

PEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held Wednesday 15th February 2012 in the Parish Hall

Present: Cllr. G. Evans (Chair), Cllr. R. Pierce, Cllr. D. Owens,
Cllr. K. Myers, Cllr. Ms. C. Fothergill, Cllr. A. Pace, Cllr. P. Thomas,
Cllr. A. Stokes, Cllr. K. Duggan

F001 **Apologies:**
Cllr. R. Phillips, Cllr. P. Rogers, Cllr. Mrs. J. Mifflin

ACTION

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor:

The vacancy has been advised to the Electoral Registration office, and a 14 day Notice has been displayed, which will expire on 20th February. If a local election is not called by 10 Electors, the Parish Council will be free to co-opt a new councillor. The vacancy has also been advertised in the Parish News Magazine.

F002 **Announcement of any interests from councillors :**
None.

F003 **Minutes of last meeting/matters arising from them – 18th January 2012**
The Minutes were signed as a true record and there were no matters arising.

F004 **Police Report**
None at this meeting

F005 **Financial Report - Clerk**
Reconciliation of bank accounts for January has taken place.
Clerk requested some funding for purchase of Bunting/Flags etc to decorate the village for the Royal Jubilee Event on 2nd June. A decision will be deferred until the next meeting.

Balances at end January 2012:

Current Account:	£18,176.62
Tracker Account:	£5,928.29
Post Office Savings Account:	£11,347.79

Receipts since last meeting:

Magazine advertiser's fee for 2011/12 x 1 @ £50	£50.00
Magazine advertiser's fees for 2011/12 x 3 @ £50	£150.00 (1 by BACS)

Requests for Payment:

Toilet Cleaner & Bins – February	£210.80
Parish Magazine printing Feb/Mar edition	£269.00
Market Hall Restoration – roof etc.	£918.00

All above payments approved

F006 **Planning**
The wiping clean of the hard drive of the old CAP laptop has now been completed, and the equipment was used this evening for the first time, to view 2 planning applications.

ACTION

It was pointed out to councillors that in future no paper details of planning applications would be received by the Clerk to show to councillors at meetings, and that it is very important for all councillors to view planning applications via Herefordshire Council's website which the Clerk advises them about, prior to these being seen electronically at meetings.

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Subsequently the council has been advised that it will not receive any paper copies of planning decisions, and that Herefordshire Council's website will now contain a weekly list of decisions on an alphabetical list of parishes. If there is a decision of interest to you then you can view the decision notice on the website using the planning application search page on the following link;

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<http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/housing/planning/searchplanningapplications.aspx>

Applications which were considered this evening:

N120056/F Moor Court, Lyonshall, Kington. HR5 3JZ
Proposed extension to agricultural building for straw storage.

COMMENT: No Objections

N113413/F Land adj to New Inn, Market Square, Pembridge. HR6 9DZ
Proposed one and ½ storey 3 bedroom dwelling

COMMENT: No Objections

Refusals of Planning Permission:

N113376/FH **The Leas, Bearwood, Leoninster. HR6 9EE**
Erection of two storey extension to rear.

Reason: Considered to be out of scale, mass and design and will have an overwhelming impact on the character of the existing dwelling.

N113302/FH **Hays Head, Luntley, Pembridge. HR6 9ED**
Extension to provide additional living accommodation.

**Reason: Would have an overwhelming impact on the scale and mass of the original dwelling on site representing development that is not subservient to the original dwelling.
Also, insufficient information submitted in support of on site residential vehicle parking.**

F007 Good Neighbour Scheme – Cllr. Stokes:

It was explained that the Scheme, which was commenced in June 2011 has fulfilled over 100 volunteer hours to date. Two community events have been run, and £42 was raised from donations from the recent coffee morning. It is intended to hold further fund-raising events. In addition, a Community Pride Grant of £635 received, means that the £400 loan from the Parish Council was repaid this evening, by a cheque handed to the Clerk.

There are 20 volunteers, and anyone who needs help can make contact by telephoning: **07779 122499.**

The Chairman passed on his thanks to the Group, on behalf of the Parish Council.

F008 Letter from Lady Darnley: Chairman

The contents of the letter were read out to the meeting, and noted. No further action.

The meeting was closed for the next items

F009 Parishioners Questions:

No parishioners present.

F010 Ward Councillor's Report: Cllr. R. Phillips

Cllr. Phillips was not present, but a copy of his report has been circulated in advance, and a hard copy will be circulated, attached to these Minutes.

Comment by the Chairman:

Concern has been raised at the way the local doctor's Surgery is being run, with very long waits for appointments, and then long waits once in the surgery attending an appointment. The Clerk was requested to invite the Kington Surgery Patients Link: Mrs Joy Boyles to attend the March meeting to explain these matters.

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The meeting was then re-opened.

F011 Possible purchase of new Grit Bins:

Clerk mentioned that she had ascertained that Amey contractors are able to supply new grit bins at a cost of £78.60 each, and site them where the Parish Council wanted to. Amey would thereafter fill them and replenish them when necessary.

After discussion it was proposed that prior to a decision being made, an entry be placed in the parish magazine to see whether any residents required bins to be situated in any particular place.

Clerk will include this matter in her next magazine feature.

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F012 Complaint received from a resident concerning inaccessibility of premises for the Disabled:

The letter was read out to all councillors, and the matter discussed. It was decided that whilst the council is sympathetic to the writer's difficulties, most of their suggestions for improvement were outside this council's powers. The Clerk was requested to reply.

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F013 Parish Plan Steering Group – Update by Cllr. Pierce:

Cllr. Pierce & Cllr. Pace had recently attended a meeting held on the topic of Neighbourhood Plans, held at Whitecross School, and organised by HALC.

Regulations arising from the Localism Bill will not be known until April. The Local Development Framework (LDF) will not be complete until this Spring/Summer. Only when this is available can a final decision be made on the need for a Neighbourhood Plan. At that point it may be necessary to move quickly. The Group is to meet shortly to consider what action can be taken at this stage.

It was mentioned that most of the suggested costs involved in preparing a Neighbourhood Plan would depend on the extent to which expert consultants were required.

F014 Lenghtsman – Update by Cllr. Myers – End of year work:

Report on work carried out and anticipated expenditure in 2011/12 and proposed plan for 2012/13.

This is the third year this parish has been using the Lengthsman Scheme, and will be the last year for receipt of a full grant of £5,170 for the year (10% of which is paid to the Administrator).

All "C" and "U" roads that have been selected for clearing works, are nearing completion.

c£3,400 had been paid out for main work, leaving a balance on 4/5 other tasks in hand, leaving c£200 of the full year grant.

ACTION

With a reduced allowance for the next financial year, if no major problems occur, routine work of £2,500 would be possible, leaving a balance of £1,300 for other work and the Administrator's fees.

F015 HALC Representative will visit Pembridge for the 18th April PC Meeting:

The Chairman reminded all councillors that this would be their opportunity to question the HALC representative, Mrs. Lynda Wilcox.

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F016 Information Items

- * Insurance cover : is not provided for volunteers or employees over the age of 80 years unless named.
- * The Parish Council will now receive water bills for the public toilets, rather than the Amenity Trust.
- * Diamonds are Forever Extravaganza - 'Coronation Dinner' being held on Sat. 25th at the Three Counties Hotel - £35 pp – All proceeds going to the Mayor of Hereford's Charities. Anyone welcome to attend: 01432 260438.
- * Clerk has responded to Amey with regard to local areas that need to have litter picked up.
- * Clerk has written to Adrian Mizrahi to thank him for his time as a councillor.
- * Luntley Bridge has been inspected and will be repaired. Gethin Bridge (Bridge Street) will next be fully inspected in 2013 (this is done every 2 years).
- * A street clean has taken place of the village centre in January – list attached of areas cleaned.
- * Ye Old Steppes Village Shop was reopened on Saturday 28th January 2012 (having been closed for around a year).
- * Electronically received planning applications – should be ready to commence in March 2012.
- * Group Photograph – requests for prints – orders to be taken this evening by the Clerk.
- * Training Events in March – please advise Clerk if you wish to attend any of them – e mailed.
- * Litter Pick of some local areas by Community Reparation team may go ahead; however we have been advised that there is less resource available than originally suggested.
- * Dog Fouling on the Millennium Meadow is becoming an increasing problem. Owners are not picking up their pets fouling. The Clerk was requested to add this topic to her next parish magazine entry.

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Meeting Closed at 8.47 pm

F017 Next Meetings:

Wednesday 21st March, 2012 at 7.15 pm in the Parish Hall, for 7.30 pm start
Guest Speaker - Mrs. Joy Boyles to discuss Pembridge doctors surgery matters.

