

## **PEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 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. D. Owens, Cllr. P. Rogers,  
Cllr. K. Myers, Cllr. A. Mizrahi, Cllr. Ms. C. Fothergill, Cllr. A. Pace, Cllr. P. Thomas  
Cllr. A. Stokes  
+ 1 Member of the public

**E139 Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

Cllr. K. Duggan - Working, Cllr. R. Phillips – At another meeting

**E140 Announcement of any interests from councillors**

None.

**E141 Police Report – CSO Dick Alford:**

**ACTION**

A few local incidents have occurred since the last Police visit last month

This village hall had an attempted break-in, and the Shop was damaged. Both crimes were detected and a person has been apprehended.

In addition, there had been a theft of power tools from a shed in Luntley, and a pressure washer from a shed in Meer/Woonton; also some criminal damage was done to a car in the car park at the rear of the Kings House.

The Police are running a drink – drive campaign leading up to Christmas.

Would motorists be aware of not leaving their vehicles unlocked on frosty mornings whilst defrosting and warming up is taking place, as this gives criminals the ideal opportunity to steal vehicles.

Thefts from oil tanks are common, so please be aware and check the oil level regularly and try and disguise the tank from public view.

The local Police meetings for the public in Pembridge at the Market Hall: – one was held on 8<sup>th</sup> December, and the next one will be on 5<sup>th</sup> January.

The next local Neighbourhood Watch meeting will be attended by the Police on 17<sup>th</sup> January.

**E142 Speaker on Parish Diamond Jubilee Event – Millennium Meadow Group – Cllr. Mrs. Mifflin:**

It was outlined that the Millennium Meadow Group had provisionally agreed to arrange an event, on one day in early June, as this had been requested at the recent public meeting.

The Group are happy to involve other interested parties, including the Church, W.I. School etc, and initially a meeting would be arranged to put the wheels in motion fairly soon. Cllr. Mifflin would arrange this in January.

Some of the ideas for the day include childrens' amusements, games, teas, craft stalls, a cricket match, gentle music; and for the evening perhaps a band, bar, hog roast, fireworks.

It is to be decided as to whether a souvenir gift should be provided to children of the parish.

**JM**

**E143 Minutes of last meeting/matters arising from them – 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

October Minutes have been amended as agreed and were authorised.

Two minor amendments were requested to the 16<sup>th</sup> November Minutes, which were done manually, and then authorised:

- 1) E133 The suggested number of the PPSG is up to 6 persons.
- 2) E133 The Housing/Planning sub group is comprised of Cllrs. R. Pierce, K. Myers, A. Pace & P. Rogers, as well as Cllr. D. Owens.

**E144 Financial Report - Clerk**

Reconciliation of bank accounts for November has taken place.  
Thank you letter received from Citizens Advice Bureau re donation.  
Budget Setting – for 2012-13 to be finalised this evening.

Discussion took place around the subscription rate for NALC/HALC – Clerk provided the details of the current year’s rate and Cllr. Myers confirmed that the rate would be increased for 2012/13 as well as the Affiliation Fee. After discussion the Clerk was requested to invite Linda Wilcox to attend the January Parish Council meeting, to both justify HALC, and the proposed increases in subscription rate

**HH**

One item that had been put forward as a request for a donation, and agreed at the Finance meeting, was for £100 to go to the Good Neighbour Scheme for their annual insurance premium.

**HH**

Another item put forward was for a £300 donation to the Pride in Pembridge group, who were requested to justify this request at this meeting. Cllr. A. Stokes mentioned that this sum would be made up by purchasing 3 flowering cherry trees, the stakes for them; as well as timber to make planters, soil to fill the planters, and bedding plants.  
Cllr Stokes proposed the donation request, which was approved by the majority.

**HH**

The Chairman will discuss the issue of work needed to the Millennium Meadow trees, with Tony Norman.

**GE**

**Following this there was a proposal that the Precept request for 2012/13 should be £18,000. Majority were in agreement; Clerk to arrange this.**

**HH**

**Balances at end November 2011**

Current Account:	<b>£ 24,189.31</b>
Tracker Account:	<b>£5,927.55</b>
Post Office Savings Account:	<b>£11,347.79</b>

**Receipts since last meeting:**

4 x Payment for magazine advertising 2011/12 at £50	£200.00
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**Payments made since last meeting:**

Village Mowing in 2011	£430.00
Lengthsman Administrator’s 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter salary	£129.25

**Requested Payments to be made:**

Parish Council Group Photograph for 2011	£50.00
Village Green Mowing for 2011	£210.00
Revised Parish Plan printing (50 copies)	£195.00
SID deployment fee for August	£120.00
SID deployment fee for November	£120.00
Electricity for public toilets	£27.14
Parish Mowing during 2011 - V. Green etc.	£430.00
Toilet cleaner & bin emptying – December	£185.40
Cable Ties for new apple trees	£8.51
Weedkiller for village green boardwalk area	£21.00
Christmas Trees	£360.00

**All above payments approved**

## **E145 Planning**

### **Planning Applications that were considered this evening:**

DMN/113411/F Moor Court, Lyonshall, Kington. HR5 3LA  
Installation of solar photovoltaic panels on a proposed  
Agricultural building (application DMN/113143/S).

COMMENT: NO OBJECTIONS

DMN/113376/FH The Leas, Bearwood, Leominster. HR6 9EE  
Erection of two storey extension to rear.

COMMENT: NO OBJECTIONS

### **Treework Applications sent to Tony Norman (Tree Warden) to consider:**

#### **Court House, Bearwood Lane, Pembridge**

Fell 1 x Holly, 1 x Yew, 1 x Willow, 1 X Cedar & 1 x Conifer

#### **Old Post Office Cottage, East Street, Pembridge**

Crown lift 1 x Yew by 3m and reduce spreads of lower canopy by 3m.

Trim back 1 x Willow and 1 x Hawthorn to fenceline.

#### **Moreton, Bridge Street, Pembridge**

Reduce the height of 1 x Yew tree by 50% and raise the crown to give clearance from the road.

### **Meeting closed for next two items**

## **E146 HALC training course feedback by Cllr. Rogers:**

A general description of the course content was given, regarding Highways, Speed Enforcement, and the Lengthsman scheme.

With regard to speed enforcement the Partnership have not historically used the data provided by the SID deployments, but they may do so in the future. Generally they carry out their own determination of whether or not a proper speed enforcement exercise needs to be actioned. As an average speed limit through Pembridge has been determined as 37mph by the Partnership, it has agreed to carry out some proper enforcement at an undisclosed date. An e mail would be sent to the Partnership to advise when the SID deployments are planned in the village for 2012, to enable proper speed enforcement to take place. This may mean that one of the planned SID deployment dates will need to be cancelled.

Amey would continue to sweep main roads and gulleys in village center, if the Parish Council requests the service. Amey can advise motorists of this in advance by leafleting vehicles the previous day to attending, thus hopefully ensuring that not too many vehicles will obstruct a clear run for the sweeper.

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## **E147 Parish Plan Steering Group update – Cllr. R. Pierce**

The PPSG had met on 1<sup>st</sup> December, and the salient points arising from that meeting were:-  
A three point remit for the Housing/Planning sub-group:

- To address the points contained in the Housing section of the Action Plans in the 2010 review of the Parish Plan.
- To consider the need to adopt a Neighbourhood Plan and, if agreed, to progress its development.

RP

- To monitor any future external or internal factors affecting Housing or Planning and to report these to the Parish Council.

In addition, there was an initial remit for the Welfare sub-group:

- To assess the unmet welfare needs of all groups across the Parish and to make proposals on how these might be addressed.

The PPSG will report every month to the Parish Council.

Cllr. Pierce put forward the following proposal for approval:

“The Parish Plan Steering Group and sub groups may consult and communicate directly with third parties in pursuit of their remit, providing that such communications are reported to the Council.”

This was approved by a majority vote.

The Clerk mentioned that there is a further upcoming information event on 8<sup>th</sup> February on preparing a Neighbourhood Plan, and that two councillors may wish to attend. The volunteers were Cllrs. K. Myers and R. Pierce, with Cllr Pace requesting a third place if that was possible. Clerk to submit this request.

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**E148 Localism Bill – Received Royal Assent on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011: Clerk**

Details have been e mailed to all councillors, and an abbreviated printed handout of the Bill has been posted to all councillors. This was noted. No further action required at present.

**Meeting Closed for next two items**

**E149 Parishioner’s Questions:** None

**E150 .Ward Councillor’s Report:** – No report as Ward Councillor absent

**Meeting Reopened**

**E151 Parish Matters Arising/Correspondence for Action:**

- Village Hall notification of change to hall bookings procedure. Noted
- Millennium Meadow treeworks needed, as advised by Tree Warden. Cllr. Mrs. Mifflin & Tony Norman have looked at the situation together. There is a known tree surgeon who would undertake the work for no payment if he could take the cut wood in lieu of payment. Cllr. Mrs. Mifflin will arrange this.
- Sewage/pollution in the river Arrow – update. The situation was very successfully attended to by both The Environment Agency Wales and Welsh Water.
- New Contract of Employment sent to Lengthsman. Noted.
- Tree in Bridge Street which obscured the street light has been cut back. Noted
- War Memorial – request submitted for grant to protect it by Smartwater security marking. The Smartwater solution has been received, but as there is the opportunity to have the stonework pressure cleaned, this would be carried out first, and then the marking solution would be applied.
- IT equipment grant available from H. Council in 2012 – Not required.
- Another successful Christmas lights switch-on event in the village on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Cllr. Mrs. Mifflin and all her helpers were thanked for their work in making the village look so festive once again.

JM

HH

- i) Proposed wind turbine route to Mid-Wales via A44 & Pembridge. Noted.
- j) Handout of the parish council meeting dates in 2012 has been given to all councillors.
- k) Parish Resilience Project – update by Cllr. A. Pace. Following a long discussion, the proposal was put forward from Cllr. Myers for the PPSG – Welfare sub-group to consider.
- l) Cllr. Rogers confirmed that he had placed a feature in the parish magazine on how residents can complain about noise from planes/helicopters flying from the local airfield, to Shobdon Noise Abatement Group for action and logging.

**KM/RP**

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Following the closure of the meeting, there was a private meeting of councillors to discuss the matter of requested changes to the Clerk's contract.

The outcome of this, was agreement that the Clerk should be offered a rise of £50 per annum for the use of one room in her home as the Council's office.

The Clerk wishes to express her thanks.

**E152 Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 7.15 pm in the Parish Hall.**