

PETERSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3rd JULY, 2019 IN PETERSTOW VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 p.m.

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

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

07/19 1. APOLOGIES

None.

07/19 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

07/19 3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATION REQUESTS

Cllr. Lown declared an interest in Item 8.2 – Car event.

07/19 4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16th May, 2019, be signed as a true record of the meeting.

07/19 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 New bench adjacent to footpath PO5: The bench has been purchased and is on site.

07/19 6. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

6.1 Litter picking kit: A kit would cost between £30/£40, it was **agreed** by all to purchase one. Cllr. Lown would action.

6.2 Good Neighbour Scheme: Cllr. Hunter is looking into this scheme and will report back at the September meeting.

6.3 Support your local business during road works: As we haven't heard any more from HE and we want to minimise the impact to the shops and businesses, who have heard nothing from HE/Kier Cllr. Lown will contact Kier to make sure the works are going ahead and ask them to liaise with the local shop etc.

6.4 Community laptop & projector: The projector is still used, but not the laptop, which is at least 8/9years old. It was agreed, that we will remove it from the asset register, and destroy the hard drive.

6.5 Footpath Officer: Cllr. Straker offered to become the Footpath Officer for the coming year.

07/19 7. PLANNING

Applications.

173774: Biddlestone Farm, Llangarron

To erect up to 28 hectares of fixed (i.e.non-rotating) 'Spanish' polytunnels over arable (soft fruit) crops.

173775: Biddlestone Orchard, Llangarron

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

173776: Biddlestone Orchard, Llangarron

The retention of 6 existing caravans/replacement residential demountable modular 'pods' and the installation of 6 demountable modular welfare (on-residential) buildings (toilets, mess etc).

173777: Biddlestone Orchard, Llangarron

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

173778: Biddlestone Orchard, Llangarron

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

173779: Biddlestone Orchard, Llangarron

Covered elevated lorry dock/loading platform

173780: Biddlestone Orchard, Llangarron

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

The comments for these 7 applications can be viewed on the Parish Council website and also the Herefordshire Council website

Works to trees in a Conservation Area

191827: St Peters Church

Proposed works to four Yew trees – reduce in height and band to shrink overall size to match other Yews in churchyard previously worked on....No objection

191828: Land at Peterstow Common

Proposed works to Ash- Remove dead wood due to proximity to bench, and crown lift tree, removing far reaching lower limbs to reduce reach and weight of tree limbs and thus risk of snapping. This work required due to proximity to road, phone lines, and proximity to public access road...No objection

PP – Approval of details reserved by condition

174539: Land adjacent to Hightown Cottage

Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 attached to planning permission 171610 & 162765

Permission

190408: Orchard House

Change of use of land to domestic curtilage, proposed extension to existing garage, proposed shed, proposed gas tank (to be buried) and repositioning of existing shepherds hut.

Proposed domestic store building and alteration to access to South West of Orchard House

Works to trees within a Conservation Area: Works Allowed

191309: Krylegate

Proposed reduction of row of Cypress trees

191827: St Peters Church

As above

07/19 8. REPORTS

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

8.2 Car event on 20th August on Peterstow Common: Cllr. Speed said this was an unofficial event, trying to keep it low key, and it is progressing well. This event is completely independent of the Parish Council, and any liabilities are the responsibility of the organisers.

07/19 9. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION SHEET

The Council noted the correspondence received and clerk’s information sheet.

H.C. Allowance scheme for Parish & Town Councils: it was **agreed** that we would stay as we are, with an allowance for the chairman only.

07/19 10 WEBSITE – UPDATE:

Ask if we can have a hit counter & be mobile optimised.

07/19 11. ROAD/SPEED CAMPAIGN

A meeting has been arranged with Highways England for Wednesday 17th July. Cllr. Lown & Cllr. Speed will represent the PC.

We had received two emails from parishioners concerned about the speeding on the A49 through the parish, Cllr. Lown had informed them of the forthcoming meeting with HE, and we will keep them updated.

07/19 12. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH – Update

There has been one session since the May meeting, need more volunteers.

07/19 13. FINANCES

13.1 Bank Account Balances.

03.07.19 Current Account..... £8043.25

03.07.19 Deposit Account..... £4640.93

13.2 Receipts.... None

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

Community First..Insurance...£256.68

Terry Griffiths..Amenities... £182.40

P.M.Newton..salary...paid

HMRC...PAYE... £ 38.40

Glasdon UK...Bench... £731.96

07/19 14. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS/MATTERS FOR NEXT MEETING

Cllr. Brandt was concerned that the common was not being cut in a satisfactory way. Cllr. Lown asked if we should let the common grow longer or stay as we are, having it cut monthly through the growing season. Cllr. Brandt asked if the council were in favour of a wild flower patch on the common. This will be discussed further at the Sept. meeting. Cllr. Brandt asked the council if they had any objection to flying birds of prey on the common. No objections. Wellsbrook Lane - update on Sept agenda.

07/19 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday 4th September, 2019 at 7.00p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20p.m.

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