

# PEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2014 in the Parish Hall

**Present:** Cllr. G. Evans (Chair) Cllr. T. Bennetto, Cllr. R. Phillips, Cllr. A. Stokes,  
Cllr. Mrs. C. Evans, Cllr. P. Thomas, Cllr. P. Rogers, Cllr. A. Pace,

+ One member of the public present

**H017 Apologies:** Cllr. D. Owens, Cllr. Mrs. J. Mifflin, Cllr. Ms. C. Fothergill, Cllr. M. Ratcliffe  
Cllr. K. Duggan

**H018 Announcement of any interests from councillors :**  
None.

**H019 Police Report – CSO David Boden**

Since 18<sup>th</sup> January this year, until now, no crimes have been reported.  
The next Neighbourhood Watch meeting is scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> March.  
Dates for forthcoming PACT meetings in the Steppes Shop will be known soon.

**ACTION**

**H020 Minutes of last meeting/matters arising from them – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

The Minutes were signed as a true record.

**1 Matter Arising:**

G180 Problems with Pembridge Doctor's Surgery Opening Hours. Cllr. Phillips explained:  
A letter of response had been received from Dr. King and its contents were unacceptable, as he had not responded to all the issues that had been raised : having to wait 2 weeks for an appointment in Pembridge, and then to be kept waiting up to 2 hours past ones appointment time.

Cllr. Phillips said that he would now write to Healthwatch the overseeing medical authority, as well as enquiring whether one of their representatives could attend a meeting of this Parish Council.

**RJP**

**H021 Financial Report - Clerk**

Reconciliation of bank accounts for January has taken place.

**Balances at end January 2014:**

Current Account:	<b>£33,198.67</b>	(Includes 2 grants)
Tracker Account:	<b>£5,934.21</b>	
National Savings Account:	Yearly interest has been added	<b>£11,540.45</b>

**Receipts since last meeting:**

Parish Magazine Advertisers Fee X 1	£50.00
Grant funding has been received for Neighbourhood Plan (90%)	£6,300.00
Lengthsman 3rd grant for 2013/14	£1,057.50

**Requests for payment:**

Toilet Cleaner & Bins – February	£214.50
Carpenter – Maintenance work to Market Hall	£110.00
Lengthsman Invoice No. 2785	£469.80
Lengthsman Invoice No. 2795	£502.20
Lengthsman Administrator's 2 <sup>nd</sup> half-year salary	£211.50
Magazine production Feb/Mar edition + flyer	£220.00
HALC/NALC Annual Subscription – 2014/15	£451.00
Redlynch – Playground Surface Repairs	£3,286.80

**Approval was given for all necessary payments.**

**H022 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.

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- 1) **Stoneycroft, East Street, Pembridge. HR6 9HB      Application no. P133496/L  
Listed**  
Demolition of rear extension and erection of sun room and wet room.  
COMMENT: The Parish Council supports this application.
  
- 2) **Drive Cottage, Bearwood, Leominster. HR6 9EE      Application no. P140170/FH**  
Proposed Extension  
COMMENT: The Parish Council supports this application
  
- 3) **Moor Court Bungalow, Lyonshall, Kington. HR5 3JZ      Application no. P140122/F**  
Proposed replacement dwelling.  
COMMENT: Pembridge Parish Council approves the application in principle; however, it considers that the scale of the new dwelling seems rather large, and its style of architecture is not sympathetic to surrounding buildings.

**NOTE: Moor Court Bungalow application has now been WITHDRAWN by the applicant.**

**H023 Entrance to the Village – 2 New Signs – Cllr. A. Stokes**

Cllr. Stokes showed the meeting some coloured paper examples of the picture that would be on the proposed two new coloured entry signs to the village – at the East and West ends, to enhance the village.

The cost would be £500 + VAT for the two signs.

The Pride in Pembridge Group had discussed with Herefordshire Council's highways team as to whether it would be possible to simply replace the existing signs for the proposed new ones, utilising the existing metal frames and poles, and this had been agreed.

The timescale for fitting the signs could be very soon.

**After discussion there was a proposal that the signs be accepted, and there was a majority vote in favour.**

Cllr. Phillips suggested that the original signs would need to be returned to Herefordshire Council – being their property.

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**H024 Artwork in the Village – Cllr. A. Stokes**

Following the success of having the small flock of galvanized steel sheep in the church grounds last year, the Pride in Pembridge Group would like to introduce a new small flock of sheep which would be set in to concrete at a different site – possibly outside Rose Cottage on Market Square, on the grass verge, or possibly near the front of the school and the war memorial.

The cost would be around £850 + VAT and the 'PIPS' Group would raise the money by holding fund raising events.

**A proposal was made for the metal sheep to be introduced to the village, and there was a majority vote in favour.**

**AS**

**H025 Fire Service Restructure & Consultation – Clerk**

A further letter of response has been received from Bill Wiggin MP and enclosing a copy e mail from Mark Yates, Chief Fire Officer – Hereford and Worcester Fire & Rescue Service. The latter stated that ...”There are no recommendations to close any of the four fire stations previously highlighted and identified within the draft CRMP report and proposals – Bewdley, Broadway, Kingsland and Whitchurch fire stations.”

This would be confirmed at a meeting scheduled for today.

**H026 Neighbourhood Planning – Cllr. A. Pace**

90% of the agreed grant funding has been received. The Steering Group is arranging for Chris Gooding to be an advisor and to give his comments of the draft questionnaire. Chris will also provide a quotation for formatting the questionnaire.

A specialist company called Kirkwells is also being considered.

The timescale for the questionnaire to be sent out to residents is around one month’s time.

The Neighbourhood Planning training course on 29<sup>th</sup> March will be attended by Cllrs. Pace & Rogers. Clerk will arrange this.

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The Housing Needs survey will be separately distributed to all residents in early summer, and the Clerk was requested to obtain a copy of this in advance.

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**H027 Previously Unseen Vintage Photographs of Village – Cllr. G. Evans**

These were all laid out on tables for the councillors to view, and they found them all most fascinating in trying to identify people in them. The photographs will eventually all be properly mounted and then displayed at a venue in the village, possibly the Church, during 2016 - on the 50th anniversary of them being taken. It is hoped that some of the photographs will be sold which will go towards funding the exhibition. There may be other possible sources of funding which could be considered.

**Meeting was Closed for the next two items**

**H028 Residents Questions:**

One resident mentioned that with regard to the vintage photographs planned exhibition, that she may be able to provide some sponsorship.

**H029 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:**

Any requests for insurance claims due to houses or properties being flooded should be sent in as soon as possible; however it is not thought that any properties in the parish were sufficiently affected to warrant a claim.

It was acknowledged that the River Arrow needs to be regularly dredged; as well as bankside management. The section of the river to Eardisland has not been touched for years by the Environment Agency – Cllr. Phillips will follow this up.

School Transport – it has now been agreed that there will be no change to existing arrangements until September 2015, when a review will take place.

A Council Tax increase of 1.9% has been agreed.

Lyonshall will have 8 affordable houses available this June for people with proven local association.

Planning - Neighbourhood Plan - The Core Strategy will be sent to the Inspector this year. The parish needs to be proactive with regard to parish requirements during this vulnerable period to protect against premature applications/developers.

**Meeting Re-opened**

**H030 Lengthsman Administrator Vacancy – Clerk**

Following the resignation from post by Carrie Pierce, a replacement Administrator has been found, which is Ken Wheeler. Ken will take over from April.

We are hugely grateful to Carrie for all the work she has undertaken whilst in role as Administrator to the scheme.

**H031 Glass Recycling Bins – possible problems with overflowing (over filled bins) - Clerk**

The bins have been monitored weekly by the Parish Council over recent months, and the problems now seem to be overcome.

As previously agreed, two parish councillors will attend the next Village Hall Management Committee meeting scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> March, to mutually discuss the situation and to decide how best to manage the recycling bins into the future, to the best advantage of both the hall and the residents needs.

Thanks are due to all residents who have helped to keep the site clear of rubbish.

**H032 Water Meter reading for end of January at Public Toilets: Clerk**

**Reading for January is: 861.4**

**Reading for December was: 858.4** These have been advised to Welsh Water.

**H033 Next Meeting Date:**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

**All Welcome**