

PYONS GROUP PARISH COUNCIL (PGPC)

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF PYONS GROUP PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2022 AT WESTHOPE CHURCH

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

In attendance: Cllr Michael Jones (Ward Councillor).
Mr Paul Hayden (Clerk).

Absent: Cllr Pugh and Mr Murphy (PFO).

Public: Five.

2022/106 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Davies and Murray.

2022/107 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None declared or requested.

2022/108 TO CO-OPT TO FILL THE TWO KINGS PYON COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Prospective parish councillors were invited to give a brief presentation on themselves, what skills they would bring to the Council, and how they would represent the views of Kings Pyon residents. A third candidate was expected and the Clerk invited anyone from the public present interested in filling the vacancy to make themselves known. There was no response and the third candidate was considered to be no longer interested in the vacancy.

RESOLVED: Jane Carr and Louise Evans were co-opted onto the parish council. Both completed and signed their declarations of acceptance of office of councillor and joined the meeting.

2022/109 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

The minutes of the ordinary meeting of PGPC held on the 2nd August 2022 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

2022/110 PUBLIC SESSION

2022/110.1 Members considered Cllr Jones' verbal report. Key points included:

- Ofsted changed its rating of Herefordshire Council Children's Service from 'requires improvement' to 'inadequate'. It is a very damning report identifying amongst a list of problems the lack of communication, poor scrutiny from leaders and too many cases for social workers. The full report is available on the Herefordshire Council website. The Secretary of State has appointed the Children's Commissioner Eleanor Brazil to work with Herefordshire Council to improve the service.
- Herefordshire Council is installing a 2-way cycle lane on St Owen Street aimed at providing cyclists access to Rotherwas.

- Free bus travel scheme ended on the 28th August. 169,000 free bus journeys taken between February and July 2022. This initiative was paid from the COVID Recovery Fund.
- Cllr Jones met with council section 106 officers. Work on the proposed pedestrian crossing in Canon Pyon will start in 2023.
- Cllr Jones has received complaints about flooding in Brookside.

2022/110.2 A local resident raised the issue of an undetermined planning application and requested that the parish council write to Herefordshire Council Planning Dept requesting that the application be disposed of under Town and Country Planning legislation.

2022/111 PLANNING

Members considered the following Planning Consultations:

2022/111.1 Planning Consultation – 222515 – Land North of Orchard Cottages, Ledgemoor Road, Weobley HR4 8RL. Residential development of 2 no. dwellings.

RESOLVED: To support the application, but with the following reservations:

- a. PGPC feel the plot is too small to support two dwellings and suggest one dwelling would be more appropriate.
- b. PGPC are concerned that the proposed sewage treatment will not work due to insufficient land and drainage fields and are unhappy with the proposal to discharge into a nearby watercourse with the potential to add to the phosphate pollution issue in the county.
- c. Regarding phosphate offset, it is requested that any offset be retained within the parish (per the spirit of the emerging Review NDP PG6).
- d. PGPC request that Herefordshire Council Planning Department closely look at access and visibility as local residents are very concerned about road safety and the danger posed by the proposed application.

2022/111.2 Planning Consultation – 222516 – Land South of Orchard Cottages, Ledgemoor Road, Weobley HR4 8RL. Residential development of 1 no. dwellings.

RESOLVED: To support the application, but with the following reservations:

- a. PGPC are concerned that the proposed sewage treatment will not work due to insufficient land and drainage fields and are unhappy with the proposal to discharge into a nearby watercourse with the potential to add to the phosphate pollution issue in the county.
- b. Regarding phosphate offset, it is requested that any offset be retained within the parish (per the spirit of the emerging Review NDP PG6).
- c. PGPC request that Herefordshire Council Planning Department closely look at access and visibility as local residents are very concerned about road safety and the danger posed by the proposed application.
- d. PGPC feel the proposed dwelling is too large for the plot and would be incongruous to the local area.

2022/111.3 / Planning Consultation – 222610 – 2 Lower Derndale Bungalows, Wellington. Hereford HR4 8BG. Proposed agricultural storage building.

RESOLVED: To support the application.

2022/112 FINANCE

2022/112.1 Members accepted the finance reports from the Responsible Finance Officer.

2022/112.2 The following payment was considered and approved for payment:

2022/112.2.1 Marches Ground maintenance inv. 2022-093 £60.00.

2022/112.2.2 Portable Space Ltd inv. 247143 £1,520.00 plus VAT.

2022/112.2.3 Richard Mills inv. 3595 damaged tree branch removal £137.50 plus VAT.

2022/112.2.4 Internal Auditor fee 2021/22 financial audit £25.00.

2022/112.3 Members considered the proposal to appoint Autela Payroll Services Ltd to administer the Clerk's salary and pension arrangements.

RESOLVED: To appoint Autela Payroll Services Ltd to administer the Clerk's salary and pension arrangements.

2022/113 SECTION 106 CANON PYON PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AND FOOTWAY SCHEME

The clerk had written to the S106 team at Herefordshire Council on the 21st June 2022 informing them that members supported the pedestrian crossing, but not the footway/carriageway widening. The Clerk had received a response from the S106 team who advised that a Senior Project manager would be in touch shortly, but nothing has been heard since.

The Clerk wrote to the Senior Project Manager for clarification of the S106 funding expiry date on the 6th July 2022, but has not received a reply.

RESOLVED: The Clerk requested to continue to pursue for a response and to keep members informed of progress.

2022/114 REQUEST TO SUPPORT NEW PLAY PARK AT CANON PYON

Members NOTED that a revised loan application following HALC's recommendations had been submitted to HALC on the 20th August 2022. The Clerk is continuing to progress.

2022/115 FOOTPATH DIVERSION REQUEST

Members considered the Garnstone Farms application to Herefordshire Council to divert part of footpath KP18 creating a link to footpath KP10.

RESOLVED: To support proposed footpath diversion.

2022/116 HIGHWAYS/ LENGTHSMAN/ FOOTPATHS

No formal Highways, Lengthsman or Footpath Officer's reports presented.

It was NOTED that Cllr Perruzza had completed actions relating to CP4, CP7 and CP11.

RESOLVED:

- CP7/KP5 bridge. Cllr Shubert to request the parish Lengthsman provide a quote for repair.
- Cllr Shubert to arrange a meeting between himself, FO, Cllr Perruzza and Clerk to address outstanding questions on PROW reporting process and budget.
- Cllr Perruzza will visit the tree with a branch overhanging resident's property to determine required action and will liaise with Clerk.

2022/117 ROADMARKINGS IN WESTHOPE

It was NOTED that the problem has been reported and remedial work will be completed, but no information on when the work will be completed.

Water leak at Kilbullock has been reported to Welsh Water who will repair. No date for this work has been given.

RESOLVED: Cllr Dickson will speak to Locality Steward to ascertain if they are aware of the proposed remedial work.

2022/118 POUND REPAIR

Members considered the three tenders received from the agent.

RESOLVED: Clerk to speak to the agent about available grant funding and the Council will determine who shall be awarded the repair contract on the basis of this information.

2022/119 OPEN SPACE CONTRACT

In the hands of the solicitors and progressing well.

RESOLVED: Clerk to progress.

2022/120 SANDBAG STORAGE AT CANON PYON

Storage container purchased and installed.

RESOLVED: The following was resolved:

- Keys will be held by Cllrs Barber, Lee, Perruzza, Shubert and the Parish Lengthsman.
- The Clerk requested to publish information on the parish website on how to access sandbags.
- Clerk requested to order 20 filled sandbags from the parish Lengthsman.
- Members accepted Cllr Lee's kind offer of a sack trolley to be used with this facility.
- Item removed from agenda.

2022/121 LEDGEMOOR TELEPHONE KIOSK AND DEFIBRILATOR

The parish Lengthsman had been asked to re-quote for moving and installing the telephone kiosk to a new location. Awaiting quote.

Cllr Murray awaiting a response from Ledgemoor Club Room Committee on their objection to having the kiosk at their location.

Cllr Murray to provide information on the proposed defibrillator.

RESOLVED: To consider at the next meeting.

2022/122 NDP

Members considered the update from Cllr Lee.

RESOLVED: The review documents were approved subject to Cllr Lee clarifying the farm land classification in Kings Pyon and amending if required. Clerk requested to submit NDP Review and supporting documents to Herefordshire Council Neighbourhood Planning Team.

2022/123 PGPC SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

Cllr Shubert updated members on the Pyons Group Facebook page.

2022/124 PARISH NOTICEBOARDS REFURBISHMENT

All parish noticeboards have been refurbished by volunteer parish councillors. Cllr Perruzza as Chairman thanked all the councillors for their hard work.

RESOLVED: Item completed.

2022/125 MATTERS RAISED FOR NEXT MEETING ON 1st NOVEMBER 2022

S106 pedestrian crossing.
Road markings in Westhope.
Pound repairs.
Playpark at Canon Pyon.
Open space contract.
Highways/ Lengthsman/ Footpaths reports.
Sandbag storage at Canon Pyon.
Ledgemoor telephone kiosk and defibrillator.
NDP.
Hedge removal in Canon Pyon.
Confirm Council owned salt stock.
Grit bins.

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

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.24 pm.

Signed:

Date:

These minutes were approved and signed at the parish council meeting held on Tuesday the 1st November 2022.