

## PEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2013 in the Parish Hall

**Present:** Cllr. G. Evans (Chair) Cllr. T. Bennetto, Cllr. A. Stokes,  
Cllr. Ms. C. Fothergill, Cllr. Mrs. C. Evans, Cllr. M. Ratcliffe, Cllr. R. Phillips  
Cllr. Mrs. J. Mifflin (for part time), Cllr. P. Thomas  
+ 2 members of the public

**G094 Apologies:** **ACTION**  
Cllr. D. Owens, Cllr. K. Duggan, Cllr. A. Pace, Cllr. P. Rogers

**G095 Announcement of any interests from councillors :**  
None.

**G096 Minutes of last meeting/matters arising from them – 12<sup>th</sup> June 2013**  
Minutes approved as a true record and there were no matters arising.

**G097 Financial Report: - Clerk**  
Reconciliation of bank accounts for June has taken place.

**Balances at end June 2013:**

Current Account:	<b>£22,033.70</b>
Tracker Account:	<b>£5,932.73</b>
National Savings Account:	<b>£11,454.54</b>

**Receipts since last meeting:**

Lengthsman 2 <sup>nd</sup> half year Grant for 2012/13 2 x £1057.50	£2,115.00
Cash Donations to public toilets over c18 months	£154.20
PPS footpaths grant for 2013-14 (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	£1,000.00

**Payments made since last meeting:**

None.

**Requests for payment:**

Toilet Cleaner & Bins – July	£223.20
Treatment to the lower meter of Market Hall legs	£144.00
+ Survey of Market Hall	£48.00
Reimbursement to Cllr. Mifflin for 2012	
PC Prizes for hanging baskets & garden frontages	£60.00
& for 2013 prizes	£60.00
Hall Hire	£52.00
Lengthsman Administrator half year salary	£211.50
Electricity for Public Toilets: – 1.4.13 to 31.5.13	£12.62
War Memorial Cleaning	£400.00
Parish News Magazine preparation x 4	£1,130.00

**All requests for payment were approved.**

**G098 Police Report – CSO Dave Boden**

The next PACT meeting will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> July – tomorrow.  
There have been three reported incidents recently:

One of criminal damage to a static caravan on 6<sup>th</sup> June  
One of an attempted burglary between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June of plating from a garage,  
One of theft from a motor vehicle on 13<sup>th</sup> June, when a wheelchair was stolen.

Please ensure that all doors and windows are locked when property is left empty or unattended, even in hot weather.

**G099 Planning applications considered:**

131483/F 1 Marston Villas, Pembridge. HR6 9JB  
Change of use from pasture to garden

**COMMENT: No Objection**

131509/FH Marston Grange, Pembridge. HR6 9JA  
Two storey extension to front of existing house, to provide granny annex and extended ground floor utility and storage.

**COMMENT: No objection. The close proximity of a run-down adjacent property was noted.**

**Withdrawn Applications – 9.7.2013**

131178 + 131179 (Listed) 1 to 4 Duppa Cottages, Bridge St., Pembridge. HR6 9ER  
Proposed off road parking

**Treeworks application sent to Tony Norman for his consideration, as Tree Warden:**

131775K Oakview, West Street, Pembridge. HR6 9DX  
Remove 4 Ash trees.

**G100 Neighbourhood Planning – Cllr. A. Pace**

Deferred to next meeting.

**G101 Pride in Pembridge Group – Cllr. A. Stokes – Update on “In Bloom” Competition & Damage to Children’s Playground Surface (combined)**

On 4<sup>th</sup> July the Heart of England In Bloom judging day took place here; the result will be declared at Drayton Manor Park on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

On 16<sup>th</sup> July a Briefing Meeting took place for the final judging day on 31<sup>st</sup> July, and advice was given on areas needing improving and tidying up. A road sweep will be requested.

The Children’s playground wet pour surface has been vandalised in two areas near the swings. In readiness for this meeting, a quotation has been received from one specialist company for the repairs.

Option 1 was to repair patch both areas for the sum of £675.00

Option 2 was for a full overlay of both sets of swings for the sum of £2,064.00

**There was a proposal for the Option 2 to be chosen, and with a show of hands, all were in favour.**

Cllr. Stokes will arrange for the repair work to be undertaken, but will first obtain a second quotation from an alternative company for cost comparison.

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Clerk has received a request from the PIP’s group for three new pictorial Pembridge village signs, to replace and enhance some of the brown/green ones, at the north, west and east approaches to the village centre. This was discussed and will be discussed further at the next parish council meeting; but in the meantime the group was advised to obtain costings for consideration.

**ACTION**

**G102 War Memorial Clean-Up – Cllr. G. Evans**

There was no further discussion on this topic, and the Clerk will arrange payment for the work completed.

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**Meeting to be Closed for the next two items**

**G103 Parishioners Questions**

There was a question concerning the damage to the children's playground surface, wondering whether Kingspan Trust may agree to pay for the repairs. In addition, It was suggested that the parish council contacts the Clerk to Orleton Parish Council, as they have recently been dealing with a new play area and might be able to assist with information on companies who may be able to assist this parish council. Noted by Cllr. Stokes, and Clerk will provide the contact details.

HH/AS

**G104 Ward Councillor's Report – Cllr. R. Phillips**

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

In addition, Cllr. Phillips mentioned that he was looking into the ownership of the land in Bridge Street, near to the new Welsh Water service area.

Several pot holes are still needing repairs on the Milton X to Shobdon road, plus one in the centre of Marston.

The school Open Day took place last Friday, and there were lots of visitors.

There will be a very busy meeting of Herefordshire Council this Friday, when the Core Strategy will be considered. If passed, it will then Get passed to an Inspector delegated by the Government for their consideration. Without a Neighbourhood Plan being in place, Cllr. Phillips thought that parishes are vulnerable to approaches by developers.

It was pointed out to Cllr. Phillips that there is a dangerous bump in the road on the western end of the A44 in the village. Cllr. Phillips will arrange for this to be attended to.

**Meeting was Re-opened**

**G105 Next Parish Council Meeting Date:**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall

**All welcome.**

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

**INFORMATION**

\* Parish Paths Partnership Scheme 2013/14. The parish has been accepted onto the scheme and a grant of £1,000 has been given for the first year.

\* HALC's 'Information Corner' has been e mailed to all councillors.

\* HALC's Northern Area Committee Meeting will be held on 31<sup>st</sup> July in Leominster Town Council office – no Councillors wished to be nominated for the HALC Committee that evening.

\* A grant is available for Internet Awareness Training.

\* New Publication – Clerk will obtain one copy of the new edition of 'Good Councillor Guide'.

Meeting Closed at 8.20 pm