

PETERSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of PETERSTOW ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on THURSDAY 16TH MAY, 2019 in PETERSTOW VILLAGE HALL at 7.00p.m.

Present: Cllrs. Martin Lown (Chairman), Rob Hunter, Steve George, Sarah Beggs, Paul Speed, and Junior Brandt.

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

05/19 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Jonathan Straker.

05/19 2. PRESENTATION BY KIER Re: Re-surfacing work on the A49

Owing to the complaints received last time Kier did works to the A49 at night, the necessary re-surfacing works are to take place during the daytime. This will be remedial work owing to surface deterioration and structural deterioration.

This work will take place in the school holidays from 22nd July to 23rd August, therefore there will be a road closure from Wilton to Winters Cross, with a diversion down the A4137. The closure will be from 9.00a.m. to 4p.m. weekdays only.

Access will available to all businesses during this time and the final finish should be smoother and quieter.

05/19 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th May 2018 be signed as a true record of the meeting.

05/19 4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Following the Local Government elections Cllr Elissa Swinglehurst (Conservative Party) was re-elected as our Ward Councillor for Llangarron and we look forward to continuing working with her through the coming year. At Parish Council we are set to welcome Junior Brandt, who has stepped forward to serve on our Parish Council having moved with his family into the Parish two years ago – Junior was elected on to the council at the uncontested election on May 2nd.

Fortunately, following a relatively mild winter, our local preparations and resilience weren't overly tested, with our local grit stock and spreader being used to target footpaths and bus stops. But now Spring has sprung and maintenance of our trees, footpaths and the Common increases. In addition to two new benches having been installed on the Common and an additional litter bin, two litter picks were organised by the Parish Council as part of the national 'GB Spring Clean' event clearing three bags of litter from our public spaces. Thank you to those parishioners who took part and to those who regularly pick up litter and mow verges and footpaths, helping to keep our village looking beautiful. Community really does matter!

The Parish Council has continued to actively influence matters that bring change to our community – our Neighbourhood Development Plan now influences all Planning Applications and we proactively engage and partake in consultation with partner agencies and bodies, representing our community.

Two Planning Applications for the Shop site in the centre of our village have been submitted – whilst all are keen to see that the site is improved, with the Shop and Post Office being maintained and supported, an acceptable proposal has not yet been achieved and the most recent application has now been withdrawn.

Following intervention by the Parish Council and through liaison with the Environment Agency flood alleviation work is also being carried out by the land owner to prevent seasonal, localised flooding of Wellsbrook which blocks access to local homes and businesses. We are also currently consulting with Kier (working on behalf of Highways England) regarding forthcoming resurfacing works on the A49, to ensure the impact from the essential work is minimised.

Looking ahead, as well as the annual Village Show and village Fete to look forward to, the Peterstow vintage car and tractor rally is being revived, with thanks to Cllr Paul Speed. So here's hoping we have a wonderful summer to enjoy our beautiful, thriving village.

Finally, THANK YOU to our Councillors, our Clerk and all those that continue to support both our Council, local businesses and community.

05/19 5. OPEN DISCUSSION

None.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00p.m.