

PEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held Wednesday 17th June, 2009 in the Parish Hall
7.15 pm viewing Planning Application, 7.30 pm Main Business

Present: Cllr. G. Evans, Cllr. D. Owens, Cllr. P. Thomas, Cllr. Mrs. P. Lloyd (later),
Cllr. R. Pierce, Cllr. Mrs. J. Mifflin, Cllr. K. Duggan, Cllr. R. Phillips
Cllr. J. Purslow
+ 2 members of the public

C72 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Cllr. B. Morgan – No reason given Cllr. K. Myers – On holiday
Cllr. Mrs. S. Smith – No reason given Cllr. A. Stokes – Other commitment

C73 Announcement of any interests from councillors - None Declared

C74 Minutes of last meeting/matters arising from them – 20th May, 2009

Were read and approved, with no matters arising, and signed.

ACTION

C75 Financial Report (Clerk)

Reconciliation of bank accounts has taken place.

A Risk Assessment was handed out to all councillors and agreed at the last meeting.

There were 2 minor amendments which the Internal Auditor picked up and which have been included for authorisation at this meeting as he requested:

- 1) Two items of expenditure made during last year were inadvertently not shown in the relevant Minutes : The July '08 strimming of the Meadow, £45.00, was paid with the August '08 strimming, but only one amount was listed in September's Minutes.
- 2) A minor Clerk's expense error of £4.99 was made : this amount will be deducted from the Clerk's next expense claim.

Balances at end May 2009

Current Account:	£9,799.08
Tracker Account:	£5,918.70
Post Office Savings Account:	£10,949.04

Receipts since last meeting:

Cash donations made at Public Toilets in 2008 (Jan – Dec.)	£155.00
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Payments made since last meeting:

Nil

Requests for Payment:

Design etc. for 4 V. Green riverside display boards	£900.00
Toilet consumables	£94.08
Toilet consumables	£10.32
Toilet cleaner & Bins – June	£245.73
M. Meadow mowing for May	£47.38
Arrow Plant Hire – Rotovator – V. Green project	£27.60
Contractor: make & install V. Green display boards:	£1,281.00
Mowing of V. Green grass re V. Green project	£138.00

All above transactions were approved by all.

C76 Planning**Applications that were considered at this meeting:**

DCNW2009/1012/F Old Post Office Cottage, East Street, Pembridge
Erection of Barn Style House

COMMENT: **The Parish Council is concerned about the narrow accessway from the proposed property onto the main A44 road, in terms of highway safety, as there are no splays to allow reasonable visibility to emerging vehicles.**

DCNW2009/1086/F Greylean Cottage, Moseley Farm, Pembridge HR5 9HY
Proposed two storey extension to rear

COMMENT: **No Objection.**

C77 Parish Lengthsman Scheme – Cllr. P. Thomas

Two contractors were interviewed; both of whom are experienced Lengthsmen currently working for other parishes. They outlined their capabilities, number of men working for them, and equipment held. After discussion a decision was arrived at, and a contract was offered to Richard Mills, which has now been accepted. It is anticipated that Mr. Mills will commence working in Pembridge in July. He has 4 men available, as well as his own equipment, road signs etc. It was requested that some tidying of the village could be done.

C78 Village Green Progress Report – Cllr. R. Pierce

Work has been progressing well, with the grass at the far end having been mown. The information boards will be in place soon. The weeds growing through the boardwalk have been sprayed. The 'no entry' tape will be removed soon. The official opening date is at 11am on Saturday 11th July 2009. All welcome.

C79 Village Street Lighting update – Cllr. G. Evans

The two trial lamps are in place, one at each end of the village and councillors views on them were sought. They are to be mentioned in the forthcoming edition of the parish magazine and residents opinions will be encouraged up until the end of July, after which a decision on the preferred style will be arrived at.

C80 Introduction of a warning Speed Indicator Device – Cllr. G. Evans

The vehicle speed data results have been circulated to all councillors, as well as the costings. Costs are: £247.89:- a 'one off' charge to install a permanent socket in the ground + £100 for each delivery/set up/removal of the sign. There are only 5 sets of signs which have to be shared throughout the county, therefore it is likely that Pembridge will only have a sign in place for one month, probably two or three times a year.

The data results proved that there is only a need for one SID in the village, and that is at the western end of the village focusing on traffic travelling eastwards. Two suitable positions have been selected by the Highways Department, and after discussion it was decided to choose Option 2 – which is approximately 100 metres from the speed terminal outside 'Buttermere'/'Brick House'. Clerk will advise Highways of this decision.

Meeting Closed for the next two items**C81 Parishioners Questions**

A question was asked as to why SID's had been chosen as the only traffic management choice. It was explained that at a visit here by the Highways Engineers in 2008, SID's had been recommended as the most suitable option.

Another question asked was why there is to be only one SID positioned at the western end of the village, and not one at the other end as well. The reason for this is because the speed data produced from the village survey had shown that there were fewer speeding vehicles approaching from the east.

Ward Councillor's Report (Cllr. R. Phillips)**C82**

Pembridge School Our headteacher at Pembridge Andrew Teale has been appointed the new Head at St. Paul's Church of England Primary School in Tupsley, Hereford. He will take up the position in January 2010 and will consequently be leaving Pembridge Primary School at Christmas. The vacancy for a new head at St. Paul's presented a very rare opportunity for him to lead a large Church School at the centre of the Hereford Diocese. Andrew became head in September 2003 and has continued the good work of Rosemary Privet in ensuring we have a very high performing school.

Chief Executive visit Many thanks to the representatives of the Parish Council who turned up to meet Chris Bull last week. I had taken him on a walk around Pembridge showing him A44, pavement and traffic issues as well as the Market Hall and Belfry. We drove down Bridge street to Shobdon and passed the Council farm, Gypsy site, Kingspan and Rhyse Lane. He had picked up several issues regarding planning, highways, Kington Court and the Housing Association.

Council Accounts 2008/09 The Councils has signed off the accounts for the last financial year which show a small underspend on the revenue budgets. It shows good management and discipline though the year in being able to bring the accounts in on target particularly with such volatile elements as Social Care. There is continued concern on the pressure on this year's budget and tight monitoring and preparation for next year is already underway. The Council is looking to bring together all its back office services onto one main site in partnership with the PCT and Hospital to improve services and make savings. The next few years will be very tight in public services and it is important that savings are made in how services are administered before facilities and services to the public are cut.

Higher Education The County will be submitting a bid for more HE provision in Herefordshire under the Government's University Challenge scheme. The aim is to increase the opportunity for students to remain in the County and also offer Businesses places for employee development. The Council has committed the Education centre at Blackfriars as their contribution to the project.

Meeting Reopened**C83 Website Update – Cllr. R. Pierce – pembridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk**

A link from the Parish Council's website has been made to the School's website, as they had requested this.

It would be possible to introduce a 'Parish Events' page if individuals and local organisations could send such information to Cllr. Pierce.

The Parish Annual Report for 2008/09 will be provided by the Clerk to go onto the website.

C84 BT Broxwood Phone Kiosk "Adoption" by Parish Council - Clerk

Confirmation is still awaited from Herefordshire Council that it has withdrawn its objection to Pembridge's request to adopt the kiosk. Clerk to follow up.

C85 Parish Matters Arising/Correspondence for Action

a) War memorial cleaning progress. The gates have been repaired and the chains have been repainted and all reinstated. The stonework of the memorial is proving difficult to clean, and advice has been sought from stonemasons. It appears that the bronze plaques have oxidised, and will remain like that. The condition of the flagstones leading to the memorial are unsafe, and Cllr. Purslow offered to get quotes for replacing/relaying them, in time for the next meeting.

b) Footpath PM60 - follow up on action re Footpath Officer's suggestions is in progress.

- ACTION**
- c) HGV's are still going down Bridge Street – as advised by Parish Warden. Councillors took the view that the best course of action would be to take photographs of such vehicles, noting the date and time, so that these could be provided to the police. This will be mentioned in the next edition of the parish magazine. **ALL**
- d) CAP – has a new Chairman. It was decided to invite him to the next PC meeting. CAP has relocated to The Red Lion.
- e) A further group photograph will be arranged for the November PC meeting, when it would be hoped that all councillors could be present. **ALL**
- f) The Bell Tower clock has had its annual servicing.
- g) New Noticeboard for Broxwood – Clerk is awaiting details of available grants.
- h) Affordable Housing update – revised plans have been supplied to councillors. Further information is awaited from Marches Housing Association in due course. **HH**
- Clerk was requested to enquire about plans for the access road, and to request a written presentation to the Parish Council prior to the 15th July next meeting. As well as making Marches Housing aware that a Section 106 Agreement for Pembridge's Affordable Housing should extend to the residents of Staunton on Arrow.

C86 LEGAL TOPIC

Implementing the Sustainable Communities Act – Power of Wellbeing

Following discussion on this topic at which councillors did not feel that the Power was relevant to a parish of this size, a proposal was made that it should not be introduced here. A vote was taken, and the majority were in favour that it should be rejected.

Clerk requested to still undergo the one module training in this Power, which was agreed.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 15th July 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall

Meeting Closed at 9.40 pm

