

PEBMARSH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Of the meeting held

13th November 2019

In Pebmarsh Village Hall, Pebmarsh CO9

Present: Cllr P Crimmins (Chair), Cllr D Ballard, Cllr M Sharp, Cllr J Tufnell
Clerk – Shelley Boydell
Cllr Spray and Cllr G Courtauld visiting from BDC
Members of the public x 9

1. **Apologies for Absence** – County Cllr Finch

2. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Tufnell regarding item 14.2

3. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held 25th September 2019**
Cllr Tufnell proposed, Cllr Ballard seconded, all agreed.

4. **District and County Items** –

Cllr Spray:

Planning – the draft local plan examination has extras in section one and not the whole section, the examination has been extended to January due to over 1000 comments and reports. The examination is open to the public but only able to speak with prior arrangement. Planning carries on during public election but councillor grants cannot be approved in this time. Cllr Spray has committed £1000 from her budget to Earles Colne Scout Hut to be added to £20,000 raised. Currently BDC are pulling together budget information for councillor budget in February – they aim not to cut services. Cllr Spray also stresses the importance of looking into the open spaces plan.

Cllr Courtauld:

Fully supports all that Cllr Spray has said with thanks.

5. **Public Forum**

Street lighting query why the lights are orange and on throughout the night

Cllr Crimmins recalls on a previous and similar query that there were not enough members of the village who agreed to the change of the street lights, only five agreed for it to go ahead. Cllr Crimmins also confirms that BDC decided night time street lighting was necessary for safety.

Query on information from Strutt & Parker Discussed on item 13

Dog fouling between the church and school PC agrees villagers need to dispose of own dog foul.

Water Lane – sewerage plant vehicle issues causing erosion to road and insufficient road safety e.g. sounding horn at pedestrians instead of watching out for them

Cllr Crimmins suggests asking how long the work might take. Cllr Spray Suggests writing to David Finch and asking him to intervene. Cllr Tufnell proposes PC to write on the above and include query on when the road will be repaired, seconded by Cllr Ballard.

6. **Presentation – Pearson Close**

Tim Lucas from BDC presentation on Community Housing in Pebmarsh. The presentation and instructions on registering are available www.parishcouncil.pebmarsh.com.

- 7. Vacancy for Parish Councillor**
PC accepts Cllr Flack's resignation and gives many thanks from all of the Parish Council for her hard work. Clerk to notify BDC of Cllr. The process of either electing or co-opting a new councillor will then begin.
- 8. Road Traffic Concerns, The Street, Pebmarsh**
Cllr Ballard confirms that a monitoring system is currently in place after a request from Cllr Finch – the aim is to have a visit from Highways to assess the situation.
- 9. Parish Grass Cutting Contract Renewal (including Pebmarsh playing field)**
Cllr Sharp suggests any applicants attend the next PC meeting where the PC will discuss the new contract. PC confirms footpaths are also cut but Cllr Ballard highlights a damaged bridge on one of the village footpath – Cllr Sharp will look into this and report it to the land owner.
- 10. Proposed Phone Mast Update**
No update – Cllr Crimmins confirms as of 12th November 2019 BDC Planning Department had not received any mast application for Pebmarsh.
- 11. Upcoming Road Closures**
Upcoming closures highlighted and can be found on www.essexhighways.org
- 12. County Broadband Limited**
No attendance and no response to request for report or update. Cllr Crimmins notes that CB has previously offered to connect internet to Pebmarsh Village Hall free of charge.
- 13. Glebe Land Update**
Cllr Crimmins explains the Diocese of Chelmsford is looking to sell some of the Glebe Land owned by them, which includes some of the village hall car park. On 5th December 2019 there is a meeting with Strutt and Parker regarding the sale of the land. PC will attend the meeting and raise concerns and also mention concerns historically raised.
- 14. BDC Planning**
 - 14.1 19/00280/TPOCON: Location: Hunters Mill Lane Pebmarsh Essex CO9 2NN - PC Supports
 - 14.2 19/01956/OUT: Location: Land North of Hamsters Close Pebmarsh - PC not support
- 15. Projects, Grants and Fundraising Initiatives**
 - 15.1 Cllr Sharp confirmed PC applied for a grant for the bus shelter
 - 15.2 Cllr Crimmins has been assisting the church in raising funds for building work
 - 15.3 Playground maintenance to be confirmed – clerk to check current situation
- 16. Councillor's Lead Roles**
PC agree to discuss allocation of roles once new parish councillor is appointed.
- 17. Finance**
Cheques signed. Payments between meetings listed. Monies received noted. Clerk training noted. PC would like more information regarding BACS payments prior to any consideration. PC began discussing budget for precept which will be confirmed at next PC meeting.
- 18. Date of Next Meeting**
15th January 2020. Cllr Crimmins thanked all for attending and contributing.

Signed by Chairman Cllr Perry Crimmins