

PETERSTOW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Peterstow Parish Council on
Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 7.00pm at St Peters Hall, Peterstow

Present: Cllr's Brian Roe (Chairman), Sarah Beggs, Rachel Underwood & Rebecca Fletcher

In attendance: Claire Hall (Peterstow Parish Clerk)

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were RECEIVED and ACCEPTED from Cllr Lampert, Cllr Straker and Ward Cllr Swinglehurst.

2. To receive declarations of interest & written dispensation requests.

None

3. To consider the minutes of the previous meetings held on Wednesday 10th January 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th January 2024 were APPROVED as accurate & signed by Cllr Roe.

4. Open Session

A period of 10 minutes to receive views of local residents on parish matters - No views received.

5. Finance

5.1 To consider payment of all outstanding invoices within budget, including but not limited to:

5.1.1 HALC Fees – April 2024 – March 2025 – H2071 - £587.76 - Approved

5.1.2 Terry Griffiths Contracts - TGC2565 - £87.12 – Bins Account - Approved

5.1.3 Terry Griffiths Contracts - TGC2555 - £528.00 – Roads Account - Approved

5.1.4 Terry Griffiths Contracts - TGC25801 - £840.00 – Roads Account - Approved

5.1.5 Terry Griffiths Contracts - TGC2604 - £87.12 – Bins Account - Approved

5.1.6 Clerks Expenses - Approved

5.1.7 To acknowledge payment of the Clerks January & February Wages, as determined by the payroll provider – Acknowledged & approved

5.2 Switch to Lloyds – Due to Cllr Straker being unwell, the paperwork for Lloyds has unfortunately not been completed. The decision has been made for ALL Councillors to be made signatories with the Clerk starting this process once again prior to the May meeting in hope that all Councillors will be present to sign the relevant paperwork.

6. Planning

Cllr Roe to advise if any further communication has taken place with the planning officer and the reasoning behind granting permission to the affordable housing on Lowcrop Meadow. Cllr Roe has submitted a full report to the Council on discussions held with Simon Withers from Hereford Council. This is to be issued alongside these minutes.

Also to note & further discuss that the land in question is up for sale on the open market. Cllr Underwood has confirmed that the land has now been marked as sold. It is also noted that there is an active badger set near the development sight.

7. Road Safety:

7.1 Cllr Roe to provide an update on his communication with Highways. Cllr Roe has submitted a report on his communication with Highways. This is to be issued alongside these minutes.

The PC will send all copies of communication with Highways to Jesse Norman.

7.2 Consider email from Cllr Swinglehurst with regards to a SID at Winters cross/Pengethley

The Clerk will discuss with Cllr Lampert about previous investigations in this matter and possible locations for a new SID. There is no budget within the 2024/2025 financial year to fund this, but the Council will look into this further with the possibility of budgeting for this within the 2025/2026 financial year.

7.3 Discuss the speed readings provided by Simon Hall at West Mercia Police from 10th January.

Findings show that the presence of the speed check within the village slowed the traffic down. Further investigations would be beneficial to help reduce the speed of the traffic.

7.4 Update from Cllr Underwood on the clearing of the speed van area

Cllr Underwood in discussions with Adam Cordy and is also waiting for the Tree Preservation Officer to get back in touch with her.

7.5 Discuss the high banking on the exit from the church lane onto the A49

Cllr Underwood has emailed Highways with further information and a WhatThreeWords location. She is waiting for further communication from them.

8. Other

8.1 Consider quotes for new village notice board.

The Clerk to write to the Village Shop to discuss replacing the old notice board before going ahead with the order. A larger notice board was the preference.

8.2 To discuss the Common and complaints received from locals.

The Clerk to respond to the email received about dogs being kept on leads on the Common. It was decided that the Council would not impose any restriction on dog walkers, requesting that any mess made was cleaned up by the owners. With regards to noise complaints this is not a Parish Council matter, and the Clerk would respond to the complaints on an individual basis.

8.3 To discuss the Lengthsman activities including the drainage/ditch works responded to by the road leading to the Common from the East.

This work has been completed and an invoice has been submitted.

8.4 Discuss the Lengthsman Grant

The Clerk to chase the Lengthsman once again, all invoices need to be submitted by the end of March 2024.

Other Matters

It was noted that Travellers have set up on Peterstow Common. Cllr Underwood to investigate giving them notice for two weeks (the permitted time they are able to stay). Cllr Roe to supply further information that he has from the previous Chairman.

Cllr Underwood to write to Locals with regards to damage and rutting caused on the Common asking that the area is made good.

Meeting closed at 20.50

Signed: 

Dated: 08/05/2024