

## **PEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2009 in the Parish Hall  
7.15 pm viewing Planning Application, 7.30 pm Main Business

**Present:** , Cllr. G. Evans, Cllr. P. Thomas, Cllr. Mrs. P. Lloyd (at 8pm),  
Cllr. R. Phillips, Cllr. R. Pierce, Cllr. A. Stokes, Cllr. K. Duggan,  
Cllr. K. Myers, Cllr. J. Purslow, Cllr. D. Owens

**C149 Apologies & Reasons for Absence:**

Cllr. Mrs. J. Mifflin, Cllr. Mrs. S. Smith

**C150 Disqualification of Cllr. B. Morgan** due to inadequate attendance at meetings.  
As Cllr. Morgan has not attended sufficient meetings over the last six months he  
has disqualified himself from being a councillor and Clerk will arrange to have the  
Notice of Vacancy advertised.

**151 Announcement of any interests from councillors**

None.

**C152 minutes of last meeting/Matters Arising from them –18<sup>th</sup> November, 2009**

Were read and approved. There were no matters arising:  
The Minutes were then signed.

**C153 Financial Report (Clerk)**

Reconciliation of bank accounts has taken place for November.  
Budget/Precept was agreed by all at £18,000 for 2009/2010 following a proposal  
for acceptance at this sum by Cllr. Myers. Clerk will submit this to  
H. Council by 31<sup>st</sup> December. The question arose about the  
efficiency at the public toilets regarding maintenance, as well as water and  
electricity usage. Clerk will contact H. Council's Property section to enquire  
whether they are able to advise on these.

**Bank Balances at end November 2009:**

<b>Current Account:</b>	<b>£18,346.90</b>
<b>Tracker Account:</b>	<b>£5,921.63</b>
<b>Post Office Savings Account:</b>	<b>£10,949.04</b>

(The current account is boosted by the Lengthsman grant money)

**Receipts since last meeting:**

Magazine advertisers fees for 2009/10 x 7 @ £50	£350.00
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**Receipts since last meeting:**

4 more £50 advertisers fees	£200.00
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**Payments made since last meeting:**

Lengthsman's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Invoice	£385.67
Christmas Trees : 30 x £10 each	£300.00

**Requests for Payment:**

Robert Anderson 2 photographic evenings to take group photographs of the Parish Council.	£60.00
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Parish Mag. Printing November/December	£334.00
Parish Mag. Printing January/February	£260.00
Toilet Consumables	£160.40
Toilet Cleaner & Bins – December	£252.77
Toilet Consumables	£11.63
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Electricity – public toilets September-November	£51.37
Electricity – public toilets November-December	£31.08
Toilet Cleaner + Bins December	£252.77

**All above transactions were approved by all.**

**C154 Planning**

DMNW/092386/F Sherrington Manor Farm, Sherrington Road, Pembridge.  
Application to vary Condition 5 of DCNW2009/1255/F relating to the loading and unloading of service and delivery vehicles.

Comment: No objection save that the variation is under the same conditions as currently apply to the other four poultry sheds at this site.

**Applications Recently Considered:**

DMNW2009/2101/F + Old Oak House, East Street, Pembridge. HR6 9HA *Amended Plans*  
DMNW2009/2742/L Proposed conservatory and utility extensions and minor alterations.

COMMENT: NO OBJECTIONS

DMNW2009/2182/FH Willow House, Woonton. HR3 6QS *Near Parish Bounda*  
New detached garage to replace existing timber garage.

COMMENT: NO OBJECTIONS

DMNW2009/2765/FH Marston Barn, Marston Lane, Pembridge HR6 9JA  
Extension to existing dwelling.

COMMENT: NO OBJECTIONS

**C155 Affordable Housing Update**

Kington – New Affordable Housing properties available soon, details circulated. Details of Pembridge’s project with the property styles proposed, has been circulated. Marches Housing Association has just submitted design details of proposed properties and is seeking approval of these. Approval was given and Clerk to inform Marches HA.

**C156 Street Lighting Update - Clerk**

Russell Pryce has confirmed that the equipment has all now been ordered, but that there is a minor issue over claimed ownership of the grass frontage at West End Farm that is being followed up with the resident there. Everything is progressing well.

**C157 Introduction of a Speed Indicator Device (SID) in village**

Police report on data produced following first SID positioning awaited. The SID is in place again for this month of December, and two further planned dates for April & August 2010.

**C158 Lengthsman – Cllr. K. Myers**

Maps of local minor roads have been e mailed out by Cllr. Pierce. The revised Protocol is As was agreed at the last meeting.

A letter has been received from a resident requesting work to be undertaken by the Lengthsman.

This letter listed 3 areas of concern. The Clerk has written requesting that a subsiding wall at The Old Oak House be attended to. The other two matters related to a pot hole and clearance of an obstructed pedestrian pathway, and these matters have been referred to the Lengthsman with proposed work time to be allowed, but these were rejected by the Lengthsman. Those matters are being pursued and may be referred back to the Parish Council. The need for Broxwood ditch clearing and opening was again raised.

### **Meeting Closed for the next two items**

#### **C159 Parishioners Questions**

A question was asked about whether the Lengthsman service was providing good value for money, and whether it is possible to reopen negotiations with a second contractor in order that there was some choice as to which contractor could be chosen to carry out specific tasks in future.

It was explained that the terms of the contract that the Parish Council has entered into with H. Council do not allow for a second contractor to be involved as it is not a tendering scheme.

#### **C160 Ward Councillor's Report (Cllr. R. Phillips)**

Mr. Teale leaves Pembridge School this month and the temporary Head, Miss Finney will Take over until a new Headteacher is appointed to take over from September 2010.

Shobdon School has just received a Category 1, Outstanding classification.

The matter of grave concern about several accident "near misses" with foreign drivers of HGV's driving on the wrong side of the road will be reported to the Police and local CSO. Cllr. Phillips will also discuss this with Kingspan.

"No Wrong Door" is a new project introduced regarding how Childrens Services can be jointly run by various agencies to protect vulnerable children. There are currently over 100 children that have Child Protection Plans in place for them. Such people as Teachers, Social Workers etc are working closely together to prevent/stop child abuse.

The LDF - Local Development Forum is seeking consultation from January. Planners will visit Pembridge and Shobdon to talk to residents, commencing in Shobdon on 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm. At which a Forward Planning will be present and will need to know the implications locally – please try and be present.

The Shared Services section of H. Council is preparing to make savings of between £3.5 to £5M pounds per year; which will mainly be made by the loss of between 104-140 jobs. Other services will also be looked at as to where savings can be made. Some sites will be sold.

A new build will take place for H. Council at the existing Bulmers Site with an access road etc. at A cost of £4M.

### **Meeting Reopened**

#### **C161 Parish Matters Arising/Correspondence for Action**

- a) Playworld Systems – Clerk has e mailed again, chasing remedial works to the playground. We have been assured that these will be undertaken shortly.
- b) Clerk has responded to Andrew Teale regarding the points raised in his e mail that was discussed at the last meeting, regarding Re-siting of the CAP Printer, Improved Signage to the School, Use of the School's facilities, + new Street Lighting.

- c) Gifts for the Internal Auditor, Glyn Whiting & Mervyn Powell have been arranged.
- e) PACT Meetings – February : Kington Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 7pm Lady Hawkins Leisure Centre  
 - Leominster Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. 7pm The Forbury Chapel,  
 Church Street
- f) Clerk recently attended the interesting HALC evening, entitled “An Evening with Amey”, at which most aspects of how Amey can assist parishes with their enquiries was discussed. Note: Amey now has a dedicated e mail address for parish councils to send in their enquiries for the fastest response. It is [hfdclerks@amey.co.uk](mailto:hfdclerks@amey.co.uk) A team is constantly monitoring this incoming e mail box. Tel: 01432 845921.
- g) Pembridge School Christmas Concert is in the Church at 6.30 pm & followed with a farewell ceremony for Headteacher, Andrew Teale in the school on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.
- h) Public Rights of Way – new Warden for north area is Rachel Dixon, who can be contacted: tel: 01432 842159 or [rachel.dixon@amey.co.uk](mailto:rachel.dixon@amey.co.uk)
- i) Group Parish Council photograph for 2009 will be framed and displayed in the Parish Hall. Clerk has requested that it is framed by Glyn Whiting.
- j) Licence to supply Alcohol has been requested by Townsend Farm Shop, Pembridge, between hours of 9am-6pm Mon-Wed, 9am to 8pm Thurs-Sat, & 9am to 2pm Sundays. Respond by 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. Noted.
- k) CAP Printer – Advised that the cost of producing the magazine using this printer would equate to about the same as by using a commercial printer, but that some parts may last longer than anticipated.  
 A proposal was made that the printer be sold by the CAP team, and that the proceeds are to be returned to the Parish Council. Agreed by all. Cllr. Duggan to arrange.
- l) Parish Plan – a draft has been circulated but it was noted that several additions will need to be made, to include a mention on the earlier production of the Heritage booklet, Market Hall renovation work, traffic management – speed checks and introduction of SIDs, as well as new signs and consideration of the introduction of a pedestrian crossing, new lighting scheme etc.  
 Everyone was invited to send their individual comments to Cllr. Mrs. Lloyd by 10<sup>th</sup> January latest please, of anything which was considered should be included.

**C162 Next Meeting in the Parish Hall:**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at **7.15 pm** Parish Council meeting

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

