

## **PEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010 in the Parish Hall  
7.15 pm viewing Planning Application, 7.30 pm Main Business

**Present:** Cllr. G. Evans (Chair), Cllr. Mrs. J. Mifflin, Cllr. A. Stokes, Cllr. K. Duggan,  
Cllr. R. Pierce, Cllr. P. Rogers, Cllr. R. Phillips, Cllr. K. Myers, Cllr. J. Purslow  
Cllr. Mrs. P. Lloyd

**D087 Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

Cllr. P. Thomas – at Show, Cllr. D. Owens – On holiday, Cllr. Mrs. S. Smith – Village tidying

**D088 Announcement of any interests from councillors** - None Declared

**D089 Minutes of last meeting/matters arising from them – 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2010**

**ACTION**

Two matters arising:

a) Cllr. Duggan queries whether the matters pertaining to the overgrown hedge and drainage issues at The Old Oak House had been attended to, and this was confirmed.

b) Cllr. Pierce pointed out that D85(f) re new E Mail circulation list – should be corrected to state that there will not be a restriction on those joining to have local postcodes.

This would be a trial project until Christmas 2010.

The June Minutes will be corrected and then signed as a true record.

**HH**

**D090 Financial Report (Clerk)**

Reconciliation of bank accounts has taken place for July.

**Balances at end June 2010**

|                                     |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Current Account:</b>             | <b>£16,506.88</b> |
| <b>Tracker Account:</b>             | <b>£5,923.85</b>  |
| <b>Post Office Savings Account:</b> | <b>£11,347.79</b> |

**Receipts since last meeting:**

Nil

**Payments made since last meeting:**

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Shopmobility Donation                    | £30.00    |
| Clerk's 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter Salary   | £1,057.68 |
| Clerk's 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter Expenses | £231.01   |

**Requests for Payment:**

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Toilet cleaner + bins, July                 | £254.21 |
| Millennium Meadow mowing – June             | £49.47  |
| nPower electricity – public Toilets         | £80.12  |
| Market Hall Architect's Inspection          | £493.50 |
| H. Council – S.I.D. deployment – April      | £117.50 |
| Magazine printing Aug/Sept. + photo framing | £275.00 |
| Paint for MM goalpost                       | £35.52  |
| Hall Hire                                   | £55.00  |

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

**D091 Planning**

**Applications considered this evening:**

**DMNW/101012/FH**     **Oak House, 1 Court Meadow, Pembridge. HR6 9EW**  
Single storey garage extension

**Comment:**             **No Objection**

**DMN/101225/L**         **The Leen, Pembridge. HR6 9HN**  
Proposed opening of original doorway & demolition of stud wall

**Comment:**             **No Objection**

**DMN/101262/FH**         **4 Leen Cottages, Pembridge. HR6 9HN**  
Proposed two storey extension, relocation of porch and demolition of an existing conservatory and woodstore

**Comment:**             **The Parish Council has no objections providing the application conforms to the criteria regarding scale as shown in the local development plan.**

**Query re caravan and stable in field at Pitfield Farm**

The Planners have advised that they are aware of the situation and that the resident is claiming to be of gypsy status, and that a retrospective application will be submitted to the Council in due course.

**D092 Allotments Update – Cllr. Purslow**

Issues over availability of land were ongoing at the present time.

**D093 Heart of England in Bloom Competition**

There have been teams of volunteers out and about tidying the village.  
The road sweeper had recently been through the village.  
The judging inspection will take place at 10am on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July, commencing at Townsend Farm.

**D094 Completion of Parish Plan Review –Cllr. Mrs. P. Lloyd**

Cllr. Mrs. Lloyd said that she was planning to display the 7 sheets of text that detail the review of the Plan, at the Village Show (these would be enlarged to size A3 (at a cost of 14p per sheet – Clerk to arrange). Copies of the 7 sheets were distributed to Councillors. A Community Pride Grant application is to be made to H. Council for £250.00 – the cost of printing 50 copies of the Reviewed Parish Plan (38 pages plus cover).

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**Meeting closed for next two items**

**D095 Parishioners Questions**

None.

**D096 Ward Councillor’s Report – Cllr. R. Phillips**

**Concessionary Car Parking**

“You will be aware of a countywide system of car parking concessions for those over 65 years of age. This was first introduced in January 2001. It allows for a person of qualifying age to buy a permit allowing two hours free parking in a car park in the town closest to their home, as determined by their post code.

The charge payable is £5.00 per year. This flat rate charge has not been increased since the concession was introduced despite a number of general car park charge increases during the same period.

The Director of Sustainable Communities has agreed that the annual charge is to be increased to £10.00 per year with effect from 1 August 2010. This continues to represent excellent value for money and a significant concession on standard car park charges.”

### **World Blind Football Championships in Hereford**

Following the South African World Cup the Football Association are hosting the World Blind Football Championships from 14th to 22nd August at Point 4, Hereford which is off Venn's Lane, the new buildings of the Royal National Blind College. 16 nations are competing, including England, Spain, Brazil, Argentina but not Germany. The full fixture list is on the website.

Standard tickets throughout the tournament will be sold as day passes and will be priced at £5 (concessions £2). This is for both England and non-England days. Pre-booking is strongly advised, either on line off the website or at Point 4 reception where tickets will be available towards the end of July. You can call Point 4 through the Blind College switchboard 01432 265725. This is a great coup for Hereford as the championships are usually held with the Olympics Games or in Capital Cities.

### **Digital TV Switchover**

“Digital UK” will switch the Central TV region (includes Herefordshire) to digital next year at which point the whole region will get Freeview. They will write to every householder before the Ridge Hill transmitter switches over between 6 and 20 April 2011.

Help will be given to elderly customers and over the next six months a great deal of information will be sent to explain what you need to do including in Herefordshire Matters.

### **Macmillan Renton Unit**

Work has commenced on the site at Hereford Hospital and is due to be complete by end of March 2011 with first patients treated next April. The Radiotherapy unit which will be managed by Gloucestershire Hospital Trust is on track to open in late 2012.

### **Dilwyn School**

The Council has begun the statutory process to close Dilwyn School for 31st August 2011. The Head and Chair of Governors were invited to the cabinet meeting and were accompanied by one member of the public. We have received a letter this week from Government, which clearly states this is a local matter.

The report was signed off by the two Church authorities (C of E and Catholic).

The school has a capacity of 56 pupils with only 31 attending.

There are currently 53 primary school aged pupils living in the Dilwyn catchments area of which 19 go to Dilwyn.

There are 146 spare places in the Weobley school cluster.

Dilwyn is receiving £5,849 per pupil funding compared to Herefordshire average of £ 3,666.

Our Small School Policy of Amber light at 46 pupils or less and red light for 36 pupils or less has been around for over 6 years and has NEVER BEEN CHALLENGED BY ANY POLITICAL GROUP or Educational body.

Pembridge expects 101 pupils in September.

**Health White Paper**

This came out on Monday and proposes the abolition of PCTs in March 2013 to be replaced with consortia of GP practices. Important to recognise that integrated working between the NHS and Social Care is at the heart of the new proposal. Therefore although the PCT will go the joint commissioning and diverting of budgets that we have established is the way ahead. Local Authorities will also have a stronger role in public health.

Chris Bull meets with Minister for Social Care Paul Burstow this week. It is clear that the new government recognises that what we have been doing in Herefordshire is the way forward.

**The meeting was reopened**

**D097 Parish Matters Arising/Correspondence for Action**

- a) **Agenda** - advertising PC meetings on Noticeboards. Following discussion there was a proposal that the full Agenda (as circulated to Councillors) should also be displayed on the notice board – rather than an abridged version as before. This was agreed by the majority vote. HH
- b) **Dog Control Orders** – The ‘Anti Fouling’ order in all public places will come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2010. The Amenity Trust will consider the implication of the new ‘Dogs on Leads’ order, and whether it wishes to place the Millennium Meadow on the Council’s list of places where dogs should be kept on leads. GE
- c) **New NALC Model Standing Orders** – Extra Meeting will be held on Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> August to discuss any updates needed to our Standing Orders.
- d) **Public Toilets** electricity supplier change will be requested, from nPower to West Mercia Supplies. Meter is to be read first. HH
- e) **Bearwood Lane** – being blocked by vehicles. Clerk has written to Mr. Bowen following his concerns. A further letter from Mr. Bowen in response has been received, and Cllr. Phillips will follow up the matter with the police. RJP
- f) **Shaping our Place** – further consultation during mid July. All papers and further details regarding the consultation period will be available on the Herefordshire Council website at [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/ldf](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/ldf)  
After the consultation the Core Strategy will be finalised. This will be agreed by Cabinet and Full Council early 2011, before submission to the Secretary of State. Any queries can be made to Emma Lawrence on tel: 01432 383357. Parish Clerks will get more info as soon as it is available – probably September, however, the website will be updated by the end of July. Cllr. Phillips will also be involved with this.
- g) **Registration of strip of land** running across the Millennium Meadow, near Parsons Walk – Clerk is processing this as requested with the Land Registry. HH
- h) **Affordable Housing** – Clerk has had a response from Festival Housing Group of Malvern following an initial enquiry, and their Head of Development will contact the Parish Council shortly.
- i) Cllr. Duggan explained the plans for updating the Parish Hall.
- j) Cllr. Evans explained on behalf of the Pembridge Amenity Trust what would be required as part of the 5 yearly inspection of the Market Hall following its renovation.

## INFORMATION SHEET

**Post Office parking site** – new ‘no parking’ sign has been fixed to fence by space. No need to enlarge the hatched parking area.  
**S.I.D. Traffic speed data** from April 2010 – e mailed out to all councillors.  
**Adult Safeguarding campaign** to raise awareness about abuse to adults, and the action that can be taken to prevent and to respond to incidents. Noted.  
**Policing Herefordshire** – West Mercia Police Newsletter was circulated.  
**Current Councils’ Four Year Term of Office – Ends May 2011.**  
ALL parish council seats will be up for election, including any that have been elected or co-opted following a casual vacancy on the parish council.

**Herefordshire’s next Local Government Elections will take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May ’11.**

### **D098 Next Meeting**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall – Special meeting to discuss new model Standing Orders – any councillors are welcome to attend.  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at 7.15 pm – next Full Parish Council meeting

Meeting Closed at 9.40 pm

