 16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday 2nd November, 2016 at 7.00p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.22p.m.

Signed.....

Date.....

