

PETERSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th JANUARY, 2020 IN PETERSTOW VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. Rob Hunter (Acting Chairman), Sarah Beggs, Paul Speed, and Jonathan Straker.

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

01/20 1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs. Martin Lown, and Paul Hopkins.

01/20 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

01/20 3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None were declared or requested.

01/20 4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6th November, 2019, be signed as a true record of the meeting.

01/20 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 Wellsbrook Lane drainage: The clerk had contacted the Locality Steward, who had spoken to the landowner and he is not willing to carry out the cleaning works on the water course. This has been passed back to the Drainage Team to plan further action. The **clerk** will chase this up and send in photos of the state of the lane.

5.2 Upkeep of common/wild flowers: Cllr. Straker has been finding out information from various organisations and will bring more information to the March meeting.

5.3 White lines U71014 and 40mph sign Bowers Lane: The request to have the white lines reinstated and the 40mph sign refreshed, was denied by Balfour Beatty. The **clerk** will ask the Locality Steward if we can pay them to do these repairs, as per Community Commissioning.

01/20 6. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

6.1 Good Neighbour Scheme: We had 25 responses from the questionnaire, 92% left at the shop and 8% online. Help with shopping and transport were the biggest needs and someone to chat to, form filling, repairs and gardening and also help to clear paths in adverse weather conditions. It was decided, there was not enough interest to proceed ourselves, but we would contact Sellack, who run a scheme and see about joining forces possibly.

6.2 Donation from Peterstow Hall Committee/tree purchase: Cllr. Speed had spoken to Adam Cordy and this will be done, during the planting season.

6.3 Poppy wreath: Although we give a donation for the parish to buy a wreath, it was decided that in future the Parish Council would buy it's own wreath each year.

6.4 Managing verges for Biodiversity: We had received an email from Balfour Beatty. The verges are usually cut twice a year, but some parishes have requested that their verges are only cut in the autumn. After discussion it was decided that we would ask for our verges to be cut twice yearly.

6.5 Bus stop opposite Everstone Rise: A parishioner was concerned that there was no hard standing at this bus stop. This has been raised with Herefordshire Council and it is on the list of locations that require improvement. This work would need to be funded by Highways England, work carried out by Balfour Beatty, the **clerk** will chase this up.

01/20 7. PLANNING

Application

193978: Masons Potato Yard, Dadnor

Proposed 4 no. dwellings...No objection, but the landscape & planting scheme is a condition of the application.

Works to trees within a Conservation Area: Works Allowed

193442: Kyrlegate, Peterstow

Removal of sycamore situated amongst leylandii. Tree only discovered once work to reduce leylandii took place. Sycamore is now protruding from top of leylandii trees and is not a pretty specimen due to growing up through existing trees.

01/20 8. REPORTS

9.1 Herefordshire Council: The councillors had all received Cllr. Swinglehurst's latest report.

01/20 9. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION SHEET

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

01/20 10 WEBSITE/FACEBOOK – UPDATE:

All okay.

01/20 11. ROAD/SPEED CAMPAIGN

Although the clerk had contacted Highways England twice for approval to have a SID on the north bound side of the A49. Still no response, the clerk will keep trying.

01/20 12. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH – Update

Training had been given to the new volunteers, so sessions should start to take place again.

01/20 13. FINANCES

13.1 Bank Account Balances.

08.01.20 Current Account..... £8804.11

08.01.20 Deposit Account..... £4647.92

13.2 Receipts.... None

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

Clerk's salary...paid

HMRC..PAYE...££38.60

St Peter's Hall Comm..printing...£38.60

It was **agreed** by all to transfer £4000 to the deposit account.

01/20 14. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS/MATTERS FOR NEXT MEETING

Cllr. Straker asked who we would contact to extend the roadside footpath through Winters Cross, the **clerk** will contact Highways England.

The clerk asked if it would be okay to change the date of the May meeting, it was agreed to change it to Wednesday 20th May.

01/20 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday 4th March, 2020 at 7.00p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.09p.m.

Signed.....

Date.....

