

PEBMARSH PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Of the meeting held 15th September 2021

Present: Cllr J Tufnell, Cllr M Sharp, Cllr S Smith, Cllr B Nott
Clerk – Mrs Shelley Boydell
District Councillors – Cllr G Courtauld
County Councillor – Cllr P Schwier
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1.(15/09/2021) Apologies for Absence – Cllr G Spray

2.(15/09/2021) Declarations of Interest – Cllr M Sharp re; item 9 a) (non-pecuniary)

3.(15/09/2021) Councillor Vacancy

Following recent interviews for a new Parish Councillor, the Parish Council welcome Cllr Belinda Nott to the Parish Council.

4.(15/09/2021) Minutes of previous Parish Council Meetings

The minutes were agreed by all and will be signed by the Chairman in due course.

5.(15/09/2021) District / County Councillors Reports

Cllr George Courtauld

The current section of the local plan should be completed by Christmas with the 6 week consultation beginning in October. Conversation regarding future climate cycle lane plans, which will be discussed at a meeting on Monday. Discussed a potential grant for the playground – Clerk to liaise with Cllr M Sharp, Cllr G Courtauld and the Essex Association of Local Councils regarding this.

Cllr Peter Schwier

Cllr Schwier introduced himself as the new County Councillor for the area in which he supports 33 Parish Councils, he apologised that he would not be able to attend all meetings but would attend as much as possible. Cllr Schwier sends out update emails regularly to the clerk which are then circulated to the parish council (the Clerk publishes these on social media). NHS waiting list last May was very high, Mid Essex sourced 3 portable theatres and has got waiting numbers considerably down and will continue to work with the private sector to help. The County Council has just passed 100 days in which it had plans of what to deliver, there will be a video released to show what has been achieved. Cllr Schwier confirmed that he will ensure the District Council are aware of the danger that the lack of verge cutting has caused in the local area. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Schwier regarding applying for a grant for a playground item from the locality fund.

6.(15/09/2021) Clerk's Report – noted.

7.(15/09/2021) Public Forum

Footpath cutting was discussed and it was confirmed that these will be cut by the end of the season by the new contractor. Dog bins were discussed and the request for more, the council advised that in the first instance the clerk will need to be informed where bins are required before this can be taken further.

8.(15/09/2021) Parish Upkeep & Village Matters

- a) Christmas tree - Cllr M Sharp sourced a very reasonable price Christmas tree and stand. Cllr S Smith will organise lights for the tree with Cllr B Nott. The estimate for the tree and lights is £200 and this was agreed by all of the parish council. Clerk to speak to school regarding children providing decorations.
- b) PC to apply for grants to replace playground items.

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- c) Cllr M Sharp to liaise with new footpath cutting contractor regarding cutting areas and will present at the next meeting.
- d) Mark Harrington was appointed to cut the footpaths at £400 per cut twice per year (September and May).
- e) No new news on the proposed phone mast site.
- f) Chairman agreed to speak to residents adjacent to vehicles parking on grass verge and note damage that has been caused and the parked vehicles being a potential safety issue due to the line of sight for road users being impaired.
- g) Parish Council agreed to reply to the District Council explaining the danger that the lack of verge cutting has caused in the local area.

9.(15/09/2021) Current Planning Applications

- a) *Applegate Colne Road Pebmarsh Essex CO9 2NB*
Ref. No: 21/02530/FUL | Received: Wed 11 Aug 2021 | Validated: Wed 11 Aug 2021
PC has no objection

10.(15/09/2021) Finance

- a) Separate finance report noted (circulated for review prior to meeting)
- b) Online banking now in place
- c) The Parish Council unanimously agreed not to join BALC at this time.

11.(15/09/2021) Items for Next Agenda

- Playground update
- Mast update
- Review grass cutting areas and footpaths
- Christmas Tree lights – confirm switch on date

12.(15/09/2021) Dates of Next Meetings

- 7.30pm Wednesday 15th September 2021
7.30pm Wednesday 1st December 2021
7.30pm Wednesday 16th March 2021 followed by Parish Assembly

Meeting closed 20:18

Signed by Chairman Cllr Jackie Tufnell

Date: