

PEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held Wednesday 12th June 2013 in the Parish Hall

Present: Cllr. G. Evans (Chair) Cllr. A. Pace, Cllr. T. Bennetto, Cllr. A. Stokes,
Cllr. Ms. C. Fothergill, Cllr. Mrs. C. Evans, Cllr. M. Ratcliffe

G080 Apologies:

Cllr. D. Owens, Cllr. Mrs. J. Mifflin, Cllr. K. Duggan, Cllr. P. Thomas, Cllr. R. Phillips,
Cllr. P. Rogers

ACTION

G081 Announcement of any interests from councillors :

None.

G082 Minutes of last meeting/matters arising from them – 22nd May 2013

Minutes approved as a true record and there were no matters arising.

G083 Financial Report: - Clerk

Reconciliation of bank accounts for May has taken place.

Balances at end May 2013:

Current Account:	£22,001.03
Tracker Account:	£5,931.25
National Savings Account:	£11,454.54

Receipts since last meeting:

Donations to public toilets	154.20
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Requests for payment:

Toilet Cleaner & Bins – June	217.00
M.Meadow Mowing for April & May	113.42
Pembridge Market Hall Timber Survey	48.00
Clerk's 1st quarter salary Apr-June	846.28
Clerk's 1st quarter expenses Apr-June	179.03
Annual Insurance Premium	832.80

All requests for payment were approved.

G084 Police Report – CSO Allford – submitted by e mail to the Clerk in advance

Crimes since 1st May 2013:

Lawn mower stolen from a carport in the Broxwood area.

Attempted burglary from a shed in Pembridge. An alarm was fitted to the shed so the thieves escaped empty handed (proves alarms work).

Criminal damage to a car near to the Turnpike site where the rear window was smashed.

Next PACT meeting Thursday 20th June at the Olde Steppes between 11am and 12 mid-day.

The police are promoting a Good Young Citizen Award. Does anyone from the council know of someone under the age of 18 years who has helped to make a difference to others in their community. If you have any suggestions please let CSO Allford know ASAP.

G085 **Planning**
131255/C **Bargates, East Street, Pembridge. HR6 9HB**
Conservation Proposed single and double storey extensions – works to include
Demolition of the kitchen and part of the conservatory.
COMMENT: **No objection.**

Refused Application

130913/F The Clovers, Bearwood. HR6 9EF – Proposed two storey extension.
REASON: “Overbearing scale & mass...not subservient to original dwelling and would have an overbearing impact on distinctive character and appearance of the dwelling...”

G086 **Neighbourhood Planning – Cllr. A. Pace**

The draft Questionnaire is to be sent for a legal eye to check over any data protection issues. Specialist printing quotes are being obtained for producing the questionnaire with answer boxes on it; and distribution means are being considered.

The Clerk and I attended a meeting at the planning office of Herefordshire Council to discuss putting together an application for grant funding.

Cllr. Pace recently attended a meeting at Kington Town Council as a representative of this council, where there were 8 people present who represented various neighbouring parishes, and where discussion took place around neighbourhood planning issues. However, it was made clear that Pembridge does not accept a localities concept, as there is already a good local authority structure in place, with a Primary Council and Parish Councils who can each make their own decisions. The Market Towns are to challenge the draft Local Plan, and will first need to seek legal opinion. This may well mean that this parish council could provide some financial assistance, which will be decided by the full council when the appropriate time comes. It was noted that Herefordshire Council has a list of services and assets of the Market Towns which they no longer wish to subsidise, and despite requests for information on these, there are no plans or figures being made available.

G087 **Parish Paths Partnership Scheme 2013/14 – Clerk**

An acceptance letter and Contract have been received, advising that for the first year's membership the Parish Council will receive a grant sum of £1,000. The grant was supposed to be based on £50 per km of footpaths, meaning the parish would be entitled to £2,390. In the first year of the scheme however, a limit is set of £1,000). There are various commitments required of the parish council under the contract terms, which have been agreed by the Footpaths Officer and The Parish Council Chairman. Clerk has returned the completed Contact.

G088 **Pride in Pembridge Group – Cllr. A. Stokes – Update on “In Bloom” Competition**

During the last month lots of activity has taken place, including painting the telephone kiosk and the postbox etc. Planting has taken place at the school entrance, following a kind donation from a resident. Flower boxes have also been positioned at both the east and west entrances to the village. Road sweeping of the village will hopefully take place on 2nd or 3rd July. Work around the moat will continue, as will litter picking.

The Open Gardens weekend of 8th & 9th June proved to be very successful, with wonderful weather for it, and around 350 tickets were sold. The Pride in Pembridge Group will benefit to the sum of around £1,470 net, and some of this amount will be used to support village events.

The Heart of England Presentation takes place on 4th July, with the winners awards taking place in September. The National Campaign takes place on Wednesday 31st July with the winners awards being around early October.

A supplier for the proposed three new wooden picnic tables (agreed at the previous meeting) has been approached and price verified, and an order will be placed shortly on behalf of the parish council.

G089 War Memorial Clean-Up – Cllr. G. Evans

This has just been completed, and councillors who had not seen the result were requested to do so. The flower boxes are planted up and ready to be repositioned there. This matter will be discussed further at the next parish council meeting.

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G090 Completion of Sewer Work on Village Green & Compound use payment – Cllr. G. Evans

Ongoing discussions with contractors and Welsh Water have been taking place recently. The grass seeded area has now been fenced off to prevent cars driving over it. There are new bollards around the ground inspection pits in Bridge Street to prevent vehicles parking directly there. Welsh Water will be arranging the agreed payment for use of the village green car park as their contractors' temporary works compound.

Meeting to be Closed for the next two items

G091 Parishioners Questions

None

G092 Ward Councillor's Report – Cllr. R. Phillips

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

Meeting was Re-opened

G093 Next Parish Council Meeting Date:

Wednesday 17th July, 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Then, Wednesday 18th September 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall

All welcome.

ALL PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO MEETING HELD IN AUGUST

INFORMATION

- * Invitation to attend the 'Communities are Us' forum on 20th June at the Bishops Palace in Hereford, between 9.30am and 3.20 pm. Information has been e mailed + on website.
- * The Annual Parish Report for 2013 has been prepared and e mailed out to all councillors, and will be placed on the parish council website.
- * Advised of a delay in receipt of electricity bill from West Mercia Supplies.
- * Annual ROSPA Playground inspection to take place on 20th June.
- * Village kerbing and one set of steps in-fill – Clerk has written to Amey, who have sent out an inspector, & Cllr. G. Evans has been in discussion with them regarding the repairs needed.

Meeting Closed at 8.20 pm