

PEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held Wednesday 19th October 2011 in the Parish Hall
7.15 pm viewing Planning Applications, 7.30 pm Main Business

Present: Cllr. G. Evans (Chair), Cllr. R. Pierce, Cllr. Mrs. J. Mifflin, Cllr. A. Stokes, Cllr. P. Rogers,
Cllr. A. Mizrahi, Cllr. Ms. C. Fothergill, Cllr. A. Pace, Cllr. P. Thomas, Cllr. A. Stokes

E113 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Cllr. K. Myers – On holiday, Cllr. D. Owens – On holiday, Cllr. K. Duggan – At work

E114 Announcement of any interests from councillors

None.

E115 Police Report – CSO Dick Alford

ACTION

Thefts are the main concern at the moment, particularly of scrap metal. There has been a diesel theft from Luntley, a truck stolen from Gorsty, and an old tractor etc. stolen from a local field.

A suspicious vehicle was spotted, with the registration number being reported to police. The vehicle occupants were removing drain covers for scrap metal value. A police pursuit of the vehicle took place and the occupants apprehended.

In addition, a local resident in Eardisland who was mowing his lawn noted noises from a nearby building, from where scrap was being stolen. The police were alerted.

Two apple pickers were stolen in Eardisley and the suspects arrested.

Request for all residents to be alert and to report anything suspicious to the police or neighbourhood watch team immediately.

Police Surgeries. continue at the Market Hall site, and anyone may attend. The next surgery will be held on Thursday 10th November then Thursday 8th December (every 4 weeks). between 11am and 12am.

Note that on Halloween all police will be working – and Trick or Treat posters have been distributed.

IMPORTANT CHANGE: As from Tuesday 8th November 2011 a simpler new police contact telephone number will be available to the public : It is **1 0 1** for NON EMERGENCIES only.

E116 Minutes of last meeting/matters arising from them – 21st September 2011

Two minor corrections, not on detail, merely typographical errors, which were amended.

E117 Financial Report – Clerk:

Reconciliation of bank accounts for September has taken place.

Herefordshire Council has requested that Precept requests for 2012/13 are made by 31st January latest.

Donation request submitted by the Citizens Advice Bureaux. After discussion a proposal was made by Cllr. Stokes that a £50.00 donation should be made. Majority were in agreement. Clerk will arrange payment; and she was asked to find out how many Pembridge residents have used the service in the last year.

A handout was given on Parish Council's half year expenditure.

Balances at end September 2011

Current Account:	£22,867.16
Tracker Account:	£5,927.55
Post Office Savings Account:	£11,347.79

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Receipts since last meeting:

Western Power – Wayleaves X 4	£53.86
2 nd Half-Year Precept	£9,000.00
First half-year grant for Lengthsman 2011-12	£2,585.00
Kingspan Magazine/Advertising Donation for 2012/13 (Clerk to write and thank Kingspan)	£500.00

Requested Payments to be made:

Electricity to public toilets June to August	£26.03
Millennium Meadow Mowing – September	£53.10
Arrowvale Environment Group (Agreed donation for Allotments set-up charges)	£1,004.80
Public Toilets cleaning & Bins – October	£185.40
Replacement request for Election Fees (amended)	£95.72

All above payments approved.

Re Bell Tower Clock – Clerk will check terms of proposed new 3 year maintenance contract.

E118 Planning

Treeworks Application – sent to Tony Norman (Tree Warden):

DMN/112690/K 2 Bridge Street, Pembridge. HR6 9ES
 Remove a large stem from 1 x Purple Plum Tree.
 Crown lift 1 x Oak by 3m, 1 x Beech x 2 m and 1 x Magnolia by 2m

Planning Applications considered this evening:

DMN/112680/F & DMN/112681/C The Byletts, Pembridge. HR6 9HY

Proposed conversion of four redundant agricultural buildings in to one private dwelling with associated office/studio barn detached garaging and cycle storage, demolition of one disused modern agricultural building.

COMMENT: There are highway concerns regarding entry and exit between the access lane and the busy A44 road.

DMN/112438/FH 4 & 5 Noke Cottages, Noke Lane, Pembridge HR6 9HW

Two storey extensions to 4 Noke Cottages. New porch to serve 4 & 5 Noke Cottages.

COMMENT: No Objections.

Letter of objection to proposed new dwelling at The Byletts has been received – points noted and Clerk requested to reply.

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Letter of objection to proposed dwelling on land adjacent to The New Inn has been received - points noted and Clerk was requested to reply. This application has been Withdrawn by Herefordshire Council Planners.

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Permission Granted at 1 Leen Cottages for a two storey and single storey extension.

Permission Refused at Land to the rear of Pump House, West Street – Proposed new dwelling.

Reason: Fails to enhance special character of the surrounding area, and it would have a significant detrimental impact on the unique historic and landscape qualities. Also, it would have a negative impact on the surrounding Conservation Area.

Proposed Boundary Changes – Cllr. Phillips:

Parliamentary Boundary Review:

The Boundary Commission for England has launched a 12 week consultation on proposals for new parliamentary constituencies. The commission will reduce the number of MPs in England from 533 to 502. And in the west midlands there will be a loss of 5 MPs.

The proposals mean that Pembridge would be part of a new constituency of Leominster and Ludlow. As a county we will be part of three constituencies with east of county joining with west Worcestershire .

E120 Advertising in Parish News Magazine – Cllr. A. Stokes:

Cllr. Stokes requested to know what the past agreement was regarding anyone placing a private business advertisement in the Parish news Magazine (separate from being on the 1 page flyer).

It was confirmed that this would not be allowed, and that only those advertisers on the one page flyer would be permitted.

Meeting closed for the next two items

E121 Parishioners Questions:

None.

E122 Ward Councillor's Report:

Marches Housing Association have themselves had a 50% cut in funding so they are not able to finance the projects they had hoped to, including Pembridge's Affordable housing scheme.

However, the garages in Curl View Crescent are to be removed, and access/car parking there is currently being discussed between Marches Housing and H. Council's Planners.

Herefordshire Council has given to Kemble Housing Association four sites on which to build 42 Affordable houses.

The tendency now seems to be towards building homes for the 'Economically Active' group.

The estimated cost of rolling out a faster broadband system is £50M, of which £14M has been identified to date.

Shobdon Airfield held its Noise Abatement Group meeting earlier this evening, at which Cllr. Phillips & Cllr. Rogers attended. Cllr. Rogers went along because of his concerns about helicopters still flying over the centre of the village, which is a no-fly zone. It is acknowledged that helicopter training has been moved away to the Oxford area, and so there will be more classroom teaching at Shobdon with a simulator, which should improve the situation in future.

Cllr. Phillips said that residents should be made aware of the correct method in which to make a complaint of any overflying to the airfield, to ensure that complaints were logged in the right way. Cllr. Rogers will draft an article for the next edition of the parish magazine.

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Meeting Re-opened

E123 Speed Enforcement on A44 – Cllr. G. Evans:

Information has been received from the Safer Roads Partnership that explains how speed checks have taken place along various sections of the A44 along the route from Worcester to Kington. The average speed through Pembridge was found to be 37 mph.

ACTION

It is the intention of the Partnership, to carry out speed enforcement in the near future, if the Parish Council were to support that action.

After discussion it was decided that the Parish Council would support speed enforcement, and that the Clerk should advise the Partnership accordingly.

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E124 Training Courses for Councillors – Clerk:

Clerk requested to know whether any other councillors wished to attend courses that have been advertised on a hand-out leaflet, and there were no more.

Clerk will now book the places on those courses already selected.

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Clerk pointed out that the course to be held on 2nd November regarding changes to the planning system is now fully booked – just advised today, prior to any Pembridge councillors having a place reserved. The reason was that the Clerk was intending finalising numbers this evening, and then confirming those numbers tomorrow to HALC.

There are 4 Councillors and the Clerk who wished to attend, and HALC will be advised of this immediately.

The HALC meeting on 22nd November is concerning the review of Herefordshire ward boundary changes that will take effect soon. This is at 6.30pm for 7pm start at Brockington.

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E125 Matters Arising/Correspondence for Action:

a) Pommunity Herefordiensis - Pembridge has been fortunate to be selected to receive 6 local species of apple tree. Clerk will collect them Friday 25th November; and a planting team is needed to plant the trees that weekend. Volunteers needed please.

Probably sites are: 2 trees at Village Green, 2 trees at Millennium Meadow & 2 trees at Village Hall site.

b) Speed Indicator Device (SID) will be positioned at western end of the village in November.

c) Winter self-Service help in the community, maintaining a parish salt stock etc. It was decided not to enrol on this scheme for this winter, as there was insufficient time to organise everything. Clerk to advise Amey.

d) HALC AGM is taking place this Saturday 22nd October 2-3.30 pm at which the revised Charter between Parish & Town Councils and Herefordshire Council will be adopted. Also subscriptions rates for 2012-13 will be set – noted.

e) Kington group and societies are looking for new members, and they need you. If interested please go along to the Burton Hotel between 9.30m & 1pm on Sat. 29th October.

f) Kington Town Council held a Public Meeting last month to discuss H. Council's proposal to increase car parking charges in the town.

g) Review of Herefordshire Wards by the Local Government Boundary Commission. Meeting on 22nd November at 7pm at Brockington, Hafod Road, Hereford

h) Letter of Resignation received from Mr. Ken Hockenhill from his post as Parish Correspondent with the Hereford Times newspaper, from 31st December 2011. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr. P. Rogers would take over this role from the New Year. The Chairman will arrange this, and Clerk will write to Mr. Hockenhill to thank him for his service to the Parish.

i) Advice received on Beacons for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee – Guide to taking part.

Also, should the Parish Council consider providing a souvenir gift to parish children to mark the event, and organise a parish social event? This matter to be discussed further at the forthcoming Open Public Meeting on Wed. 26th October.

j) Clerk requested to know if she should purchase a wreath to be laid by the Chairman at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday –13th Nov. This was agreed, and date noted by the Chairman. All councillors welcome to attend for 11am.

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- k) Flood Protection Exhibition on Monday 7th November at Bodenham Parish Hall 2-6pm, plus a Flood Protection & Insurance Workshop between 7-9pm. Lots of participants, including Environment Agency.
- l) River Arrow pollution – Clerk requested to write to the Environment Agency Wales outlining parish concerns for local wildlife and fish. **HH**
- m) One pallet of Sandbags has been ordered for restocking at The Leen depot. This stock is for the availability of any parishioners should they be needed.
- n) PC-IRIS – Parish Clerk Infrastructure Reporting Information System – for highway defects plotting. A kit has been received by Clerk. This will be passed to Cllr. R. Pierce for use in identifying pothole positions for repair etc. **RP**
- o) Welsh Water will be carrying out a one day ecological survey of the village green soon (off Bridge Street up to the Long Meadow – one side of the river only). They may carry out borehole sampling of soil there at a later date.
- p) Cllr. Duggan had e mailed in advance to say he would not be present at this meeting, but would like to know when the agreed 50 copies of the revised Parish Plan would be printed. Following discussion, Cllr. Pierce said he would get some costings first for this work. **RP**

E126 Next Meeting Dates:

Wednesday 26th October 2011 at 7pm – Open Public Meeting to discuss improvements requested for the parish, in the Parish Hall.

Wednesday 16th November 2011 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall. Group Photograph first, then 7.15 pm start of business

Wednesday 7th December 2011 – Finance Meeting only to draft Budget for 2012/13. 7.30pm

Wednesday 14th December 2011 Full PC meeting at 7.15 pm in the Parish Hall

Meeting closed at 9.42pm