

# PEBMARSH PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Of the meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 Online via Zoom

**Present:** Cllr D Ballard (Chair), Cllr J Tuffnell, Cllr M Sharp, Cllr S Smith, Cllr T Donaldson  
Clerk – Mrs Shelley Boydell  
County Councillor – Cllr D Finch  
District Councillors – Cllr G Spray & Cllr G Courtauld

**1.(13/01/2021) Apologies for Absence** – none

**2.(13/01/2021) Declarations of Interest** – Cllr D Ballard re; item 8 b)

**3.(13/01/2021) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Online 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

The minutes were agreed to be signed by the Chairman in due course.

**4.(13/01/2021) District / County Councillors Report**

County Cllr D Finch

There is a large amount of work going into dealing with the pandemic. Increasing numbers of patients in hospitals and all five in the area are under strain. Significant rise in COVID-19 in school aged children which led to schools being closed. Nurseries are open to be available for critical worker's children and vulnerable children. Essex County Council are increasing mortuary facilities. Braintree and Earles Colne will both have vaccination centres. Budget – due to furloughed staff and redundancies more people are receiving Universal Credit and we are mindful of more people being made unemployed. Progressively trying to bring Council Tax down – long term ambition. Zero increase on Council Tax. Fuel and food grant system for up to £2,000 to help individuals with fuel or food problems in the area.

District Cllr G Spray

Thanks to Essex County Council for the amazing way that they are dealing with the current situation. Currently sending weekly briefings and will forward these to the Clerk to circulate on the website and Facebook page. Vaccine centres in the area at St Michaels Hospital and Pump House Surgery in Earles Colne.

District Cllr G Courtauld

Echoes comments from Cllr Finch and Cllr Spray. Has been able to pass on the food and fuel grant information and pleased to have been able to directly help several people.

**5.(13/01/2021) Clerk's Report** – noted.

**6.(13/01/2021) Public Forum**

The opportunity to speak was not taken up at this time.

**7.(13/01/2021) Parish Upkeep (including Projects Grants and Funding Initiatives)**

- a) Road traffic concerns – Nothing new to report
- b) Glebe Land – meeting with agent has been postponed and new date TBC
- c) Playground Maintenance – Cllr T Donaldson will take over carrying out the weekly checks currently completed by Cllr M Sharp. Both gates need replacing and also bark needs replacing – cost estimated approximately £600 and all in agreement for this work to be done ASAP.
- d) Phone Mast – nothing to report
- e) County Broadband – nothing to report
- f) Facebook Page – Clerk to post relevant updates including re: COVID on the website and Facebook page.
- g) Open Spaces – to remain the same

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## **8.(13/01/2021) Current Planning Applications**

- a) *Erection of 4 No. detached bungalows with associated garages, access and amenity Land To The Rear Of Charwin Cross End Pebmarsh Essex*  
Ref. No: 20/01882/FUL | Received: Thu 12 Nov 2020 | Validated: Tue 24 Nov 2020 | Deadline for comments extended to 13<sup>th</sup> January (as confirmed by Carol Wallis, Senior Planner on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020)

**Parish Council objects to this application – it is accepted there is planning for two properties but with four properties this would be an over development and access would be a problem.**

- b) *Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area - Fell 2 Scots Pine trees*  
*Garden Cottage Mill Lane Pebmarsh Essex CO9 2NN*  
Ref. No: 20/00441/TPOCON | Received: Mon 14 Dec 2020 | Validated: Mon 14 Dec 2020 | Expiry date for comments 11/01/2021 although a request has been made to extend until after 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**Parish Council has no comment on this application.**

## **9.(13/01/2021) Finance**

- a) All in agreement with the proposed budget
- b) Separate finance report noted
- c) All in agreement with the £6 charge to change to Unity Bank
- d) All in agreement with £11.99 per month charge for Samsung phone

## **10.(13/01/2021) Human Resources Committee**

All in agreement to set up a new committee and Cllr M Sharp was voted as the Chairman for the Human Resources Committee.

## **11.(13/01/2021) Items for Next Agenda**

To discuss ideas including community christmas tree and community events.

## **12.(13/01/2021) Dates of Next Meetings**

7.30pm Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (online via Zoom)  
Annual Parish Meeting in March 2021 if permitted  
7.30pm Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (online via Zoom) – AGM & Parish Council Meeting  
7.30pm Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (location TBC)  
7.30pm Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 (location TBC)  
7.30pm Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (location TBC)

**Meeting closed**

**Signed by Chairman Cllr David Ballard**

**Date:**