

PETERSTOW PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 5th JANUARY 2022 AT 7 PM IN ST PETER'S COMMUNITY HALL

Present: Cllrs Beggs (Chair), Brandt, Lampert, Roe, Straker and Underwood (who joined the meeting at 19.58pm).

In attendance: Cllr Elissa Swinglehurst (Ward Councillor).
Paul Hayden (Clerk).

Public: NONE.

1/22 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Hunter.

2/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & WRITTEN DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None declared or requested.

3/22 PUBLIC SESSION

3.1/22 Cllr Swinglehurst reported little change from her November meeting report due to the festive break. No matters were raised.

4/22 MINUTES FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD 3rd NOVEMBER 2021

RESOLVED: The minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

5/22 PLANNING

5.1/22 Planning Consultation – 214434 – Owl Corner, Buckcastle Hill, Bridstow. Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval (APP/W1850/W/20/3255995 – Site for erection of new dormer bungalow).

RESOLVED: To submit previous comment requesting that planners take account of drainage concerns relating to the drainage of surface water into Wellsbrook and the fact that the Wellsbrook floods onto local roads rendering the road impassable for pedestrians and dangerous for all road users and the potential for negative impact on the dwellings along Wellsbrook Lane.

6/22 FINANCE

6.1/22 The reports from the Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) were considered and accepted.

6.2/22 The following payments were considered by members:

6.2.1/22 Terry Griffiths Contracts inv. TGC1692 £15.00 plus VAT.

6.2.2/22 Clerk's November 2021 and December 2021 salary £461.50.

6.2.3/22 Autela payroll services inv. 7708 £43.50 plus VAT.

RESOLVED: All payments were approved.

7/22 ROSS-ON-WYE TOWN COUNCIL CITIZENS ADVICE OUTREACH SERVICE FUNDING REQUEST

Members considered a request for financial support and it was **RESOLVED** to:

- Give £100.
- Request support material showing Peterstow residents how to access services.

- Request service usage statistics for 2022.

8/22 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP)

Cllr Beggs has received from the planning consultant the 'Review of NDP Report'. Once reviewed and any amendments made, it is planned to submit to the Herefordshire Council for their preliminary advice as to whether any of the proposed changes are substantial; assuming the changes are not considered substantial the amended NDP will be presented to the parish council at their meeting on the 2nd March 2022 to be held in abeyance until needed. It was **RESOLVED:**

- To reconstitute the NDP steering group to review and comment on this report and draft NDP.
- Cllr Beggs to ensure all invoices received to allow completion of the grant return by the required date.

9/22 HEREFORDSHIRE LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

Almost completed but awaiting some final input from planning consultant.

RESOLVED: Cllr Beggs will circulate completed document to members but is not to wait for comments to meet 17th January submission deadline.

10/22 FLOOD PLAINS CONSULTATION

RESOLVED: Cllr Brandt will respond on behalf of Peterstow PC.

11/22 FOOTPATHS REPORT

The Footpaths Officer (FO) verbal report was considered. It was **RESOLVED:**

- Peterstow Loop - FO liaising with Ross-on-Wye Walkers Are Welcome Group to replace faded path signs. Ongoing.
- FO will clarify with HC/BBLP if BW21 is a bridle-way or a footpath and inform Cllr Underwood.
- Cllr Underwood will discuss with landowner their request to replace the broken gate at BW21 Kyrle's Cross with a gate suitable for horse riders and progress with landowner and BBLP.
- FO will contact Bridstow Parish Council to discuss jointly improving a muddy path following confirmation that the muddy path which crosses Peterstow and Bridstow parish boundaries is on land belonging to a farm in Bridstow parish.

12/22 FOOTPATH ALONG A49

Members discussed footpath along the A49. Hedge recently cut, but waste had not been removed. **RESOLVED:** To discuss at March PC meeting.

13/22 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE (SID) GUIDELINES AND STATISTICS

The Clerk queried whether the SIDs were compliant with current highways regulations. Members considered that both SIDs are.

Members considered the new SID statistics circulated by Cllr Hunter:

- Period covered 19th September 2021 to 1st October 2021.
- 58% of vehicles detected by the SID are speeding.
- Statistics show that vehicles do slow down and that the SID is having a positive impact.
- There are more speeders between 7pm and 6am.
- 178 vehicles per day go through the SID at more than 60mph (40mph zone).

Cllr Hunter has shared these statistics with the Police Community Support Officer for Peterstow.

Cllr Beggs is organising Community Speed Watch sessions and will speak to PSCO Hall to arrange a speed survey in Winters Cross following a resident complaint. Cllr Beggs will also discuss with the BBLP locality Steward the possibility of siting a SID in the 50mph zone at Winters Cross. It was **RESOLVED**: Cllr Hunter requested to swap the SIDs to collect speed data from the other end of the village.

Members discussed the requirement for a pedestrian crossing previously discussed with the highways authority. It was **RESOLVED**: Cllr Hunter requested he resume this discussion.

14/22 WEBSITE STATISTICS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Cllr Brandt updated members. Website visitor statistics slowed over the Christmas period, but are as expected.

15/22 GOV.UK DOMAIN

Members considered the pros and cons about moving to a gov.uk domain. There are some practical difficulties which might require a new hosting service and probable website rebuild. It was **RESOLVED**: Not to move to a gov.uk domain at present.

16/22 COMMON MEADOW REVIEW

Cllr Underwood's written report was considered. Key points included:

- Tree specialist completed assessment of trees on the common. Zero risks identified by the tree specialist.
- Some dead trees and tree pruning work identified in area known as 'scrubland' to the west of the Common. **RESOLVED**: Cllr Underwood will ask the tree specialist to send a quote to the Clerk to progress clearing and pruning work.
- Mountbatten House tree boundary and area of scrubland thought to be owned by Duchy. **RESOLVED**: Cllr Underwood will confirm ownership of scrubland for next meeting.
- Damaged Jubilee tree replacement will be planted when it is strong enough and commemorative plaque restored.
- Jubilee tree canopy co-ordinator contacted but little response. **RESOLVED**: to stop work on this and to plant the two trees received from Herefordshire Council when they are strong enough on the Common and affix plaques celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
- Members considered the proposed Peterstow Common meadow area and mowing plan. **RESOLVED**: Plan adopted and Cllr Underwood is to request Peterstow Times to publish the plan and also to publish on the PPC website.

17/22 LIGHT POLLUTION ON OLD LANE

Very bright lights installed by householder on Old Lane resulting in a number of complaints. Herefordshire Council Environmental Health advice sought.

RESOLVED: To be assessed during autumn period and reviewed at the March 2022 meeting.

18/22 WASTE BIN BY BUS STOP

Members considered the parish council provided waste-bins and the issue of them blowing over and also purchasing a new waste-bin for the bus-stop opposite Yew Tree Park at £222.80 incl.

carriage and VAT. It was also agreed that all parish council provided waste-bins will carry a Peterstow Parish Council marking.

RESOLVED: Cllr Lampert to discuss with the parish contractor ways to securely fix the waste-bins so they cannot blow over and to purchase and install a waste-bin for the bus-stop opposite Yew Tree Park.

19/22 OLD CHAPEL OVERGROWN GREENERY

New owner identified and has addressed issue.

RESOLVED: Remove item from agenda.

20/22 MATTERS FOR THE NEXT SCHEDULED PC MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 2nd MARCH 2022 7PM IN

ST PETER'S COMMUNITY HALL:

NDP review document.

Herefordshire Local Plan Update.

Floodplains consultation.

Footpaths report.

A49 footpath.

SID statistics from other end of village.

Community Speed Watch.

Pedestrian crossing.

Website statistics and social media.

Common meadow review.

Light pollution Old Lane.

PPC waste bins.

PPC support for community events in St Peter's Community Hall.

HGV use of unsuitable roads/do not follow Sat Nav signs.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.26pm.

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These minutes were approved at the parish council meeting held on Wednesday 16th March 2022.