

PYONS GROUP PARISH COUNCIL (PGPC)

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF PYONS GROUP PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 1st MARCH 2022 AT CANON PYON PARISH HALL

Present: Cllrs Bowen-Jones, Dickson (chair), Pugh, Spooner, and Thomas.

In attendance: Cllr Michael Jones (Ward Councillor).
Paul Hayden (Clerk).
2 members of the public.

2021/159 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies accepted from Cllrs Barber, Murray, Perruzza, and Ray.
Absent – Cllr Davies.

2021/160 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None declared or requested.

2021/161 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

RESOLVED: The minutes of the ordinary meeting of the PGPC held on the 8th February 2022 were agreed to be true and accurate record of the meeting.

2021/162 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Have received confirmation form Herefordshire Council Electoral Services that PGPC can co-opt a suitably qualified person. Advert on parish website.

RESOLVED: Advert to be placed in Pyonaer. Clerk to organise.

2021/163 PUBLIC SESSION

2021/163.1 Cllr Jones' verbal report was considered. Key points included:

- Herefordshire Council (HC) have earmarked £32 million for spending over the next 12 months. £5 million is going into infrastructure projects and £300,000 is to be spent on bus shelters to encourage bus use.
- Lengthsman scheme drainage grants available.
- 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%).
- PROW and TRO brought back inhouse from 31st January 2022. No details on how this will operate currently available.
- £15 shop local card available until the 31st March 2022. Free bus travel on weekends anywhere within Herefordshire available to the end of September 2022.

2021/163.2 Matters raised by local residents:

2021/163.2.1 Mr P. Hollywell raised planning application P213765/F for the consideration by the PGPC. This is a contentious application and PGPC submitted a robust objection to the application on the 5th January 2022. Mr Hollywell would like the application to be stopped now and for all time.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to investigate and return to PGPC members.

2021/163.2.2 Mr P. Palfrey raised two issues relating to a long running discussion with the PGPC for consideration: firstly damage caused by BT Openreach installing a fibre cable; secondly bulges in quarry boundary with the potential for landslip.

RESOLVED: Cllr Ray to ask parish Lengthsman to look at the problem and provide an assessment of problem scale and remedial work required, including cost.

2021/164 PLANNING

No planning consultations to consider.

2021/165 FINANCE

2021/165.1 The finance reports from the Responsible Finance Officer were accepted.

2021/165.2 **RESOLVED:** The following payments were considered and approved for payment:

2021/165.2.1 HALC affiliation and subscription fees £629.69 plus VAT.

2021/165.2.2 HALC recruitment fee £200 plus VAT.

2021/165.2.3 Clerk's expenses £103.10.

2021/166 DELEGATED POWERS TO THE NEW CLERK/RFO

RESOLVED: The following delegated powers were considered and approved:

2021/166.1 Spend within budget between meetings.

2021/166.2 Progression of previously agreed matters between meetings.

2021/166.3 Comments on planning applications, if required.

2021/167 UPDATING NON-SIGNATORY DETAILS ON PGPC BANKS ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED: Clerk authorised to request banks to update correspondence address and give Clerk non-signatory administrative authority.

2021/168 FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR NEW PLAY PARK AT CANON PYON

Clerk has booked a meeting with Mr S Dewar, chair of trustees, Canon Pyon Playing Field Association to complete a due diligence appraisal of the project and to explore the feasibility of obtaining a public works loan for the requested £8k.

RESOLVED: To consider at next meeting.

2021/169 HIGHWAYS/ LENGTHSMAN/ FOOTPATHS

Members considered the footpath report submitted by the parish footpaths officer (FO) and a pre-order consultation for a proposed public path diversion order for part of footpath CP7 to be re-routed from a busy farmyard making it safer for users. Members also considered the FO's resignation letter.

RESOLVED: Clerk to inform the agents that the PGPC have no objections to the proposed footpath diversion and the Chairman requested to write a letter of thanks for the excellent work the FO has done on behalf of the PGPC.

RESOLVED: Highways and Lengthsman reports deferred to next meeting.

2021/170 POUND REPAIRS

Members considered this request.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact C. Birks to ascertain progress.

2021/171 SANDBAG STORAGE AT CANON PYON

It was resolved at the previous meeting to purchase a suitable 8 foot by 8 foot shipping container and Cllr Shubert requested to monitor prices and purchase should the price fall to £1,800 delivered. **RESOLVED:** Cllr Shubert to continue to monitor prices.

2021/172 GRIT SPREADER & WINTER MAINTENANCE

RESOLVED: Cllr Dickson will store the grit spreader and rock salt at her home location.

2021/173 PGPC FLOOD GROUP

Not met as yet. Cllr Dickson has spoken to Mr Lee and matters have been delayed due to questions on insurance and liability. Once these have been resolved a meeting can be held. **RESOLVED:** Cllr Dickson to monitor and arrange the first meeting.

2021/174 ASH TREE COMPLAINT

Members considered the ash tree under complaint and responsibility.

RESOLVED: Cllr Dickson requested to report to BBLP and await their response.

2021/175 REPAIRS AT KILBULLOCK

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

2021/176 HM QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Cllr Dickson updated members on progress. Cllr Perruzza has called a meeting on the 9th March 2022 for invited groups to discuss plans.

RESOLVED: Cllrs Perruzza will update members at the next PGPC meeting

2021/177 FUTURE MEETING DATES

Members considered options for moving from the current Tuesday meeting day which some members are finding it difficult to attend on. The first Monday of each month seems to be a good meeting day. The absent councillors will need to be consulted.

RESOLVED: Clerk requested to explore the option of moving to the first Monday of each month with the remaining councillors and meeting venues and arrange meeting dates for the remainder of the year.

2021/178 BROADBAND FOR CANON PYON PARISH HALL (CPPH)

Members considered if the PGPC would have any use for broadband in the parish hall during their meetings. **RESOLVED:** Cllr Spooner to advise the CPPH committee that at present the PGPC do not require broadband for their meetings.

2021/179 LEDGEMOOR TELEPHONE KIOSK

Members considered a proposal from Cllr Thomas on an alternative location for the kiosk to that previously discussed. Cllr Thomas has been promised a defibrillator to be installed in the kiosk. The committee of Ledgemoor Club Room will need to give permission for the proposed location and connection to their electricity supply. The contractors will need to provide proof of appropriate insurances and a quote to connect the kiosk to the Club Room electricity is required.

RESOLVED: Cllr Thomas to liaise with Cllr Ray and to obtain required permission, insurance proof and electrician's quote.

2021/180 MATTERS RAISED FOR NEXT MEETING

Pound repairs.
Playpark at Canon Pyon.
Highways/ Lengthsman/ Footpaths.
Sandbag storage at Canon Pyon.
PGPC flood group.
Ash tree complaint.
Kilbullock repairs.
Platinum Jubilee celebration.
Bush Bank planning application P212634/F
NDP - Site D.
Ledgemoor – appearance of ‘Private Road’ signs.
Ledgemoor telephone kiosk.
Noticeboard maintenance.

Date of next meeting: Monday 4th April 2022, 7.30 pm at Canon Pyon Parish Hall

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Signed:

Date:

These minutes were approved at the meeting of the PGPC held on Monday the 4th April 2022.