

Pembridge Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17th October 2007 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

Present:

Cllrs Evans (Chairman), Myers, Purslow, Pierce, Smith, Morgan(part time), Lloyd, Thomas, Mifflin

+ 2 parishioners

1. Apologies & Reasons for Absence:

Cllr. Phillips – At a meeting in Birmingham

Cllr. Stokes – On Holiday

Cllr. Duggan – On Holiday

Cllr. D. Owens

Special Note: The Clerk was not available, being on leave of absence due to a sudden domestic problem. The Chairman asked for a volunteer from members who had no prejudicial interest in any matter on the agenda to take the minutes of the meeting. Cllr Myers volunteered to take the minutes.

2. Announcement of any interest from councillors:

Cllr Purslow declared a personal interest in Planning application Ref: DCNW2007/3053/F

3. Minutes of last meeting and any Matters Arising:

These were signed as a true record and there were no matters arising.

4. Financial report:

In the absence of the Clerk there was no report available, however the items of listed expenditure were approved.

5. Planning:

Applications:

DCNW2007/3009/K Tree work, report awaited from Tony Norman

DCNW/2007/3053/F Manley Field

A parishioner's letter of objection sent to the planning officer was read out.

Cllr Lloyd was permitted to relate some general guidance notes for Cllrs on planning applications provided at a recent planning seminar for Cllrs.

Following a discussion it was agreed to object to the application on the following grounds:

- a. The field is a greenfield site
- b. The access is directly onto the busy A44 trunk road, on a bend and close to a 30 mph speed limit at the entrance to the village
- c. There would be a detrimental change to the visual impact at the entrance to the village

DCNW/20072983/F Bartbety Barn

No objection

DCNW/2007/3031/L The Old Oak House

After a vote the Council chose not to object.

DCNW/2007/ 3077/F and DNCW/2007/L Roselea
No objections to either application.

The meeting was then closed

6. Parishioner's questions:

A parishioner noted that he had written to object to the Manley field application

7. Ward Cllr's report:

The Ward Cllr's written report was circulated by the Chairman in the absence of the Ward Cllr.

Shobdon Aerodrome

I attended the recent meeting of the noise committee where there were several complaints. Two in particular from Noke Lane and Marston. The outcome was to alter the flight path so that when turning 90 degrees left after leaving the western end of the run way pilots should fly to the right of the Rowe Ditch which is one of the few easily visible landmarks that can be seen. The situation will be monitored over the next 12 months.

Highways

Milton Crossroads should have its final surfacing and lining this month. I have reported this project and the length of time to the council team. Richard Leppard is the new Highways officer dealing with all our parish issues.

Lady Hawkins School

The school has been awarded Humanities Status for excellence in Geography, History and English. There are currently 480 pupils attending and there was good interest shown at the recent open evening at the school.

Community Access Point

I attended the opening of this in September. The parishioners who worked hard on this are to be congratulated and we must ensure we encourage a good take up of the facilities by the community.

Planning

The application for the open gardens at Marston has been rejected by the Main Planning Committee. There was considerable opposition from local residents and they spoke at the meeting.

Housing

I wrote a letter to the Marches Housing following the last PC meeting, raising the new development and the allocations policy for their existing housing in the village. You have a separate letter regarding the development and they wrote confirming while there is currently no.106 for local priority in the village they would be happy to support it.

The meeting was then reopened

8. Tennis Courts:

Cllr Purslow reported that he believed in the next 12 months funding could be found for the courts and would be including in the next parish magazine a request for all those interested in forming a club to manage the courts to contact him. When the numbers interested is determined the Cllr will then be able to recommend whether the total project is feasible and report to the Parish Council.

Cllr Morgan left at 9.05pm

9. Pembridge Amenity Trust report:

The toilets have now been repaired and the Council approved Cllr Mifflin's ditty to be appended to the toilets to encourage contributions to their upkeep.

Bell tower ladder repair still to be actioned by Bromley O'Hare.

10. Website:

Cllr Pierce reported that the website now required information to be included and he would be enquiring of local groups dates of activities to be included on the events list.

11. Parish Magazine:

The delay of the printer delivery may cause the printing of the magazine to be put back to the end of November.

Cllr Pierce agreed to chase the suppliers and in the event of their procrastination the Council approved an increase in the expenditure on a printer by 5% to enable Cllr Pierce to source elsewhere.

12. Millenium Meadow:

Cllr Mifflin reported that an open meeting will be held on 22nd November to seek out ideas for the development of the meadow and the recruitment of more committee members.

13. Village Green:

Cllr Myers reported that the grant application previously approved by the council had been submitted to the Kingspan Trust which will make its decision on 2nd November. A copy of the application is available from the Clerk.

Cllr Myers then proposed:

“That a Working Group be established of not more than 6 parishioners, to include 2 councillors, with the objective of ensuring proper maintenance of the village green and developing its potential in accord with the wishes of the community by:

- a. Monitoring maintenance work on behalf of the PC and recommending improvements when deemed necessary to the PC.
- b. Formulating a 5 year rolling plan for the development of the village green as approved by the PC
- c. Being available to the PC to manage any project or associated work”

The proposal was accepted and the PC resolved to set up such a group and asked Cllr Myers to proceed. Cllr Pierce was nominated as the second Cllr and Cllr Myers agreed to promote the group in the next parish magazine to recruit 4 parishioners.

14. Matters Arising:

- a. Speed indicator device - deferred to next meeting.
- b. Adoption of SO amendments and Financial Regs amendments---deferred to next meeting.
- c. Cllr Mifflin is canvassing for householders to display the parish's lights and will investigate the donation of trees from local growers and discount rates for bulk purchases. The Chairman noted that the PC is obliged to seek comparative prices before purchases are made.
- d. The Chairman reminded all Cllrs of the need to attend training courses to be able to carry out their duties properly.
- e. Cllr Lloyd reported the benefits of the planning seminar for Cllrs and recommended it, she also advised the PC that the UDP (March 2007) be available for consultation at each Planning meeting.
- f. After further discussion on the proposed new traffic signs the PC agreed that it would not accept any additional signs but would accept the updating of the 2 existing “school”

signs. The decision was based on the belief that the proposed additional signs would not add to road safety and would be visually detrimental to the village.

g. The parish plan review has still to be undertaken.

h. Decision on playground equipment check deferred to next meeting

i. Village cleaner to be asked by Cllr Mifflin to clear leaves in playground area and PC agreed on any additional expenditure.

j. Tree complaint at entrance to MM referred to PAT.

15 The PC was reminded that the Finance Group will meet on 7th November and the next full Council meeting is on 21st November

The meeting closed at 9.30pm