



Pebmarsh Parish Council



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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 13 November 2018

Present: Cllr Anderson, Cllr Holder, Cllr Tufnell, Cllr Sharp
Clerk – P Potter, District Cllr Spray, Jonathan Nott

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Crimmins and County Cllr David Finch.

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of Previous Parish Council Meetings

It was Proposed Cllr Anderson, Seconded Cllr Holder and unanimously Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held 11 September 2018 are a true record and were signed accordingly.

4. District and County Items

4.1 ECC Issues: County Cllr Finch was unable to attend.

4.2 BDC Issues: Cllr Spray outlined that the Local Plan was found unsound, but that the Inspector has asked for further information and evidence so that Part 1 can be looked at again. All three District Councils involved are on track to meet this request, so that a second hearing can go ahead early next year. At the end of September, the government issued a new methodology for calculating land supply/housing numbers. The new methodology was then found to be incorrect and a revised calculation is currently being awaited. BDC have written to the government to outline the chaos that this is causing and that new information is required urgently. BDC are starting to look at budgets for next year, with Cabinet/Full Council looking at how to maintain services and stay within budget. Council Tax may need to go up again this year to meet the shortfall.

5. Public Forum

None

6. BDC Planning

6.1 Planning Applications:

- 18/01922/FUL: Linkwood Stud, Catley Cross – Construction of a manege for the exercise and training of horses. *It was Proposed Cllr Anderson, Seconded Cllr Sharp and unanimously Resolved to make no objection to this application but to request that floodlights are not permitted so as not to impact on neighbouring properties or surrounding area.*

- 18/01941/OUT: Linkwood Stud, Catley Cross – Development of horse breeding facilities, including quarantine barn, with change of use for the siting of a mobile home. *It was Proposed Cllr Anderson, Seconded Cllr Sharp and unanimously Resolved to object to the siting of the mobile home and/or for it to be conditioned that it cannot be replaced with a permanent dwelling. It was also suggested that the quarantine barn could be sited nearer to the existing dwelling for supervision, negating the need for a mobile home.*

6.2 Applications Pending Consideration by BDC – these were noted:

- 18/00206/TPOCON: Willow Cottage, Mill Lane – works to trees – *no objections*
- 18/01613/FUL: Brookbank House, Kings Mead – Demolition of flat roofed garage and replace with pitched roofed garage with gym/store and playroom – *no objections*
- 18/01626/FUL: Land at Water Lane – Erection of dwelling with associated access, parking and landscaping. *No objections subject to compliance with policies regarding design, landscaping and lighting, for ecological and conservation area purposes – commented that this site was not objected to during the site selection process for the Local Plan.*

6.3 Planning Results

None

7. **Pebmarsh Village Hall - Custodian Trustees**

Jonathan Nott attended to discuss the proposal for the Parish Council to become Custodian Trustee of the Village Hall Committee. However, further research is needed before a final decision can be made. Mr Nott will consult with the RCCE and will bring the item back to the next Parish Council meeting.

8. **Nott Family Trust**

Jonathan Nott had also brought a proposal to the Parish Council, to also become Custodian Trustee to the Nott Family Trust. The Trust will look after land for the village, including the football pitch. Mr Nott also asked the Parish Council to consider paying towards grass cutting of the football pitch, at a cost of approximately £300 per annum. After discussion, it was Proposed Cllr Holder, Seconded Cllr Anderson and unanimously Resolved to cut the grass for next season (2019), to begin with. Once papers have been finalised regarding the Custodian Trustee proposal, it will be brought back to the Parish Council to consider. It was also agreed to consider appointing a Parish Council representative on the Nott Family Trust.

8. **Pebmarsh Defibrillator**

This item was deferred as Cllr Crimmins was not present.

9. **Street Light Replacement**

The street light at the junction of Mill Lane and The Street is now beyond repair. The options for replacement were:

- 20W LED (white) light fitting: £299.00
- 35w Sox light fitting: £269.00

The issue with replacing with the 35w Sox light fitting is that these, and the sodium bulbs, are being discontinued. Therefore, when the bulbs are no longer available, the light fitting will then have to be replaced with the new LED version. It was therefore Proposed Cllr Sharp, Seconded Cllr Tufnell and unanimously Resolved to replace with the 20W LED light fitting at £299. It was also agreed to ask for a 'warm white' bulb to be fitted.

10. **Pebmarsh Emergency Plan**

It was agreed to circulate the amendments by email to agree before returning to BDC. Amendments consist of ensuring that the information and contact details are up to date.

11. Playground – Regular Inspections and Post Installation Inspection

11.1 To receive an update on the post installation inspection for the new playground equipment:

The inspection had brought up a few issues of non-compliance with the new slide. The manufacturers have now remedied the problems and issued a letter confirming what has been done.

11.2 To receive the latest annual inspection report for the playground: This has brought up a few issues. The Clerk will arrange for quotations for the repairs and bring back to Council.

11.3 To discuss the request for the Parish Council to look at providing a larger slide for older children and agree a way forward:

The Parish Council have received a complaint that the new slide is too small for older children to use. The slide which has been replaced was a toddler aged slide and has been replaced by a new toddler slide, although it was accepted that the old one was bigger. Unfortunately, there isn't enough room on the playground site to install a separate slide for older children, as the distance between each item of equipment must fit regulations. The Council agreed to investigate whether it would be possible to fit a slide to the large wooden climbing frame, in place of where the old ramp was, as this is probably the only option short of replacing the existing equipment. However, it is felt that some of the equipment in the playground is starting to show its age and is requiring frequent repair. The Open Spaces Action Plan provides for S106 monies to be directed towards improvements to the playground, however, it is unlikely that the parish would see a development large enough to trigger a payment. It was agreed that the playground needs to be looked at further and grant funding/fundraising would need to be sourced, if any replacement or new equipment were to be required.

12. Highways Issues

Further to communication in recent months, with Cllr Finch, ECC Highways have contacted the Clerk to say that a speed survey will be taking place and a '20's Plenty' scheme would be looked at. Due to the location, it is unlikely that the flashing amber school lights would be possible. The Clerk will contact the Highways officer back to clarify what will be going forward and whether concerns raised about safety issues in other parts of the village will be looked at also.

Cllr Sharp reported that a bridge on footpath 8 needs to be repaired. This has been reported but needs to be chased up.

13. Grass/Footpath Cutting

It was Proposed Cllr Sharp, Seconded Cllr Anderson and unanimously Resolved to continue with the current arrangements for the 2019/20 season and also continue with the P3 arrangement.

14. Finance

14.1 Finance Report

The latest finance reports were received.

14.2 Payments

It was Proposed Cllr Anderson, Seconded Cllr Holder and unanimously Resolved to make the following payments:

14.2.1	£ 437.97	Clerk Salary (Oct - Nov 2018)
14.2.2	£ 69.56	Clerk Expenses (Oct - Nov 2018)
14.2.3	£ 270.00	Post-installation inspection – new play equipment
14.2.4	£ 720.00	Playground repairs and maintenance (July)
14.2.5	£ 220.00	Footpath cutting (spring cut)
14.2.6	£ 960.00	Grass cutting (April to July)

14.3 Payments made between meetings – these were received and approved:

14.3.1	£ 26.40	A & J Lighting Maintenance (Oct 2018)
14.3.2	£ 26.40	A & J Lighting Maintenance (Nov 2018)
14.3.3	£ 172.32	A & J Lighting Repair (Mill Lane, o/s Church)
14.3.4	£ 75.00	Internal Audit Fee (paid in May)

14.4 Monies received since the last meeting – these were noted:

14.4.1	£ 4074.00	BDC: Precept (2 nd half)
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15. Budget and Precept – 2019/20

The budget had been previously circulated and following discussion, it was Proposed Cllr Anderson, Seconded Cllr Holder and unanimously Resolved to set the budget at £8525, which produces a Precept amount of £8525. The estimated Band D amount would be £36.35.

16. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 15 January 2019.

Signed

Chairman

Date