

PEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on

Wednesday 11 February 2015, 7.30pm in Pembridge School 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 D Owen, Cllr P Thomas, Cllr J Mifflin, Cllr Rogers and Clerk R Bissell.

PC Allford present and 3 members of the public.

67/14. To accept apologies for absence

There were no apologies

68/14. To receive declaration of interest and written requests for dispensation.

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

69/14. Open Session- Meeting closed 7.35pm**Ward Councillor Report**

- Item 78/14 Hauliers/Farmers meeting rescheduled for 16th February 2015
- Council budget debate - Council tax agreed as 1.9% rise. Hereford Council still required to make big savings with a reduced budget. Cllr Phillips to circulate figures.
- Draft Capital Program - Pembridge has all requests acknowledged in the 2015/16 program. Cllr Phillips asked for confirmation of these and prioritisation. Cllrs requested the kerbing through the village be top loaded for the beginning of the financial year. All other items listed were accepted to be completed during the year.
- Project Dove - police presence recently in the village found no major issues with either speeding or heavy vehicles using Bridge Street.

Police report.

- PC Allford reported further burglaries in the village asking members of the public to ensure doors and windows are locked and use a light timer if away.
- A theft of agricultural roll also reported.
- Police operation in Bridge produced no offences.
- Next PACT surgery Thursday 19th February in The Steppes 10.30 - 11.00am
- PC Allford invited Councillors to Hereford Rural Business meeting at Luctonians on Thursday 12th March 6.30pm
- A property marking day open to all will be held on Thursday 26th March starting in Kington Cattle Market. Purchase of kits will be available.
- Vice Chairman advised of Court Meadow residents' concerns over recent burglaries. PC Allford confirmed there would be a greater presence and increased patrols in the area.

Members of the public comments

- Tree warden Tony Norman advised details of recent tree removal in Dump Lane. He reiterated that his concerns should be dealt with swiftly for safety reasons. Tony advised he had agreed to the removal of 10 more trees around the village green and Stan Blatchford would invoice the Parish Council.
- Cllr Rogers advised a kissing Gate has been offered by BBLP to replace style in Dump Lane after the tree damage. Cllr Rogers to contact landowner for agreement to changes.
- It was requested that Cllr Phillips should invite Tarmac/Lafarge to the hauliers meeting.
- More concerns over the raised pavements were made and concerns that the recent conservation visit would cause problems regarding the health and safety of the public.

Meeting re-opened at 8.10pm

70/14. To confirm and take matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting 21st January 2015.

The minutes of the Meeting of 17th December 2014 were **approved** unanimously and signed.
Cllr Rogers referred to item 50/14 and asked if there was anyone else who might like to join the Kington PPG. No offers were made.

71/14. To receive Clerks report & Financial report (for information only)**Clerks Report**

- Expression of interest to join lengthsman scheme completed
This lead to lengthsman scheme discussion. Information from briefing held on 10th Feb gave more concrete information- No administrator 10% fee.
Further items to be included as an agenda item in March.
- New contact at BBLP for lengthsman is Jo Perrin
- Note: David Morgan mowing contractor is retiring this year.
- Water meter reading agreed to cease.

Financial Report

Bank reconciliation for January complete.

Balances at end January 2015:

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Current Account: | £33,843.20 |
| Tracker Account: | £5,937.23 |
| National Savings Account: | £11627.00 (£86.55 interest received) |

All requests for payment were **APPROVED**

Cllr Pace also advised a refund of the NDP grant fund may require payment- **APPROVED**

All other outstanding items are being dealt with by the clerk.

72/14. To consider Planning applications received and note decisions on applications

Planning Application recently received:

- P150282/K - Garage House, East Street, Pembridge, Leominster Herefordshire HR6 9HA
Fell an ash tree and dead elm

73/14. To report on Car Park wall survey for land asset transfer from Herefordshire Council

No report received to be carried to next meeting.

74/14. To report on health & safety report raised pavement.

No report available - Cllr Phillips to follow up for next meeting

75/14. To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Development Planning

Cllr Pace advised a skeleton plan will be drafted with option in it. Intention to call a Public meeting to discuss the results of the survey either before 7th March or after the election.

76/14. To confirm purchase of Speed Indicator Devices with Titley PC.

Cllr Evans advised he was awaiting reply from Titley.

78/14. To report on local farmers/hauliers meeting regarding Bio digester traffic issues - RP

Item covered in Ward Councillor's report- meeting now 16th February 2015

79/14. To report on Mowing Millennium Meadow grass cutting

Cllr Stokes gave prices for mowing from Chris Thomas £100

Cllr Rogers proposed Chris Thomas mow:

The millennium meadow around 8 times a year for £50 each cut

Village Green and strip of land near by 2-3 times a year £40 each cut. (PIPs will continue to mow paths through the village green)

River bank and eastern side of long meadow when instructed for £10 each cut.

All cuts to be instructed by Alan Stokes seconded by Cllr Williams. **All Agreed**

80/14. To update on Village Hall recycling area plan

Alan Preece costing of £360 including labour and materials was presented.

Cllr Bennetto proposed instruction in accordance with the Village Hall requirement for Alan Preece to complete the works. Seconded by Alan Stokes. **All Agreed**. Clerk to arrange meeting between village hall and Alan Preece to commence work.

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81/14. To confirm details for Kingspan signage at Bridge Street.

Cllr Phillips advised he had met with Spencer Murdoch from Kingspan who have agreed to install a sign at Bridge Street. They will now meet with highways.

82/14. To agree to Manley Lane footpath upgrade.

Cllr Evans gave a costing report £569.60 to upgrade the path. Cllrs asked for a further costing including kerb stones rather than wooden edging.

83/14. To review correspondence.

- The clerk reported concerns from the public regarding the wall at pump house. Cllr Evans offered to visit and express concern.
- The clerk raised public concern over litter. Cllr Rogers advised that PIPs collect litter every Thursday and this is advertised on their board.

84/14. To note items for Future Agenda from Councillors and members of the public.

Cllr Williams requested PIP's big lottery application be included on the next agenda.

85/14. To confirm date of next meeting as

The next parish Council Meeting will be 7.30pm on 18th March in The Parish Hall.

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Meeting Closed 9.05pm.