

## PEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2012 in the Parish Hall

**Present:** Cllr. G. Evans (Chair) Cllr. A. Pace, Cllr. Mrs. C. Evans,  
Cllr. Ms. C. Fothergill, Cllr. P. Thomas, Cllr. D. Owens  
Cllr. T. Bennetto, Cllr. P. Rogers, Cllr. Mrs. J. Mifflin, Cllr. Mrs. C. Evans (Left early).  
No parishioners present

**F162 Apologies:** Cllr. R. Phillips, Cllr. A. Stokes, Cllr. K. Duggan **ACTION**

**F163 Announcement of any interests from councillors :**  
None.

**F164 Minutes of last meeting/matters arising from them – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012**  
No matters arising, the Minutes were signed as a true record.

**F165 Financial Report: - Clerk**  
Reconciliation of bank accounts for November has taken place.

The Budget/Precept requirement for 2013/14 has been drafted at the Finance Meeting, and will be discussed again at this meeting. It will be finalised at the January 2013 meeting.

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### **Balances at end November:**

Current Account:	<b>£24,091.77</b>
Tracker Account:	<b>£5,930.51</b>
National Savings Account:	<b>£11,393.23</b>

### **Receipts since last meeting:**

Annual donation by Kingspan for magazine advertising	500.00
2 x £50 Magazine Advertisers Fees	100.00

### **Requests for payment:**

Toilet Cleaner & Bins – December	223.20
HALC training course for Clerk 'Power to the People'	30.00
Pembridge Mowing for Village Green etc. 2012	450.00
Grant to Pembridge In Bloom Group for Spring bluebell bulbs	127.14
Christmas Trees purchase for the village	432.00
Clerk's 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter salary and expenses due at end of December	TBA

**Water Bill payment has been deferred whilst meter efficiency is being checked.**

**F166 Planning**  
Clerk has followed up the Council's request for continuation of paper planning applications, and confirmation of charges for this service commencing 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 will be advised shortly.

### **Planning Application for consideration at this meeting:**

**N123154/FH Mere Cottage, Meer, Woonton. HR3 6QS**  
Two storey rear extension and minor alterations

COMMENT: NO OBJECTION

**N123057/L +**

**N123055/FH Roselea House, West Street. Pembridge. HR6 9DX**  
To erect a new single storey private car garage and store to supercede planning ref. N120602/FH

COMMENT: NO OBJECTION

**Works to Moor Court Lane – Clerk:**

Payment to a local resident has been made for the hire of a mini digger to undertake ditch drainage clearance in the lane, and the works have now been carried out very successfully. Thanks are passed to the resident.

**F167 Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr. A. Pace**

Forms inviting residents' input for a questionnaire to go out to all the parish electorate have been distributed around the village. These will be collected in by Christmas. Cllr. Pace explained that he will shortly be contacting all the previous volunteers who wished to help with the Neighbourhood Plan formation.

A meeting will be held in January to review the results of information from the collected forms.

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**F168 River Arrow sewer outlet improvement works – Village Green Compound – Chairman:**

A meeting had recently taken place on the village green with Welsh Water's contractors, Tony Norman and the Agent for the Parish Council.

The apx 10 weeks of work is planned to commence on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013 and will involve road closure between Parsons Walk and the river bridge for the duration. A compound will be set aside for the contractors equipment, and this will be on the village green car park site, meaning that the car park will not be accessible to the public for the duration. There may be a need to extend the compound beyond the side boundary of the car park and more towards the river.

After discussion the clerk was requested to respond to WW's contractors outlining the following agreed terms of the Council:

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- \* Permission is given for the proposed car park site to be used for the compound.
- \* It is assumed that WW will be responsible for providing local publicity and signage of the works, so that nearby residents in particular will be aware.
- \* Your agreement to a compound payment to the parish council is accepted, provided that minimum payment for up to 10 weeks work is received, and that there would be a further pro-rata payment for any further weeks' work.
- \* Confirmation is sought regarding road closure between Parson's Walk entrance and the river bridge. Is it planned to close the road to all through traffic for the duration? Would residents who live nearby have access, including those who live in Parsons Walk and those who rely on access across the village green to their properties and beyond? If this stretch of road is planned to be closed, would there be any possibility of it being temporarily opened in the morning and early evening to allow some limited through access?
- \* The parish council would like to request that the new control box is set back into the bank, and painted a colour in keeping with the conservation area and surroundings.
- \* Permission is given for the utilisation of the additional grassed area extending to the river if this is needed.
- \* All ground should be returned to a good state.

**Communities Right to Bid – Clerk**

The Community Right to Bid is now a legal power for communities to use. It means that communities can apply to get a range of local assets registered as 'assets of community value'.

The Clerk outlined the terms of the Right to Bid, and handed out written details about it to all councillors, and requested that they keep this. The subject was discussed at some length.

**F169 General Power of Competence – Suggested Adoption by the Parish Council – Clerk:**

It will not be possible for the parish council to adopt this power until after the next election, as unfortunately there is currently an insufficient number of councillors left on the council that were elected at the last election. For 13 councillor parishes the minimum number required under the 'Prescribed Conditions' would be 9 (which we had at the time of the election), and there are now only 7 left of the original 9.

If the Parish Council wished to adopt this power, the two remaining options would be:

- a) To wait until after the next full election in 2015 to adopt this power if wished then, when there would be a full complement of elected councillors (or at least the minimum of 9).
- b) For all councillors to stand down now, and for an election to be called, and then for the newly elected Council to adopt the power.

**There was a proposal by Cllr. Pace that the Council should not stand down, and it should wait until after the next election to adopt the new power.**

**All were in agreement.**

**F170 Ward Councillor's Report – Cllr. R. Phillips was not present**

Cllr. Phillips' report has been circulated to all councillors by e mail.

**Lengthsman**

Various tree issues in Suckley lane have been attended to, and will be resolved shortly.

**F171 Concern re noise from helicopters from Shobdon Airfield over village**

A resident has raised concerns about helicopters having just taken off from the airfield and gaining height over his property, giving rise to excessive noise disturbance.

There have been no logged noise complaints received by the Airfield in the last six months, and the helicopter pilot training has now been scaled down considerably.

If anyone has a noise complaint regarding air traffic noise, then they should firstly log this with the airfield, either by following the link on their website or telephoning the airfield.

The Clerk was requested to respond to the resident advising of this process.

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**F172 Recycling Bins problems at Village Hall site.**

Letter received from Village Hall Committee regarding mess left around the glass recycling banks.

After discussion it was decided that :

- a) a sign would be purchased and displayed by the glass banks warning of No fly Tipping
- b) that the site would be monitored for the next two months.

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& ALL  
CLLRS.**

**F173 Next Parish Council Meeting Date:**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2013 at 7.15 pm in the Parish Hall

**List of future meeting dates in 2013 has been circulated to all councillors by mail.**

**Please retain for reference.**

**The Chairman wished everyone a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year**

Meeting Closed at 9.15 pm