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**The Minutes of the Meeting of Pendock Parish Council
held at Berrow and Pendock Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 24th July 2019**

Present: Cllrs. John Humphreys (Chair), Trevor Bell, John Davison, Martin Embley, Sue Giles and Robin Williams.

In attendance: 11 members of the public, District Cllr. Bronwen Behan and the Parish Clerk

There were no matters for discussion before the meeting so no adjournment for the discussion of views.

- 1. Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr. Simon Fellows.
- 2. Declaration of Interests:** All Councillors were reminded of their duty to keep their register of interests updated.
- 3. Minutes:** The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 22nd May 2019 were approved and signed.
- 4. Progress Reports:**
 - a. M50 bridge works:** The following update has been received from Highways England:

“In terms of the programme of works for the scheme as a whole this will be complete by March 20, however much of that work beyond Christmas is on the M50. The area of these works is when the 3 bridges will be open and in particular the Queens Arms bridge which is currently fully closed.

The programme for the 3 bridges through the villages are as follows:

- Queens Arms currently closed – one lane will be open by Christmas and fully open by March.
- Pendock and Bury Court continue to have one lane open -both Pendock and Bury Court bridges will be fully open in early February, but we will keep working hard to improve on these dates as the work evolves.

We do have some short term overnight closures of the two bridges coming up shortly which we have highlighted in a weekly bulletin that goes to as wide and audience that we can reach. We plan these closures to avoid any closures planned for the M50.

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The diversion routes we realise are not ideal but they are the agreed with the Local Authorities and working with those Authorities we are trying our best to influence drivers to stick to the agreed routes rather than use local rat runs. This is an ongoing issue for some locals and I know that the residents of Wyndbrook Lane which falls under Gloucestershire have raised a number of concerns we have tried to address with signage that many drivers ignore so we have recently deployed a safety camera van at the junction to deter drivers further.

In summary;

- We will continue to work with the locals on any concerns they have, the site team is generally available and on hand to personally visit anyone who gets in contact.
- A weekly bulletin of the programme of works is issued to over 100 recipients in the area.
- We are currently drafting a newsletter to be issued in August to provide an update on the works.
- As a follow up to the 2 day open event we held in March at the school prior to the closures of the bridges, we will be holding a further open event at the school to give locals chance to provide feedback and for us to update on progress in mid-September.

We speak and meet with Worcestershire regularly and we have a joint meeting with Worcestershire and Gloucestershire on 5 August to continue to work together"

The Parish Council has agreed to write back to Highways England regarding:

- Recommend changing the signs that mention "Queens Arms bridge" being closed to "B4208 bridge at Pendock";
- Wyndbrook Lane. Concerns that this road has been provided with signage by Kier and that residents have put obstructions on the verges so vehicles are unable to pass. The consensus being that this is a public highway and therefore vehicles should be allowed to use it unrestricted. Potential resolution could be for the Highways England to repair any damaged verges/edges following the roadworks.

The Council was thanked by the Pendock Shop owner for the notice that appeared in the Parish Magazine and the Ledbury Focus.

- b. **Dog Mess in the Parish.** Worcestershire County Council has confirmed that any dog fouling is covered by a Public Space Protection Order. If someone witnesses someone not picking up after their dog, can positively ID the culprit and is prepared to make a statement, then a Fixed Penalty Notice can be issued. Worcestershire County Council will be visiting the area to see if any signs need changing.

The Clerk to see if the County Council can provide the Parish with bins that they are responsible for emptying, including those that are currently the responsibility of the Parish Council.

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5. Finance Report:

The Council approved the following:

Pendock Parish Council Financials 2019/20

<u>Details</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
Opening balance: 01/04/19		
Current account	£1,375.21	
Investment account	£1,392.68	
	£2,767.89	
Actuals		
MHDC (Precept)	£950.00	
Interest	£0.27	
Moors	£605.00	-£42.48
Lengthsman	£354.00	-£118.00
Admin		-£414.22
Sub Total:	£1,909.27	-£574.70
Balance per banksheet:		
Current account no. 94	£1,121.93	
Investment account no: 70	£2,947.95	
	£4,069.88	
Less unrepresented cheques:		
Cheque number: 651		-£30.00
Cheque number: 655		-£236.00
Cheque number: 656		-£264.00
Cheque number: 657		-£66.00
Closing balance: 30/06/19	£3,473.88	

6. Correspondence:

- a. **Mulberry Cottage – Fencing issues.** The owners have been advised by MHDC that the fencing they have erected does not comply with the planning conditions. The Parish Council advised that

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the owners apply to MHDC for the respective conditions to be removed before applying for retrospective planning permission. Responsibility for clearing out the ditch at the front of the property was discussed and the owners advised to speak to the Highways department. The mulberry tree is the ownership of the owners.

- b. **Planning ref: 19/00270/FUL – Pendock Garage.** Despite no local objections, MHDC rejected the application for development of the site. An appeal is to be made against the decision. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not get involved until the result of the appeal is determined.
- c. **Planning ref: 19/00828/HP - The Paddocks.** Planning application received for the construction of a detached single storey garage. Responses due back to MHDC by the end of July 2019.
- d. **Tree Preservation Order.** A tree preservation order has been put on the Oak tree at the Eastern corner of Cromer Lake adjacent to the B4208 and neighbouring the boundary with Mulberry Cottage. District Cllr. Behan to check the timelines that Worcestershire County Council should have given for consultation.

7. District/County Councillors Report: The District Councillor reported the following:

- a. District Cllr. Behan advised that she had £500 in the District Council budget that can be spent on anything that benefits the community.
- b. Harriett Baldwin, MP, is to visit the Parish on the 26th July 2019 and will be holding a surgery at the Berrow and Pendock Village Hall. She will also be visiting the Pendock Stores and Post Office to discuss the impact on the business given the local road closures over the past 5 years.

8. Councillor’s reports and items for future agenda:

- a. **Playground area:** It was raised that there is a lack of a play area within the Parish for those families with young children. All to consider potential areas where it may be possible to build one. The school is a possibility, but there may be liability issues. It was pointed out that this can be looked at in line with any future housing developments.

9. Date of next Annual Parish Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd October 2019 at 7:30pm at Berrow and Pendock Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed
Chair

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