

PEBMARSH PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Of the meeting held 12th March 2025

Present: Cllr M Sharp, Cllr B Nott, Cllr L Darroux
Clerk – Mrs Shelley Boydell
District Councillors – Cllr G Spray, Cllr G Courtauld
County Councillor – none
Members of Public – 0

MINUTES

1.(12/03/2024)

Apologies for Absence – Cllr P Schwier

2.(12/03/2024)

Declarations of Interest – none

3.(12/03/2024)

Minutes of previous Parish Council Meetings

The minutes were agreed by all and signed by the Chairman.

4.(12/03/2024)

District / County Councillors Reports

Gabrielle Spray – Local plan refresh meeting in May – issues and options – public consultation with 400 responses. Mid May onwards call for sites meetings – public welcome to attend. Hoping for a list to be printed beforehand with agenda items. Lots of solar farm applications are being received.

5.(12/03/2024)

Clerk's Report - noted

6.(12/03/2024)

Public Forum – no public present

7.(12/03/2024)

Parish Upkeep & Village Matters

- a) *To Mobile Phone mast / analogue phone switch off 2025 – concerns from residents re: no phone signal when analogue switch off. - Analogue Telephone Switch Off The Parish Council have had a number of concerns raised regarding the switch off of the analogue telephone system. Unfortunately, the Parish Council are unable to help with this as any masts would need to be provided by phone networks, however, for those that are concerned please see the advice below that we are able to pass on: Individuals in rural areas should contact their communication providers to understand the timeline for the switch and available alternatives. In some cases, this may involve migrating to a digital landline service, which requires a broadband connection. For those without broadband, "pre-digital landlines" or other solutions may be offered. It's crucial to investigate compatibility of telecare devices and other equipment, and consider battery backup options for digital landlines.*
- b) *Playground – Cllr Darroux reports that the application for funding is ongoing.*
- c) *Application for 20mph – a speed survey carried out by Essex Highways showed an adherence to 30mph most of the time, however, due to lack of paths and a safety issue the PC will go back to Peter Schwier for support and advice on how to appeal to reduce the speed in the centre of Pebmarsh to 20mph. Alternatively the Parish Council will look into what safety measures can be put in place.*
- d) *Haul road – no update*
- e) *Village Hall Car Park – the Village Hall car park tarmacking will be going ahead on 7th April 2025. A meeting with the Village Hall Committee, the Church and the Parish Council will be going ahead to discuss car park extension and future plans.*
- f) *First Aid Training – 15 residents have shown an interest in this, Clerk to work with Cllr Rumsey to organise this.*
- g) *Potholes – no update as yet, PC to chase Peter Schwier regarding meeting in the village.*

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Planning

- a) Demolition of an existing greenhouse and replace with a new brick wall.
Collins Farm Collins Road Pebmarsh Essex CO9 2SQ
Ref. No: 25/00165/FUL
The Parish Council has no objections to this application
- b) Application for an existing lawful development certificate - Residential Property
New Building At New Barn Farm The Street Pebmarsh Essex CO9 2NH
Ref. No: 25/00312/ELD
The Parish Council has no objections to this application

9.(12/03/2024)

Finance

- a) finance report noted including agreeing to Cllr Darroux to attend Village Hall training.
- b) Update on possible purchase of Glebe Land – the PC is still waiting on review from Strutt & Parker due to change of staff.

10.(12/03/2024)

Items for Next Agenda

11.(12/03/2024)

Dates of Next Meetings

21st May 2025 – Parish Council Meeting & Annual General Meeting
9th July 2025 TBC – Parish Council Meeting

Meeting closed 7.17pm

Signed by Chairman Cllr Michael Sharp