

PEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held Wednesday 12th January, 2011 in the Parish Hall
7.15 pm viewing Planning Application, 7.30 pm Main Business

Present: Cllr. K. Myers (Acting Chairman), Cllr. R. Pierce, Cllr. P. Thomas,
Cllr. P. Rogers, Cllr. A. Stokes, Cllr. Mrs. J. Mifflin, Cllr. K. Duggan
Cllr. R. Phillips & Cllrs. Mrs. P. Lloyd : Joined later + 1 member of the public

E001 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Cllr. J. Purslow – On Holiday , Cllr. D. Owens, Cllr. Mrs. S. Smith, Cllr. G. Evans - Unwell

E002 Announcement of any interests from councillors - None Declared

E003 Minutes of last meeting/matters arising from them – 15th December 2010

Read & Approved

ACTION

E004 Police Report – CSO Dick Alford

It was reported that some damage had recently occurred to a window at Kings House. Also, a Range Rover had recently been taken from Pembridge and found burnt out by Shobdon Airfield.

The Christmas period had passed quietly with no anti-social behaviour reported.

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

The Police are wishing to promote the Rural Watch Scheme and some special information packs which include notices are available to purchase – cost : 144 packs for £235.00.

After discussion it was suggested that the Parish Council would not purchase packs until a local Rural Watch group has been set up, and their representative could come and explain their needs.

E005 Financial Report (Clerk)

Reconciliation of bank accounts has taken place.

Precept/Budget requirement for 2011/12 will be finalised at a special meeting to be held on 2nd February, at which all councillors are summoned to attend.

Balances at end December 2010

Current Account:	£22,271.24
Tracker Account:	£5,925.33
Post Office Savings Account:	£11,347.79

Receipts since last meeting:

3 x Magazine Advertisers @ £50	£150.00
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Payments made since last meeting:

Clerk's 3 rd Quarter Salary:	£1,057.68
Clerk's 3 rd Quarter Expenses	£286.33
Clerk's Annual Payment for use of 1 room as an office	£100.00

Requests for Payment:

Cleaner – public toilets & bins for January	£254.21
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Parish Magazine Printing	£260.00
Parish Hall Hire	£52.00
Purchase of new waste bin (outer) and bags	£206.73
WMS Electricity for public toilets (November 2010)	£85.80

The payment for WMS electricity was considered too high and will be investigated before any payment is made.

All other transactions were approved by all.

E006 Planning**DMN/102767/F****Former Carpet Warehouse, West Street, Pembridge. HR6 9DX**

Demolition of former carpet warehouse and construction of single Dwelling.

COMMENT:

The Parish Council is in favour of the construction of a single dwelling on the site, however, it objects to the proposed type of brick to be used, the timber cladding, and the brick wall, as these are considered to be unsympathetic to the general design of the village.

Application Withdrawn:**Yeld Farm, Lyonshall HR5 3LY**

Proposed four poultry units and infrastructure

E007 A Report on the outcome of the Special Meeting held 6th January 2011 on a Possible Parish Celebration of the Royal Wedding – Cllr. A. Stokes

An event has been agreed in the format of a street party/picnic based around the Market Hall and the Church grounds, and this will be discussed in more detail at a further meeting scheduled for Tuesday 1st March at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall. It was agreed that the event would be advertised in the forthcoming magazine. All welcome to the meeting.

E008 Guest Speaker – Mr. Chris Gooding – Parish Plan Review

Chris asked Cllr. Mrs. Lloyd to explain exactly how far the Group had proceeded to date with the review, in order for him to understand the best way forward. Chris then outlined how there would be some funding available if the Parish Council wanted to commence a completely new Plan, and the sort of matters that such an undertaking should encompass. The Group that undertook the review; with the backing of the P.C., decided not to do a completely new Parish Plan at present. However, the Group wished to finalise the work and the review that they had undertaken over the last few years. Chris agreed with the Group that this was achievable if a Public Meeting were held, and Parishioners' views and wishes were considered.

It was pointed out that the Plan is not 'set in stone' and that it could be reviewed again by another group of volunteers if necessary, at a later date to include any further changes that may occur in the parish.

A Public Meeting will be arranged for Wednesday 9th March at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

E009 Allotments Update – Clerk

Cllr. Purslow was not present to give an update. It is understood that two possible areas of land are currently being investigated.

Meeting closed for next two items**E010 Ward Councillor's Report**

Situation regarding noise complaint from helicopter flight training at Shobdon Airfield – the Airfield is not in Pembridge parish, but flying permission is historic at airfield. The size of the helicopters being used for the contract to train overseas pilots are within the allowed size.

The noise is an issue that affects Pembridge, and the problem may become more noticeable in the summer months to come, when more people are outdoors.

Budget setting is taking place. There will be no increase in Herefordshire Council's part of the Council Tax for next year. Bus fare grant has fallen by 20%. Concessionary bus passes will stay, but there may be a change to the times within which they can be used.

Dialogue is taking place with H. Council regarding bus routes at contract renewal, and there is a possibility that parish councils may have to contribute part of their precept. Various other fringe services may lose grants or have them reduced. Some staff reduction will take place, around 250 jobs over two years, with 30 coming from management posts by redundancy or ending contracts of agency short-term workers.

With the loss of the local shop, perhaps a Community Shop could be considered, but there are implications with this.

E011 Parishioners Questions

A resident raised the point regarding whether there is a need for an action plan to complete the Parish Plan, particularly in light of matters which appear to be out of the parish's hands, such as closure of the shop, difficulty in obtaining appointments at the doctor's surgery, and slow progress with the affordable housing project.

The general response was that yes, there is now a need to complete the Plan review fairly urgently.

Meeting Reopened**E012 Parish Footpaths update (from December meeting)– Cllr. Rogers**

There are 47 km of footpaths in Pembridge Parish. I have not yet walked all of them ! I have responded to concerns from parishioners and tourists re blocked paths, broken stiles and gates and a horse in a field. If I have the contact details of the complainant I have responded directly to them as to what action will be taken.

To date :

- 3 new kissing gates have been delivered to Broxwood to replace broken stiles
- 2 ditch crossings are to be replaced at Broxwood
- An overplanted footpath on the Broxwood Estate will be kept clear next year
- A fingerpost has been installed where PM56 leaves the highway
- A dangerous bridge west of Byletts Cottage has been closed for 6 months for repair – Amey were unable to complete the repair within two 21day closure notice periods due to bad weather
- A new gate and gate posts have been ordered for the entrance to the footpath beginning at Byletts Cottage
- A work order has been issued for a ditch/stream crossing on Footpath PM16 north of Marston where there had not been one previously, and for clearance of a track leading to it from the highway north of Marston between land at Upper Marston Farm and Marston Court. This track has been placed on Amey's strimming list for next year.
- Footpath PM52, is blocked by crop and a letter requesting its clearance was sent by the Area Rights of Way Warden on November 22nd. This was not acceded to and the matter has been passed to the Enforcement Officer for process.
- 2 new footpath metal 'chevrons' have been replaced for those which were mysteriously removed from Pembridge Bridge.
- PM10 north of Marston has been blocked by new fencing – I need to speak with the landowner regarding this matter.

E013 Parish Matters Arising/Correspondence for Action

- 1) New Standing Orders – a copy for each councillor to retain as Parish Council property, was handed out this evening. Copies will be supplied to the councillors not present this evening.
- 2) Local resident's concern about damage to steps by through traffic to rear of New Inn. A request will be made to Amey to repair the step, and Highways are considering the traffic issues there, and they will respond in due course. **HH**
- 3) Registration of strip of land off Parsons Walk in Parish Council's name. The Land Registry have replied and advised that they will be carrying out a site inspection prior to making a decision.
- 4) Complaint of noise from helicopters at Shobdon Airfield. A letter has been prepared for the Planning Department to consider, and will be sent very shortly.
- 5) Next Parish Council group photograph will be taken of the newly elected P. Council on 18th May.
- 6) Countess Darnley's letter circulated re 2012 Queen's Golden Jubilee – grants etc. Jubilee People's Millions lottery funding for projects that will improve local places. Applications deadline is 4th February 2011. Noted.
- 7) British Legion would like each parish to join a fund raising event for them (nationwide) over w/e of 10th-12th June in celebration of their 90th Birthday. . Details will be forwarded to the local British Legion for their consideration.
- 8) Parliamentary Briefing – Government published the Localism Bill on 13th December. The Bill aims to shift power from central government back into the hands of communities and councils. Details were e mailed to councillors, or details can be found on website: www.nalc.gov.uk
- 9) New waste bin has been ordered and will be delivered shortly, with bin bags.
- 10) Treeworks application sent to Tony Norman for comment upon.
- 11) A Proposal of thanks was put forward to Cllr. Mrs. Mifflin and her family and helpers for, once again, a wonderful display of illuminated Christmas Trees throughout the village during the Christmas period. All were in agreement.
- 12) Cllr. Mifflin raised the matter of an increase in salary for the public toilet cleaner, which should be put forward as a formal item on the next agenda.

E014 Next Meetings:

Special Meeting of the Parish Council on 2nd February 2011 to discuss Precept at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Full Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 16th February 2011 at 7.30 pm in P. Hall.

Tuesday 1st March – Special Meeting to discuss Royal Wedding Celebration at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Public Meeting on Wednesday 9th March regarding the Review of the Parish Plan – 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Meeting Closed at 9.30 pm

