

PEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on

Wednesday 21st January 2015, 7.30pm in Pembridge Parish Hall

Councillors Present: Cllr. G. Evans (Chair) Cllr. T. Bennetto, Cllr. R. Phillips, Cllr. Ms. C. Fothergill, Cllr. D. Williams, Cllr Pace, Cllr Stokes, Cllr K Duggan, Cllr D Owen and Clerk R Bissell.

PC Alford present and 3 members of the public.

46/14. To accept apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Mifflin, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Thomas and Cllr Radcliffe

47/14. To receive declaration of interest and written requests for dispensation.

The Register of Interest was available to sign and no declarations were made.

48/14. Open Session - Meeting Closed 7.35pm**To receive Police report.**

- PC Alford advised of a dwelling burglary - all residents should report any signs of damage and/or stolen goods.
- Next PACT Surgeries in the shop 19th February 11.00- 11.30am
- Next Rural Crime forum with High Sherriff is on 28th January
- PC Alford provided information on the issues regarding lorries using Bridge Street including weight limit guidelines. Kingspan are fully co-operating to alleviate the problem with a minority of their foreign drivers. Road signage options are being considered and RP to investigate turning lorries right at Turnpike.
- Cllr Evans thanked PC Alford

Ward Councillor Report

- Hauliers meeting arranged for 30th January
- Cllr Phillips welcomed Robert Hollis to Pembridge School and was looking forward to the school tour next month.
- There are still concerns over the surgery in Kington. MP Bill Wiggin will be visiting Kington Surgery on 23rd January.
- Work on the raised pavements is included in BBLP Capital program budget for next year. A conservation officer will be appointed. Kerbing costs: £14/m for kerbing, £25/m for heritage kerbing, £40/m for stone, to be agreed.
- A new care arrangements campaign is being launched with a national leaflet drop.
- Negotiations are taking place to lease the Hereford United Ground back to its supporters.
- Hereford Council have been advised of the budget settlement and significant savings will need to be made.

Members of the Public

Concerns were registered regarding planning P141901/N Anaerobic Digester plant in Monkland and the increased traffic levels that the A44 would encounter. RP to check plan and raise concerns.

Meeting re-opened at 8.22pm**49/14. To confirm and take matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting 17th December 2014.**

The minutes of the Meeting of 17th December 2014 were **approved** unanimously and signed.

Cllr Pace advised that the outstanding balance of the NDP grant would be refunded on 31st January.

50/14. To receive Clerks report & Financial report (for information only)

- Confirmation -lengthsman balance is not carried forward and funds claimed after works done
- Confirmation that the winter sandbag order has been delivered.
- PPG confirm members must be a patient at the surgery. Cllr Rogers unable to attend.
- Mortimer History trail informed of consent.

- Clock winders being contacted and arrangements are being made.
- Damage to Broxwood notice board and Cllr Pace would investigate and repair if possible.
- Dec 2014 Electoral role information has now been received.

AP

Bank reconciliation for December is complete.

Balances at end December 2014:

Current Account:	£38,885.12
Tracker Account:	£5,937.23 (£0.74 interest received)
National Savings Account:	£11,540.45

All requests for payment were **APPROVED**

51/14. To agree the Clerks new pay rate from January 2015 & CiLCA training registration.

A pay increase for NJC National Salaries has been agreed. The new rates have been worked out and were available. CiLCA registration information and course details were discussed. It was agreed to invoice Lyonshall Council for half the registration and training fees. The new pay and CiLCA training for the clerk was **agreed unanimously**.

52/14. To consider Planning applications received and note decisions on applications

Planning Application recently received:

- P150016/K - Roseview, Manley Crescent, Pembridge, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 9EB
Propose to fell Silver Birch tree. Replace with 3 smaller trees - Cornus, Acer and Prunus
- P143743/K - The Old Post Office, East Street, Pembridge, Herefordshire HR6 9HA
Proposed removal of ash tree
- P150042/FH - Rose Cottage, Upper Bearwood HR6 9EQ
Proposed two storey extension and single story garden room/link to annexe.

COMMENT: SUPPORT

53/14. To receive updates on land asset transfer from Herefordshire Council

Varied reports and quotes received for works on the wall were inconclusive. Cllr Williams proposed a professional survey to ascertain the present and long term condition of the wall, by a surveyor be carried out before a decision to transfer be made. Seconded by Cllr Pace. Clerk to arrange.

Clerk

54/14. To report on health & safety report raised pavement.

Cllr Rogers unable to attend. Cllr Evans reported no details had been received.

55/14. To consider new information and updates on joining new lengthsman scheme.

Cllr Stokes reported a productive meeting with Lengthsman and administrator. Lengthsman has been advised Parish Council are not joining the potholing element of the scheme. An Annual Maintenance Plan is being prepared with BBLP locality steward. Cllr Stokes and Cllr Williams have flagged works required from recent village tour and asked if anything requires attention please report.

Item 61/14 was brought forward to discuss at this point.

61/14. To consider village/road tour to compile Lengthsman work list.

Cllr Stokes and Williams toured the village and identified drainage improvements which have been reported. Some routine work has lapsed which and will be included in the Annual Plan. There are some small projects to be completed but an under spend is expected this year. Cllr Duggan suggested the ditch by Clearbrook farm be cleared before the bad weather. Cllr Phillips advised this work should be undertaken by Lugg Valley drainage. Clerk to request works.

Clerk

56/14. To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Development Planning

Cllr Pace advised the unused grant would be returned at the end of the month and there should be further funding available. There will be another steering group meeting and Cllr Pace will arrange to have the survey results posted on the website. Next stage will be an Open Meeting to discuss the findings. Hereford Council have published a purdah period 2 April 2015 to 7 May 2015 where consultation or publication in this period could reasonably be regarded as giving a candidate (parish or ward) or their supporters an advantage in the election (i.e. it is not politically neutral) and should be deferred until after the election.

AP

57/14. To confirm purchase of Speed Indicator Devices with Titley PC.

Cllr Evans provided information and requested SID preference for the village. It was agreed a colour changing device should be sought and purchase to go ahead. Cllr Evans will continue liaison with Titley PC.

GE

58/14. To report on local farmers/hauliers meeting regarding Bio digester traffic issues

Meeting arranged for 30th January.

59/14. To report on quotes for Mowing Millennium Meadow/Village Green/ Church Yard

The Churchyard mowing contract is already in hand as is the village green mowing.

Cllr Stokes will meet with the Millennium meadow committee to decide what level of works are required and arrange quotes.

AS

60/14. To review Village Hall recycling area plan.

The village hall have provided details for a fenced recycling area around the bins in the Parish Hall car park. Clerk to arrange quotes

Clerk

61/14. To consider village/road tour to compile Lengthsman work list.

This item dealt with earlier in the meeting.

62/14. To confirm recent tree issues completed or actioned.

A report was read from Tony Norman providing details of recent tree issues and conclusions. Cllr Bennetto advised the problem tree on the river bank had now been blown down by recent gales.

63/14. To update details for Kingspan signage at Bridge Street.

Cllr Phillips has been in contact with Kingspan and will liaise with all parties to for a new sign to be erected.

RP

64/14. To review correspondence.

Correspondence was made available and discussion were had regarding the slow implementation of broadband to North Herefordshire.

65/14. To note items for Future Agenda from Councillors and members of the public.

No items were raised.

66/14. To Confirm date of next meeting as Wednesday 11th February 2015, 6.30pm Tour of Pembridge Primary School followed by meeting in the School Hall at 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed 9.47pm.