

PEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held Wednesday 15th December, 2010 in the Parish Hall
7.15 pm viewing Planning Application, 7.30 pm Main Business

Present: Cllr. G. Evans (Chairman), Cllr. R. Pierce, Cllr. P. Thomas,
Cllr. P. Rogers, Cllr. K. Myers
Cllr. A. Stokes + 1 member of the public

D147 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Cllr. J. Purslow , Cllr. D. Owens, Cllr. Mrs. S. Smith, Cllr. R. Phillips, Cllr. Mrs. J. Mifflin,
Cllr. Mrs. P. Lloyd, Cllr. K. Duggan.

D148 Announcement of any interests from councillors - None Declared

D149 Minutes of last meeting/matters arising from them – 17th November 2010

Read & Approved

ACTION

D150 Police Report – CSO Dick Alford

A few local concerns were mentioned, such as theft of scrap metal (throughout the county), and heating oil. Please advise the police if you see anything suspicious. There will be extra patrols taking place during the Christmas period.

A Ringmaster Survey questionnaire will be sent to all councillors to fill in on line.

Rural Watch packs are available, which could help act as a deterrent to crime, and the Parish Council was asked if it could sponsor this. Prices will be emailed to the Clerk for consideration.

ALL

Dick wondered whether there would be any interest in Local Surgeries taking place in Pembridge. This will be considered at the January meeting.

ALL

D151 Financial Report (Clerk)

Reconciliation of bank accounts has taken place.

Clerk's 3rd quarter salary & expenses are due at the end of December.

VAT reclaim of £1,157.61 received.

Revised replacement cheque issued for Christmas trees, for correct amount – original one cancelled.

Balances at end November 2010

Current Account: £23,513.66

Tracker Account: £5,924.59

Post Office Savings Account: £11,347.79

Receipts since last meeting:

2 X Magazine advertiser fees of £50 £100.00

Payment from Show Committee for 2011 In Bloom £100.00

Payments made since last meeting:

NPower Electricity – toilets – last payment £38.91

Christmas Trees £352.50

Requests for Payment:

Cleaner – public toilets, and bins December £254.21

Village Mowing 2010 £412.00

Lengthsman Inv. 2491	£630.38
Village Green Maintenance	£205.63

All Above transactions were approved by all.

DRAFT PRECEPT/BUDGET – Proposed expenditure sheet distributed to all councillors

Owing to possible financial cut backs on local services, which are not known just yet, HALC is recommending that parish councils wait to hear how their parishes may be affected before finalizing their precept for 2011/12. HALC says there could also be a need for any loss of service provision to be regained by a few parish councils joining together for this purpose. The following is a comment e mailed out to all parish councils by the Parish Liaison and Rural Services Officer at H. Council :

“A number of other parish/town councils have expressed concern over their meeting the 31 December 2010 deadline for the return of the Precept Form. The Precept Forms need to be submitted in good time to enable the information to be included in the council tax leaflet and the council tax bills.

However, following feedback from some parish and town councils, the council has reviewed the deadline given to parish/town councils and is pleased to be able to extend this to 31 January 2011.”

HALC has also advised that there will be a meeting for Clerks and Chairpersons on 26th January to discuss the implications of any cuts in services, and that Councils may then discuss the points raised there, with their Councillors. Provided that Councils advise H. Council afterwards of their intention to finalise their Precept requirement shortly afterwards, and submit their requirement by the end of February, this will be allowed.

On this basis it was agreed that the Vice Chairman and the Clerk will attend the 26th January meeting, and a special meeting of the Parish Council to finalise its Precept will be held on 2nd February.

D152 Planning

Application to be considered this evening:

DMN/102969/FH Pinecroft, Bridge Street, Pembridge. HR6 9DU
Installation of photovoltaic panels to
South side of house.

COMMENT: NO OBJECTION

Application which could not be considered on 1st December owing to lack of a quorum present:

DMN/102886/F Land adjacent to Leenfields, Pembridge. HR6 9HN
Proposed new agricultural building

D153 Lengthsman Scheme – Cllr. K. Myers

- 1) Work being carried out by the Lengthsman:
Last year’s survey was completed and the identified work is being carried out satisfactorily.
- 2) Appointment of a councillor to replace Cllr. Thomas who has stood down:
Cllr. Myers will follow this up.

KM

D154 Affordable Housing Update – Clerk

Marches Housing Assn. can confirm that it is putting the finishing touches to the drawings, - involving some minor tweaks to the elevations and windows, and will be submitting their application for planning before Christmas.

With regards to the purchase of the land, they have been in talks with the land-owner's agent, which are looking positive, subject to planning permission being granted. The Association cannot however purchase the land without planning permission.

Once the Planning Application has been submitted and validated by Herefordshire Council, a full set of drawings will be provided to the Parish Council.

D155 Royal Wedding Village Celebration – Friday 29th April 2011 - Clerk

After discussion, the Clerk was requested to call a special meeting in early January of various parish groups to determine whether or not there is interest in a group organised event. It was stressed that the Parish Council would not organise anything alone.

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Meeting Closed for the next two items

D156 Parishioners Questions

Resident wished to discuss the problems with noise from Shobdon Airfield – a letter had been received from him in time for this meeting.

D157 Ward Councillor's Report (Cllr. R. Phillips)

Cllr. Phillips was not able to be present, but see his report in the Parish Magazine.

Meeting to be Reopened

D158 Parish Footpaths update – Cllr. Rogers

Report awaited

D159 Allotments Update – Cllr. Purslow

Cllr. Purslow was not present to give an update. It was hoped that this would be available for the January/February meeting.

D160 Childrens Playground update – Cllr. Stokes

There are two medium/high category risks, which need to be acted upon, and a few low risks, which only need to be monitored.

Cllr. Stokes had found someone who would repair the swings at a cost of around £70 if acceptable to the Parish Council. This payment was proposed, and agreed.

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D161 Village Green Work & Expenditure Report – Cllr. Myers

1) Works for both winter and spring need to be undertaken on the conservation area, with some concerns as to whether the area should be left looking 'natural and wild' or trimmed. However, it will be necessary to rake back the grass by half a metre to leave the pathway clear. Also the boardwalk sides will need to be strimmed.

2) Mowing of the village green will continue twice, and cutting grass 6 times around the car park and by the riverside. No changes required to this arrangement.

3) Three trees on the green are diseased and need to be felled.

Tony Norman will write a feature about the area.

ACTION

D162 Parish Matters Arising/Correspondence for Action

- a) Consideration of a request for a Village Cleaner. This will be reviewed in March 2011
- b) Local resident's concern about damage to steps by through traffic to rear of New Inn. This will be followed up.
- c) Registration of strip of land off Parsons Walk in Parish Council's name. This is going ahead, and a decision is awaited from the Land Registry office.
- d) Does the Parish Council wish to have a group photograph taken this year.
Yes, after the May elections.
- e) Complaint re noise from Shobdon airfield – discussed earlier under Parishioners Questions. Clerk requested to write to Planners.
- f) Cost of a new waste bin will be around £350 + VAT & some new bin bags. Agreed
If a replacement upper part can be fitted more cheaply, then that will be arranged.
- g) Parish Plan Review – Mel Preedy (HALC) has been invited to next meeting.

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D163 Next Meetings:

Special Meeting 6th January 2010 to discuss possible social event re Royal Wedding.

Wednesday 12th January 2011 at **7.30 pm** in the Parish Hall. Full PC Meeting.

Special Meeting 2nd February 2010 to discuss Precept. Full PC Meeting.

INFORMATION

1. The new electricity supplier for the public toilets is now West Mercia Supplies – Noted.
2. The new Standing Orders will be ready for distribution to all councillors in January.
3. Letter from Pixley PC re national speed limit reduction – Noted.

Meeting Closed at 9.10 pm

