

PEOPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th November 2024 at 7.30pm in Peopleton Village Hall

1. **Members and Officers present:** Cllrs Mason (Chair), Bailey, Phillips, Harbon, Darby, Killoran and District and County Cllr Robinson. Four members of the public attended.

Apologies received from: Cllrs Wall, Povey and MacCalman

2. **Declarations of Interest:** None

Public Question Time

The time allocated is at the discretion of the council/chairman. Residents are invited to give their views and question the parish council on issues on this agenda or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the chairman. Members of the public may not take part in the parish council meeting itself. This period is not part of the formal meeting; brief notes will be appended to the minutes as an aide memoire.

3. **Minutes-** The minutes from the Meeting held on Wednesday 11th September 2024 were approved as true and correct as proposed by Cllr Phillips and seconded by Cllr Harbon.

4. **District and County Councillors report**

NHS Covid & Flu vaccine has started to protect against a Winter Tripledemic

Eligible groups for the flu vaccine include pregnant women, children aged two or three years old, primary and secondary school children, and those aged 65 and over. Autumn Covid vaccine is available to care home residents, adults over 65 and front-line health and social care workers.

The flu vaccine can also be booked at pharmacies, and there are walk-in sites for the Covid-19 vaccine. The NHS has already invited more than 11 million people to come forward for vaccination. GP practices and other NHS services will also be contacting people to offer both vaccines. However, eligible individuals do not have to wait for an invitation to book.

Vaccinations will take place at GP surgeries, pharmacies, and pop-up clinics in the community. Last year, the NHS vaccinated more than 3.3 million people in the Midlands with the flu vaccine and more than 2.2 million people with the Covid vaccine.

Roz Lindridge, Midlands NHS England director responsible for vaccinations, said: "With new figures showing thousands of deaths associated with Covid and flu in recent years, it is clear the threat of winter viruses is all too real and it is vital that anyone eligible takes up the offer to get vaccinated. "There are many slots available with GP practices, pharmacies, and other NHS teams offering quick and easy appointments, so please do look at the NHS App, NHS websites, or call 119 to book your appointment.

"It could keep you out of hospital this winter."

County Planning:

I have attached this flyer to give a flavour as to what applications County and its Planning Committee of which I am vice Chairman consider. As you can see it is quite different and generally more strategic than the applications that are dealt with at our District Council in Wychavon

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Bin lorries helping find mobile black spots in Worcestershire

MOBILE signal trackers are being fitted in bin lorries to help find Worcestershire's mobile black spots.

Residents and businesses are also being asked to play their part by letting the council know when and where they experience poor connectivity.

Equipment being placed in bin lorries will measure mobile signals across the county over the next few weeks will allow Worcestershire County Council and network mapping company Streetwave to collect detailed street-level data.

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This will then be used to lobby the government, network operators and telecoms watchdog Ofcom to improve connectivity in the county.

5. **Planning:** There were no new planning applications to consider

6. **Progress reports:**

a) Chairman's- TM

Cllrs Mason, Wall and Robinson met with Wychavon Council officials last month regarding ongoing enforcement issues within the village and to try and explain some parishioner frustrations, however no further immediate solutions to current issues can be sought at present.

A number of residents have noted heavy vehicles moving through the village on a regular daily basis entering and exiting Stone Arrow Farm, often too wide for the highway and travelling through at busy periods such as school finishing times causing environmental and safety concerns. Cllrs enquired as to possible weight restrictions through the village and requested this is investigated with WCC Highways department- Cllr Robinson to enquire on feasibility.

Cllr Harbon attended a meeting regarding the Beltane Bash on behalf of the Parish Council, as yet the event is not confirmed in Peopleton for 2025. If it does go ahead Wychavon will require more event plans from the organisers and Cllr Harbon requested if the live music could stop at midnight, which was agreed to in principle.

Cllrs Mason and Phillips had met and discussed email use within the Parish Council and wanted to share with all Councillors how emails should be kept to a minimum, be factual avoiding personal opinions and emails should not expect an immediate response. Where possible items should be discussed within meetings not by email and additional meetings can be called if required.

b) Village Trust- LB

Bookings are still good and this could prove to be the second record turnover year for the Village hall.

Soup lunches are still popular and there was a successful bingo night held on 25th October.

Playing field security has been discussed and options considered.

A black tie event is planned by the Cricket Club on 23rd November at the hall.

c) Village shop-TM

A good summer but since then sales have lowered, hoping that this will pick up over winter.

d) Community policing charter-DH

There has been an increase in crime incidents within the village over recent weeks with a vehicle stolen opposite the shop and a house burglary with an attempted vehicle theft. The Church has also reported a stolen vacuum cleaner.

e) Lengthsman-LB

Nothing to report- all going well

f) Rights of Way-LB

BT manhole cover still not fixed on the turn off the A44 into Peopleton.

Track by Barrells Bridge is on the list for highways to look at but low priority currently.

g) Flooding (report sent from DW)

In contrast to many other villages who have suffered this Autumn with the high rainfall levels Peopleton has escaped this and the flood alleviation scheme has thankfully worked well.

Following correspondence from a parishioner on Norchard Lane the ditches were inspected by Wychavon officers who do not for see any immediate risk or obstructions. As Severn Trent Water are one of the landowners they have been contacted by the Clerk and made aware that the area must be maintained, and a case engineer has been assigned to it.

h) Website

Cllr Mason explained that an event was published on the website using an old image which was copyright protected and therefore a fine has been incurred for £300. Since the website is shared by the Parish Council, The Shop and the Village Trust it seemed sensible that the fine be split three ways at £100 each. This was proposed by Cllr Mason and seconded by Cllr Phillips with all in agreement.

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Mark Constanduros has since been through all of the website and removed any images that may have copyright.

7. Finance

a) Bank Balance- As of 22nd October the bank balance is:

Treasurers Account £9,469.04
Business Instant Account £14,533.44

b) The following payments were agreed to be paid for September and October:

Lengthsman September	£192.00
Clerk's salary	£537.56
Clerk's expenses	£76.45
Westcotec (VAS battery)	£109.80
PATA Payroll	£16.85
Limebridge September	£468.00
Limebridge October	£468.00
HMRC Clerk tax	£45.00
Lengthsman October	£120.00
Copyright fine (reimbursed to Cllr Mason)	£100.00

The Clerk also shared correspondence from Lloyds Bank that like many other Parish Council's their account was being changed to a Community Account incurring a monthly £4.50 fee to bank with them.

c) Budget requirements

The Clerk shared that the budget for 2025/26 will need to be confirmed at the January meeting and so any additional costs/ projects for the year must be considered before then.

8. Land acquisition Monk's Way

The purchase of Lomax Field is still not complete as yet, there have been a couple of outstanding issues regarding land boundaries, but the process is still moving forward.

9. Streetlights

Following parishioner requests Cllr Killoran wanted to raise if any more streetlighting would be possible along Main Street, particularly on the stretch leading to the Village Hall which is very dark and the footpath is uneven, additional lighting may also help alleviate crime incidents in the village.

Cllr Bailey shared that it has been discussed in the past and the majority of residents were not in favour of additional lighting as it takes away from the fabric of the village and the cost would be high for the Parish Council.

Cllrs however did agree that the stretch up before the Village Hall was very dark and so if a low-cost solution such as solar lighting could be found it would be worth considering- Cllr Killoran agreed to look into costs and solutions further and share at the next meeting.

10. Information Board

Cllr Killoran share that the board was quite small and could possibly be replaced with a larger one to incorporate the maps too with some solar lighting built into it. Cllr Bailey shared that a price had been obtained earlier in the year but it was expensive- he will find out the quote to share with the Parish Council again.

11. Youth Council

Cllr Killoran circulated some information to all Cllrs before the meeting regarding the possibility of setting up a Youth Council for Peopleton, affectively emulating a Parish Council for the youths within the village. Some

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other areas already operate one, such as Pershore and there is support from Wychavon and Calc to help set up such schemes.

Cllr Killoran suggested the first point would be to gauge interest from the village on whether it would be well received and where to reach out to the youth to find this out as it may not be the usual Village Newsletter and noticeboard to get their views.

It was agreed that first steps might be a meeting including Cllr Dan Boatright- Greene and Lucy Bird (Health and Wellbeing Officer) to see how they recommend sharing with the village and reaching out to the youth to gauge interest on the project and then go from there- Cllr Killoran agreed to arrange a meeting.

Cllr Darby shared that he had been involved with similar schemes for other clubs and to just be aware that sometimes there was an element of frustration when projects/ actions agreed don't manifest quick enough into reality.

Cllr Robinson suggested possibly approaching Pershore Youth Club for feedback as she had invested some divisional funds into transport enabling youth from the villages such as Peopleton to attend the Pershore Youth club and so that might be a good starting point.

12. Correspondence:

None to report

13. Future agenda items and reports

Councillors commented on the light pollution coming from Rotherdale farm due to the shutters not always being closed/ operating correctly at the Greenhouses- Cllr Robinson to look into.

14. Date of next meeting: This will be held on Wednesday 15th January at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Signed

Dated.....

Future meetings
November

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One parishioner commented as to why the village there is no weight limit on vehicles through the village and that large vehicles passing through have also caused manhole covers to sink.

One parishioner wanted further action regarding enforcement issues in the village and requested email addresses for the enforcement officer and the Head of Wychavon