

PETERSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3rd JANUARY, 2018 IN PETERSTOW VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. Martin Lown, Roger Townend, Frances Nightingale, Steve George and Sarah Beggs.

In attendance: Mrs Pat Newton (Clerk).
Cllr. Elissa Swinglehurst H.C.
7 members of the public.

03/18 1. APOLOGIES
Cllr. Rob Hunter

03/18 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Concern was raised about the agricultural development in Llangarron, as it is of an industrial scale. It's proposed to cover approx. 80 acres of the countryside with Polytunnels and in addition it proposes to build accommodation for up to 240 itinerant migrant workers. This site will be visible for miles from high spots around Herefordshire. This development will have a great impact on wildlife. There will be a problem with disposing of the plastic every 3 years. There appears to be no local community gain and no job opportunities for local people, as the development relies on immigrant labour. If this development is approved it could set a precedent for future similar expansion.

Concern was also raised about the shop development, re: the high water table, problem of sewage, all water runs down to Wellsbrook. Access on to the A49 will be dangerous. The Parish Council have already noted these issues and discussed them with the architect. When the application is received the PC will hold a Planning meeting to discuss our response.

03/18 3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATION REQUESTS
None were declared or requested.

03/18 4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1st November, 2017, be signed as a true record of the meeting.

03/18 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 Wellsbrook Lane effluent: The proposed site visit has not taken place, the Lengthsman has contacted the EA again for an update, we are awaiting a reply.

5.2 Yew Tree Park – Planning: As the owner has taken no action to remove the caravans, as he believes that his site licence gives them permission to site vehicles in this location. As HC dispute this, it has been handed to their legal dept. for their advice and opinion. The Enforcement Officer will let us know any developments.

5.3 Speed Indicator Device – change colour to red/green: Full tri-colour will cost extra money, Cllr. Lown has asked how much that will be and is waiting to hear back.

03/18 6. PLANNING

Applications.

173774: Biddlestone Farm, Llangarron

Erection of up to 32 hectares of fixed (non-rotated) 'Spanish' polytunnels over arable (soft fruit) crops grown on 'table tops'.

173775: Biddlestone Orchard

Excavation and ground profiling to form 3 no. surface water balancing ponds.

173776: Biddlestone Orchard

Change of use of land from agriculture to a site for the accommodation of seasonal workers in demountable portable modular buildings, together with ancillary toilet/shower, kitchen, staff shop and IT/recreation units stationed permanently on site.

173777: Biddlestone Orchard

Erection of profiled-steel-clad portal frame pumphouse building and 2 no. water tanks.

173778: Biddlestone Orchard

Erection of profiled-steel-clad portal frame general purpose agricultural building.

173779: Biddlestone Orchard

Covered elevated lorry dock/loading platform

173780: Biddlestone Orchard

Upgrading existing vehicular access/egress to/from the A4137 Garrenhill Road and laying out of upgraded access track.

The Parish Council comments to these applications can be viewed on the HC Planning website, also viewed on the Parish Council website, adjacent to the minutes.

Refusal of Planning Permission

173392: Everstone Farm Barns

Erection of 5 dwellings and associated garaging

Consent to Display Advertisements

173633: The Red Lion

Retention of one and one new 2.4m x 1.2m coloured non directional signs approx. 1.8m off the ground.

03/18 7. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

7.1 Shop site development: The application should be submitted soon.

7.2 Community Safety Day: This will be on Saturday 3rd March in St Peter's Hall from 10.00a.m. till 1.00p.m.

7.3 Dog bin – Bowers Lane: A site has been selected, and the clerk will order a bin with post.

7.4 Benches on the common: 2 benches need replacing, Cllr. Lown suggested benches made from re-cycled material, the cost would be £580.92 each. This will be in Finances on the March agenda.

7.5 Twitter account: Cllr. Lown suggested a PC Twitter account, for information, after discussion, it was **resolved** to go ahead with this.

7.6 Data Protection Officer: There is a EU regulation that will come into force on 25 May 2018, and the PC will need a Data Protection Officer, Cllr. George will look into this and report back to the next meeting.

7.7 Purchase of a salt/grit spreader: A spreader would make it much easier to spread salt/grit around the parish in wintry conditions. Cllr. Lown said the cost would be £219, this will go on the March agenda in Finance.

03/18 8. REPORTS

8.1 Herefordshire Council: The councillors had all received Cllr. Swinglehurst's latest reports.

03/18 9. WEBSITE – UPDATE: Running smoothly.

03/18 10. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

10.1 The minutes of the NDP meetings on 6th November & 4th December were **approved** by the Parish Council.

The Reg 14 process has started, and closes on 21st January. All comments will be amalgamated by Data Orchard.

03/18 11. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH – Update

We need more volunteers, but otherwise still ongoing, limited by daylight hours.

03/18 12. FINANCES

12.1 Bank Account Balances.

01.01.18 Current Account..... £4419.90

01.01.18 Deposit Account..... £4632.70

12.2 Receipts.... None

12.3 Payments...The Council RESOLVED to make the following payments:

Terry Griffiths...Roads... £218.40

Terry Griffiths...Activity... £114.00

Clerk's salary... £450.00

H.G. Britten-Austin..NDP... £ 40.00

St Peter's Hall..NDP... £210.00

St Peter's Hall..Hall Rental.. £ 45.00

Hilary Pulsford..Website... £206.39

03/18 13. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION SHEET

The Council noted the correspondence received and Clerk's information sheet.

03/18 14. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS/MATTERS FOR NEXT MEETING

It was suggested that we purchase 2 more grit bins, the **clerk** will find out the cost for the March meeting. There is water running from Park Homes site and going into field towards Wellsbrook Lane. The **clerk** will contact the Environment Agency. The clerk asked if the May meeting could be moved to May 9th, this was agreed by all. The **clerk** will change the list in the noticeboards, and change the website.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday 7th March, 2018 at 7.00p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00p.m.

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