

PEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held Wednesday 17th November 2010 in the Parish Hall
7.15 pm viewing Planning Application, 7.30 pm Main Business

Present: Cllr. G. Evans (Chairman), Cllr. Mrs. J. Mifflin, Cllr. R. Pierce, Cllr. P. Thomas,
Cllr. Mrs. S. Smith, Cllr. P. Rogers, Cllr. R. Phillips, Cllr. K. Myers
Cllr. Mrs. P. Lloyd, Cllr. K. Duggan, Cllr. D. Owens, Cllr. A. Stokes

D132 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Cllr. J. Purslow – Returning from Holiday today

D133 Announcement of any interests from councillors - None Declared

D134 Minutes of last meeting/matters arising from them – 20th October, 2010

Read & Approved

ACTION

D135 New Police Constable for Kington Rural area – PC Joanne Ellis – visiting to meet the councillors, together with CSO Dick Alford

Joanne introduced herself, and CSO Dick Alford and discussed the sort of problems that have occurred locally, including fuel siphoning, burglaries, thefts, and that the shed at this hall as having been tampered with. Theft in rural areas is a problem, and everyone should be vigilant and lock up their valuables. Halloween and Bonfire night festivities, as well as Remembrance day traffic management had all gone off without any problems.

Joanne mentioned that she was now holding surgeries in Shobdon, and wondered whether this is something which may be considered for Pembridge also.

A question was asked as to whether the introduction of CCTV in Pembridge in the next few years would be useful, but Joanne said that she did not recommend because of the low level of crime here; and that CCTV really works better in larger towns.

Three particular methods of reducing crime were suggested:

- a) Good home security
- b) Better lighting around properties
- c) Lock vehicles and remove valuables from them to deter criminals

D136 Guest Speaker – Russell Pryce re new Street Lighting – Check that all is satisfactory

Russell wished to invite feedback from Councillors following completion of the scheme.

Whilst some streamlining of signs and columns has taken place as part of the overall project, there are 4/5 columns which are suitably strong to take banners etc. The other standard columns do have a windage capacity and any attachments can put pressure on them.

If a 'doubling up' of sign attachments is required in particular places, then photographs should be taken and sent to Russell for Amey to consider first.

If power saving was required, all lights could be turned off at midnight by advising Amey, but this should be balanced against safety. At the moment the lights are dimmed after midnight, which is probably safer for residents and the best compromise.

Russell mentioned that if there is any further requirement for additional lighting, then this could be discussed with Cllr. Phillips at a later date.

D137 Financial Report (Clerk)

Reconciliation of bank accounts has taken place for October.
Explanation regarding last month's expenditure on the Bell Tower (£373.65) : Minor repair work to the roof as per quotation to the Amenity Trust in September 2009. Re-fixed slipped tiles and replaced 4 stone tiles. Photographic record of condition of the lead.

Balances at end October 2010

Current Account:	£23,392.61
Tracker Account:	£5,924.59
Post Office Savings Account:	£11,347.79

Receipts since last meeting:

4 x Magazine Advertiser	£200.00
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Payments made since last meeting: None

Requests for Payment:

Toilet cleaner + bins, November	£247.00
M. Meadow mowing – October	£49.47
Parish Magazine Printing	£260.00
HALC Training Course Fee – Clerk	£20.00
Village Christmas Trees	£346.50

All Above transactions were approved by all.

D138 Planning

Applications that were considered:

DMN/102771/C Conservation COMMENT:	Plot at Carpet Warehouse, West Street, Pembridge Demolition of former carpet warehouse NO OBJECTION
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DMN/102761/F COMMENT:	The Stables, Pitfield Farm, Pembridge Change of use from yard with stable block to one family travellers site, with staioning of one mobile home, touring caravan, sheds and associated development. (Part retrospective). Pembridge Parish Council objects to the application as there is a purpose built Travellers site within one mile of the application site, and considers that this would be a preferable site for the applicants to be based at so that they can maintain their local family connection.
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In addition, the proposed ancillary buildings (sheds and associated development) would encourage building in open countryside, which would be contrary to UDP Policy H.7 "Housing in the countryside outside settlements".

If the application were to be granted, the Parish Council requests that a Condition be added, that the site could only be used by the current applicants and that no further future development on the site would be permitted.

DMN/102200/F **Yeld Farm, Yeld Lane, Lyonshall HR5 3LY**
Proposed four poultry units to house broilers with attached control room unit. Three feed bins with each pair of units. Ancillary infrastructure would include a generator shed & office, a shower block & two sets of four gas tanks located on a concrete base, vehicle access and bund.

COMMENT: NO OBJECTION

APPEAL RESULT Appeal dismissed (Change to character of area & protected species)
Grange House School, Marston
Conversion of existing school premises to residential dwelling

D139 Lengthsman's Contract – Cllr. A. Stokes

A revised Contract of Employment has now been signed by the Lengthsman. Some concerns expressed.

D140 Parish Plan – Cllr. Mrs. Lloyd

It was mentioned that several possible forthcoming changes in the parish such as shop closure, increased future housing requirements, e tc., should be included in the revised Plan. Also, Melanie Preedy would be invited to the January meeting, and if she is available, Clerk to arrange, and prior to a public meeting in the New Year to finalise the Plan

HH

D141 Adoption of New Standing Orders – The draft has been copied to all by E Mail

The meeting was told that the new Model Standing Orders have been studied by a group of Councillors, with the aim of meeting the requirement to 'personalise them to this Parish Council. The only outstanding matter to decide at this meeting, was whether under Paragraph 3. b) the Councillors would prefer to have their copies of previous Minutes and Agenda for each meeting sent to them in hard copy format as present, or by e mail.

Proposal by Cllr. Pierce: That as the majority seemed to prefer a continuing of hard copy distribution, as it was probably more reliable, this method will continue; with the exception of a few Councillors who wish to receive e mailed versions – those Councillors would e mail the Clerk to request this. Agreed by majority.

HH

Also, a hard copy of these replacement finalised Standing Orders will be prepared for each Councillor to retain.

D142 Allotments Update – Cllr. Purslow

Cllr. Purslow was not present, so this matter will be deferred until the next meeting.

JP

Meeting Closed

D143 Ward Councillor's Report (Cllr. R. Phillips)

To be supplied.

RJP

D144 Parishioners Questions

There was a question about the planning application at the Pitfield site, and whether the use of the description of the applicants as 'Travellers' was correct, as they probably no longer travel around. Cllr. Phillips replied that yes, the applicants do meet the requirement of this term.

Concern was expressed that School employees and parents were causing considerable obstruction to Bearwood Lane during the times of 'drop off' and 'collection' of children in disregard of the promoted use of the Village Hall car park. The Clerk is requested to arrange a meeting between members of the Council, public, and the Headteacher of the school in order to discuss this problem.

HH

Meeting was Reopened

D145 Parish Matters Arising/Correspondence for Action

- a) Need for a village cleaner – to be put on the agenda of the next meeting.
- b) A letter was read out from the School Headteacher requesting better signage of School off West Street. Additional signage has been refused in the past. After discussion the Clerk was requested to write to the Headteacher suggesting that a sign should be placed at the front of the school giving directions to the main entrance, and suggesting that the School contacts the Ambulance Service to advise them of the situation direct, thus avoiding any such future incidents. **HH**
- c) The request by a resident for village street name signs to be installed was noted. Cllr. Evans pointed out that two footpath signs either side of the river bridge had recently disappeared. Cllr. Rogers said that he would follow this up. **PR**
- d) Affordable Housing – After the Clerk explained that nothing further has been heard from the Developer, Marches Housing Assn., the Clerk was requested to write to them to see whether they are attempting to find an alternative land site. **HH**
- e) Shop closure - There was discussion and a question as to whether any action should be taken; and the likely impact of the closure on the village.
- f) Doctor's Surgery – There was a mention that the time allowed for an appointment is just 10 minutes, and concern that this may not be satisfactory. However, it was decided that this is the usual amount of time allocated by a doctor to see a patient.
- g) New salt bins had been requested for West End and Sandiford Ploc. The Clerk was requested to request these and ascertain progress, and request salt replenishment of existing bins for the winter. **HH**
It was also noted that a new waste bin is required to be sited by the telephone box. Clerk will obtain details of styles and costings. **HH**
- h) Parish Footpaths List – this has been supplied by Amey, and they are seeking help to determine how many of the actions on the list are still current and required. This has been taken on by the Footpath's Officer Cllr. P. Rogers. **PR**

D146 Next Meeting

Wednesday 1st December 2010 – FINANCE GROUP (All welcome)
Wednesday 15th December 2010 – Full PC Meeting
Both at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Meeting Closed at 9.40 pm

