

PEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held Wednesday 15th January 2014 in the Parish Hall

Present: Cllr. G. Evans (Chair) Cllr. T. Bennetto, Cllr. K. Duggan, Cllr. R. Phillips
Cllr. Mrs. C. Evans, Cllr. P. Thomas, Cllr. P. Rogers, Cllr. Ms. C. Fothergill
Cllr. A. Pace, Cllr. A. Stokes, Cllr. Mrs. J. Mifflin, Cllr. M. Ratcliffe
No members of the public were present

H001 Apologies: Cllr. D. Owens, Mrs. C. Evans

H002 Announcement of any interests from councillors :
None.

ACTION

H003 Minutes of last meeting/matters arising from them – 11th December 2013
The Minutes were signed as a true record.

2 Matters Arising:

G180 Problems with Pembridge Doctor's Surgery Opening Hours – Cllr. Phillips said that he had attended a surgery meeting today, along with Health Watch representatives and Dr. R. King. The results are awaited. Cllr. Phillips will provide feedback when known.

G184 The capping stone from the public toilets roof which had become loose and dislodged, and some roof tiles, have now been replaced by the Pride in Pembridge Group.

H004 Financial Report - Clerk
Reconciliation of bank accounts for December has taken place.

Balances at end December 2013:

Current Account:	£27,499.58
Tracker Account:	£5,934.21
National Savings Account:	£11,454.54

Receipts since last meeting:

Parish Advertisers Fee 2 x £50	£100.00
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Payments made since last meeting:

Village Green Mowing 2013	£210.00
Lengthsman Inv. No. 2765	£629.10
Lengthsman Inv. No. 2774	£502.20

Requests for payment:

Toilet Cleaner & Bins – January	£234.00
Hall Hire	£69.50
Toilet Consumables	£119.20
Electricity for public toilets – 1/9/12 – 30/11/12	£22.21
Xmas Trees (34 trees)	£306.00

Approval was given for all necessary payments.

H005 Budget/Precept – Confirmation of Draft Figure – Cllr. G. Evans & Clerk

A Budget requirement for 2014/15 was formally adopted and approved at £18,000, and this was authorised to be issued upon Herefordshire Council, on the following basis:

The basis of Herefordshire Council's allocation of the grant between parishes is the reduction in each parish's tax base (the number of Band D equivalent properties) due to the proposed council tax reduction scheme, multiplied by each parish's Band D parish precept for 2013/14. The grant of £289,000 has then been allocated pro rata between the parishes in line with these figures.

Looking at the figures, more than one quarter of parishes have a reduced tax base for 2014-15, however these tend to be parishes receiving an increase in the grant compared to last year, and vice versa. Therefore the amount of grant should not be viewed separately from the movement in the tax base.

For information purposes detailed below this year's grant and tax base compared to last year and it also shows the Band D figure for 2014/15 if the same level of gross precept is set as for last year.

	Next Year 2014/15 £	Current Year 2013/14 £
Gross amount requested (including grant)	18,000	18,000
Less grant	1,207	1,139
Net parish precept payable by council tax payers	16,793	16,861
Number of equivalent Band D properties in the parish	439.92	442.18
Band D council tax	38.17	38.13

H006 Planning application for consideration :

A treeworks application has been sent to the Tree Warden for his consideration:

Communal Area, Sandiford Plock, Pembridge. HR6 9ED

Works to various trees that are overhanging other properties.

H007 Fire Service Restructure & Consultation – Clerk

Two letters of response have been received from: 1) Bill Wiggin MP stating that he undertook representations with the Chief Fire Officer on the Parish Council's behalf;

2) The Chief Fire Officer, Mark Yates – who states that the Parish Council's letter will form part of the consultation responses received, upon closure of the consultation period.

H008 Neighbourhood Planning – Cllr. A. Pace

It was confirmed that the Parish Council has been successful in being awarded £7,000 grant funding, subject to confirmation, from the Community Development Foundation.

Confirmation was given that £300 had been agreed whilst setting the Parish Council Precept to come from reserves for any additional Neighbourhood Planning expenditure requirements.

Progress is being made on preparation of the questionnaire and consultation process; one printing quote has been received.

Administration support is required and the Clerk agreed to provide this.

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H009 Children's Playground Surface & Equipment Repairs – Cllr. A. Stokes **ACTION**
Redlynch Leisure has completed the playground surface repairs in early January.
Other maintenance work to swings top shackles will be carried out shortly.

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It has been noticed that teenage skateboarders are using the children's playground, and it was agreed to place some signs to try and deter this.

H010 Previously Unseen Vintage Photographs of Village – Cllr. G. Evans
This topic will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Meeting was Closed for the next two items

H011 Residents Questions:
None.

H012 Ward Councillors Report – Cllr. R. Phillips
Cllr. Phillip's report has been circulated to all councillors in advance of this meeting.
Additional information given by Cllr. Phillips included:
Royal Visit to Hereford was made today by Anne The Princess Royal, mainly to officially open the new Cattle Market.
Herefordshire Council's Budget Consultation closes soon.
Balfour Beatty contact – has a £15M budget specifically for roads resurfacing.
Cllr. Phillips requested all councillors to advise him of any areas in the parish which require resurfacing, as he is preparing a list to present to Balfour Beatty.
Sale of H. Council Assets may take place to raise money.
There is a Shop opening in Widemarsh Street shortly, specifically to take on staff that are interested in the new retail work opportunities.

Meeting Re-opened

H013 1st World War Centenary Events – Cllr. G. Evans **ACTION**

Nothing further to report at the moment.

H014 Glass Recycling Bins – possible problems with overspilling (over filled bins) - Clerk
Whilst some problems have fortunately been overcome – specifically the problem with trade drops, other difficulties have arisen over the Christmas and New Year period, mainly because of disruption to regular emptying of the wheelie bins.
Following discussion, it was decided that the Clerk would ask the Village Hall Committee whether two Parish Councillors could attend their next meeting to discuss this topic, and try and resolve issues of contention.
In the meantime it was agreed that the recycling bins would be monitored weekly by the Parish Council over the next 2-3 months.

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H015 Water Meter reading for end of December at Public Toilets – Clerk
The reading taken was : **858.4** - this has been passed to Welsh Water.

H016 Next Meeting Date:
Wednesday 19th February 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

All Welcome