

PEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held Wednesday 16th June 2010 in the Parish Hall
7.15 pm viewing Planning Application, 7.30 pm Main Business

Present: Cllr. G. Evans, Cllr. R Pierce, Cllr. J. Purslow, Cllr. P. Thomas,
Cllr. Mrs. J. Mifflin, Cllr. P Rogers, Cllr. A. Stokes, Cllr. K. Duggan,
Cllr. R. Phillips, Cllr. D. Owens, Cllr. Mrs. S. Smith
+ 3 members of the public

D074 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Cllr. K. Myers – On Holiday Cllr. Mrs. P. Lloyd – On Holiday

D075 Announcement of any interests from councillors - None Declared

D076 Minutes of last meeting/matters arising from them – 19th May, 2010

No matters arising. The Minutes were then signed as a true record.

ACTION

D077 Financial Report (Clerk)

Reconciliation of bank accounts has taken place for May.
Leominster Shopmobility requested a donation towards providing equipment to
Disabled local people. It was agreed to send them £30.00

HH

Balances at end May 2010

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| Current Account: | £19,731.25 |
| Tracker Account: | £5,923.11 |
| Post Office Savings Account: | £11,347.79 |

Receipts since last meeting:

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| Magazine Advertiser Fee | £25.00 |
| 2009 Cash Donations made at Public Toilets | £135.03 |

Payments made since last meeting:

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| Lengthsman Invoice No. 2437 | £2,712.78 |
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Requests for Payment:

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| Toilet cleaner + bins, June | £247.00 |
| Millennium Meadow Mowing – May | £49.47 |
| Market Hall – 5 new lights bulbs & fitting | £190.99 |
| Market Hall – 1 spotlight & fitting | £198.15 |

All above transactions were approved by all.

D078 Planning

DMNW/101127/F Moor Court Farm, Moorcourt Lane, Lyonshall
Proposed agricultural building to provide
fruit cold store and ancillary.

COMMENT: NO OBJECTIONS

ACTION

- D079 Affordable Housing Project update – Clerk**
Nothing further heard from Marches Housing Association. Clerk has drafted a letter to the Festival Housing Group asked whether they would be interested in developing homes in Pembridge. This letter will send off shortly. However, the current government trend seems to be one of withdrawing funding for affordable housing projects. **HH**
- D080 Allotments update – Cllr. J. Purslow**
No definite offers of suitable land have been received. There is the possibility of negotiating with Pembridge Charities for some land that they are currently leasing out on a yearly basis; as well as contacting another local landowner who may have some suitable land. Cllr. Purslow will follow these up. In the meantime the Clerk was also requested to advertise again in the next Parish News magazine. **JP
HH**
- D081 Heart of England in Bloom Competition – Cllr. Mrs. S. Smith**
Weekly working group meetings will take place, commencing tomorrow evening, to carry out weeding tasks etc. This will commence with the strimming of the Moat area. It was noted that several areas in the village do need a good tidy up. Cllr. Stokes has volunteered to paint the goalposts on the Millennium Meadow. Paint would be paid for by the Parish Council. Inspection day by the judges will take place on 24th July. **SS
AS**
- D082 Lengthsman update – Cllr. A. Stokes**
3 works orders have been issued recently to the Lengthsman.

Meeting Closed for the next two items

D083 Ward Councillor's Report (Cllr. R. Phillips)

An Open Evening at the School will take place on Wednesday 23rd June – to which everyone is invited, and will be aimed at all age groups. It will also be an opportunity for a general discussion about how the School's facilities may be used by all residents.

A recent 'Ofsted' report declared the school to be 'Good' – which is the second category down from the top, which is very pleasing.
In September the school roll will be for 99 children.

Cllr. Phillips mentioned that H. Council's annual accounts to the end of March 2010 would be published tomorrow, and will show a surplus of £137,000. Some reserves have been used. Some subsidies will have to be reduced – busses and 3 swimming pool sites. Big savings will have to be made over the next 3 years, commencing with 5% next year, and various options to achieve this are currently being considered.

The new McMillan/Renton cancer unit is on track, and is due for completion in March 2011, with the first patients being treated by April 2011. The radiotherapy unit there will be managed by Gloucester.

The Children's budget has been overspent; with 147 children with protection needs, which has gone up since last year. As at 31st March there were no families in B & B accommodation.

Education levels are generally very good, but in Key Stages 1 & 2 primary level a downward trend in standards has been noted, which has led to concerns, and is being monitored closely.

ACTION

The Minster School is having a £21 million rebuild which should be opened in September. Hereford Academy has also received £23 million for development will be completed this year.

£8 million pounds has been planned for merging Leominster Junior and Infants schools, and hopefully the funding for this will still be forthcoming.

D084 Parishioners Questions

A resident raised the matter of problems by The Old Oak House:

- 1) A very wide hedge overhanging the pavement, making access very difficult without having to walk out into the road.
- 2) A problem with raw sewage bubbling up near the edge of the road, and running down the road.

Both of these matters are considered to be environmental issues that need to be resolved.

Clerk was requested to write to the occupants.

HH

Meeting Reopened

D085 Parish Matters Arising/Correspondence for Action

- a) Revised Model Standing Orders – will need to be discussed by a small group of councillors on Wed. 4th August at 7.30 pm in the hall, with a view to updating ours. **ALL**
- b) Public Toilets energy saving plans re change of electricity supplier were agreed. Clerk to arrange this in conjunction with Cllr. Myers. **HH/KM**
- c) Parish Plan Review – copies of the update have been made for councillors. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- d) Post Office van parking site – Clerk will purchase a 'No Parking' sign. There is now no need to enlarge the painted hatched area.
- e) Bearwood Lane being blocked by vehicles on Auction nights – as there are no parking restrictions there, nothing can be enforced. It was suggested that some polite leafleting could be done, but this was rejected as it could be a cause of litter. Clerk will write to Mr. Bowen and advise, and mention it in next magazine. **HH**
- f) E Mail circulation list for residents to register, so that they are informed of meetings etc. It was agreed that this would be put in place without any restrictions on postcode users. The project will be tried until Christmas this year.
- g) Crime, Disorder & Substance misuse questionnaire will be completed by the Clerk.
- h) 3 new Salt/Grit bins – Clerk will follow this up with H. Council. **HH**

D086 Next Meeting

Parish Open Meeting – Wednesday 21st July, 2010 – Pembridge Hall 7.30 pm

Meeting Closed at 9.15 pm