



# Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council

## Non-confidential

### Approve Expression of Interest – Pebble Smart Locker

**Report to:** Full Council

**Report by:** Clerk

**Power/duty which decision falls under:**

Local Government Act 1972, s.111 – Power to do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of its functions.

**Which council objective(s) it falls under:**

- Maintain and improve community facilities and amenities
- Retain and encourage employment and tourism opportunities
- Improve the well-being of residents
- To foster public participation and engagement
- To recognise the climate and biodiversity emergency and consider as the basis of all decision and policy making

**Public Sector Equality Duty**

*Consider how policies/decisions affect those protected under the Equality Act)*

Pebble lockers improve access to parcel services for all residents, including those with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010. They provide 24/7 access, which benefits people with mobility issues, those without private transport, or residents working outside normal hours.

**Duty to conserve and enhance biodiversity**

*Consider how the policy/decision will contribute to conserving or enhancing biodiversity*

Lockers will be installed in suitable community spaces, with no impact on wildlife habitats and will consider biodiversity conservation.

**Consideration on carbon reduction:**

Pebble lockers reduce repeat van trips by enabling grouped deliveries, cutting CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by up to 66% per parcel in rural areas. This contributes to local and national net-zero targets.

## Consideration of risk management in relation to the proposal<sup>1</sup>

*It is impossible to list every risk faced by a local council. Risk, in the general sense, means the likelihood of an event happening, and the severity of the negative consequences. The insurance industry regards risk as representing loss or damage. Risk always involves uncertainty. When protecting a local council effectively, it is important to consider if risk is present in the following areas (SLCC AN241)[Tick]*

✓Decision making

✓Finances

✓Property

✓Staff

Events

✓Legal

Inspections

Written/verbal  
communication

✓Insurance

## Does the report consider any new activity? If 'Yes', has a risk assessment, including risk management proposals, been included for consideration and adoption by the council?

(Financial Regulation 17b)

**Yes.**

Risk Area	Risk Description	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigation / Action
<b>Decision making</b>	Risk of reputational impact if the council does not support initiatives that improve rural service access.  Share on-site information on proposed location(s) so residents can provide feedback – if company believes it is feasible.	Low	Medium	Engage with community; clear communications about EOI and next steps
<b>Finances</b>	Confirm any costs. Potential cost for siting, installation, or maintenance?	Low	Medium	Confirm all costs with Pebble before final approval; revenue share potential reduces net cost
<b>Property</b>	Siting on parish-owned land may have legal or access implications	Medium	Medium	Confirm permissions and licence agreements
<b>Staff</b>	Minimal staff risk, but occasional monitoring may be required	Low	Low	Staff guidance and limited time commitment planned
<b>Events</b>	Not applicable	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Legal</b>	Licence/contractual issues with Pebble	Medium	Medium	Legal review before agreements signed
<b>Inspections / Security</b>	Locker damage or misuse	Medium	Medium	Periodic inspection schedule; Not council property
<b>Written / verbal communication</b>	Miscommunication to residents or misuse of locker	Low	Medium	Pebble prepare clear guidance and signage for residents
<b>Insurance</b>	Parish insurance may need updating if locker sited on parish property	Low	Medium	Confirm with insurer prior to installation

<sup>1</sup>Risk areas to consider - strategic/operational, likelihood/impact, add to risk register? Any contingency planning needed?

## **REPORT**

Pebble is the UK's first open-access smart locker network designed for rural communities. Developed in consultation with over 100 local councils, Pebble lockers provide secure 24/7 access for both sending and collecting parcels, reducing missed deliveries and travel to larger towns.

Lockers are designed for villages of around 2,000 residents and are installed in trusted outdoor community spaces, such as village halls or pub car parks. Couriers group deliveries to reduce mileage, cutting traffic, roadside wear, and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

Local benefits include:

- Environment: Up to 66% reduction in carbon emissions per parcel.
- Economy: Hosts share in revenue from parcels, generating a new income stream.
- Access: Residents without private transport gain convenient, local parcel access.
- Efficiency: Fewer missed deliveries and reduced van mileage.

Pebble works in partnership with parish councils, couriers, and landholders to identify suitable locations and support installation planning.

An Expression of Interest (EOI) allows Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council to be considered as a host site. Submitting an EOI does not commit the council to financial or operational obligations but allows engagement in feasibility discussions and planning with Pebble.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

1. Approve submission of an Expression of Interest to Pebble to host a smart parcel locker in Saxilby.
2. Further details on siting, permissions, financial implications, and agreements will be brought back to council before any final commitment.