

PYONS GROUP PARISH COUNCIL (PGPC)

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF PYONS GROUP PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2022 AT CANON PYON PARISH HALL

Present: Cllrs Barber, Bowen-Jones, Davies, Dickson, Perruzza (Chairman), Shubert, Spooner, Thomas.

In attendance: Cllr Michael Jones (Ward Councillor).
Paul Hayden (Clerk).
Mr David Ferguson, Friends of Westhope, joined the meeting at 8.30 pm.
3 members of the public.

2021/141 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies accepted from Cllrs Murray, Pugh and Ray.

2021/142 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None declared or requested.

2021/143 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

The minutes of the ordinary meeting of PGPC held on the 4th January 2022 and the extraordinary meeting of PGPC held on the 24th January 2022 were agreed to be true records of both meetings.

2021/144 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The notice of vacancy for a parish councillor for Canon Pyon Parish has been published on Herefordshire Council (HC) website and notices are on the parish noticeboards and PGPC website.

2021/145 PUBLIC SESSION

2021/145.1 Cllr Jones' verbal report was considered. Key points included:

- HC have appointed 4 new directors to head up service delivery.
- HC have identified 8 sites for reed bed attenuation ponds to address the phosphate issue affecting the River Lugg.
- Additional support secured to address the backlog of planning applications; expected to be cleared by the 31st March 2022.
- £6k grant available for businesses in Herefordshire impacted by COVID Omicron.
- Overwhelming support for two motions: (1) water protection zone around the River Wye system established to address pollution issue. Involves Environment Agency, Natural Resources Wales and Natural England; (2) lower noise fireworks on Council owned parks.
- Full meeting of Council 11 February 2022 to discuss budget. Proposed 1.99% uplift in general council tax plus 1% uplift for Adult Social Care (total 2.99%). Alternatively, a 0% increase budget is likely to be presented.
- PROW and TRO brought back inhouse from 31st January 2022. No details on how this will operate currently available.
- Lengthsman scheme drainage grants available.

2021/146 PLANNING

2021/146.1 Planning Consultation – 214525 – Rose Cottage, Bush Bank, Hereford HR4 8EW. Proposed extension and alterations.

RESOLVED: To support application.

2021/146.2 Planning Consultation – 214013 – Fullbridge Farm House, Westhope, Hereford, HR4 8BN. Proposed change of use of land to provide a hard tennis court.

RESOLVED: To support application.

2021/147 FINANCE

2021/147.1 The finance reports from the Responsible Finance Officer were accepted.

2021/147.2 The following payment was considered and approved for payment:

2021/147.2.1 Richard Mills invoice no. 3566 for £523.60 plus VAT.

2021/148 REQUEST TO SUPPORT NEW PLAY PARK AT CANON PYON

Members considered this request. Mr S Dewar, chair of trustees, Canon Pyon Playing Field Association had previously provided an overview of plans for the proposed new play park and requested financial support from the parish council. They have raised £40k to complete phase one and have requested £8k from PGPC.

RESOLVED: The clerk requested to complete a due diligence appraisal of the project and to explore the feasibility of obtaining a public works loan for the requested £8k.

2021/149 HIGHWAYS/ LENGTHSMAN/ FOOTPATHS

Deferred to next meeting.

2021/150 PEDESTRIAN FOOTPATH TO CANON PYON C of E ACADEMY

Members considered this request and determined that it is not feasible on the basis of meeting HC/BBLP adoption requirements and cost. **RESOLVED:** Item to be removed from agenda.

2021/151 SANDBAG STORAGE AT CANON PYON

An 8 foot by 8 foot shipping container currently costs between £2,000 and £3,000 delivered. Members determined this was expensive, but expect prices to fall during the summer.

RESOLVED: Cllr Shubert requested to monitor prices and purchase should the price fall to £1,800 delivered.

2021/152 WINTER MAINTENANCE

25 x 25kg bags of rock salt have been purchased and L. Evans & Son Ltd have agreed to store for PGPC. Cllr Perruzza agreed to act as point of contact.

RESOLVED: Cllr Perruzza to clarify location of grit spreader for the next meeting.

2021/153 PGPC FLOOD GROUP

Not met as yet. **RESOLVED:** Cllr Dickson agreed to arrange the first meeting.

2021/154 ASH TREE COMPLAINT

The ash tree is not believed to be on PGPC land.

RESOLVED: Cllr Dickson requested to clarify who is responsible for the ash tree for the next meeting.

2021/155 REPAIRS AT KILBULLOCK

RESOLVED: Cllrs Perruzza and Ray to report on this matter at the next meeting.

2021/156 HM QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Members considered activities and organisation who might be interested in supporting. It was **RESOLVED:** Cllrs Perruzza, Shubert and Spooner, along with Mr David Ferguson (Friends of Westhope) will form a group to consider options and formalise a delivery plan. Cllr Perruzza will arrange the first meeting.

2021/157 FUTURE MEETING DATES

Members feel the current Tuesday meeting day is difficult for consistent attendance.

RESOLVED: Clerk requested to explore option of moving to a Thursday meeting day.

2021/158 MATTERS RAISED FOR NEXT MEETING

Pound repairs.

Broadband at Canon Pyon Parish Hall.

Playpark at Canon Pyon.

Highways/ Lengthsman/ Footpaths.

Sandbag storage at Canon Pyon.

Location of grit spreader.

PGPC flood group.

Ash tree complaint.

Kilbullock repairs.

Platinum Jubilee celebration.

Future meeting dates.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 1st March 2022, 7.30 pm at Canon Pyon Parish Hall

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.51 pm.

Signed:

Date:

These minutes were approved at the ordinary meeting of PGPC held on Tuesday 1st March 2022.