

PEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 15th April 2015, 7.30pm in Pembridge School Hall

Councillors Present: Cllr. G. Evans (Chair) Cllr. T. Bennetto, Cllr. C. Fothergill, Cllr Pace, Cllr Stokes, Cllr P Thomas, Cllr J Mifflin, Cllr P Rogers and Clerk R Bissell.

12 members of the public.

No Police representative present.

Minutes of the meeting of Parish Council

01/15. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Duggan, Cllr D Owen, Cllr Phillips, & Cllr Williams

02/15. Declaration of interest and written requests for dispensation.

The register of interest was available to sign and declarations were made.

03/15. Open Session.

Ward Councillor Report.

No report available - apologies from Cllr Phillips.

Police report.

No report available

04/15. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 18th March 2015.

The minutes of the meeting of 18th March 2015 were **approved** unanimously and signed.

05/15. Planning and pre planning applications received.

The chairman opened the meeting to public for

150817 - Yeld farm, Yeld Lane, Lyonshall, Kington HR5 3LY.

Proposed installation of a 450KwP photovoltaic ground mounted solar array.

There were lively discussions between members of the public and the applicant. The main concerns put forward by the public were: Government policy (NPPF) doesn't allow grade 2 land to be used for industry, Government policy (NPPF) states that glint and glare is a problem in the countryside, Roof mounted panels should be the first option, Screening, Worries for extra development and growth and The proximity to the registered parkland is inappropriate.

The applicant responded:

The panels are anti-glare, the land would still be used for grazing sheep so keep its grade 2 status.

The roofing option had already been explored -The chicken sheds are not structurally sound to hold the weight of the panels as made of wooden construction, only three lorries in total to deliver the load - no disruption to local residents.

There are already poly tunnels in the area, set a precedence, planting for screening is included in the application and there is full co-operation with all groups involved including English Heritage who are aware of the parkland.

The chairman asked the applicant if English Heritage make any recommendations that they would be implemented to which the applicant agreed as this was a condition.

The chairman closed the open session and requested Councillor's decisions. It was agreed unanimously to comment **NO OBJECTION** on the application.

- 150712 - Townsend Farm, east Street HR6 9HB
Change three existing fully serviced caravan pitches into 3 'boq fiddoh' earth sheltered camping pods.
COMMENT: NO OBJECTION
- 150768 - Rose Cottage, Bearwood HR6 9EQ
Proposed double storey extension and single storey garden room/link to annexe.
COMMENT: NO OBJECTION
- 150663- Roselea House, West Street, Pembridge, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 9DX
Proposed replacement of door and casement with window
COMMENT: NO OBJECTION

Pre consultation information regarding the proposed site for upgraded Vodafone mast - All agreed to **SUPPORT.**

06/15. Clerks report

- Bin received for Bearwood Lane.
- Preparations are taking place for internal audit
- West Mercia Energy capped electricity price at 11.128 per unit for 2015/16
- Met with Village Hall and Builder to arrange recycling area plan and works

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

07/15. Financial report.

Bank reconciliation for March complete using VT cashbook.

Balances at end March 2015:

Current Account:	£31455.34
Tracker Account:	£ 5937.91
National Savings Account:	£11627.00

All requests for payment were **APPROVED**

08/15. Parish Council Risk Assessment 2015/16.

This item was deferred to later in the meeting.

09/15. Way forward for Bridge Street traffic issues.

Concern continues regarding lorries and tractors using Bridge Street. The Traffic weight restriction order has been identified and on examination and discussion there appeared to be a misinterpretation and a contradiction in information of the terms by the police. It was **agreed** the clerk would write to Herefordshire Police to point out their advice as incorrect and ask them to enforce the regulation and legislation of the traffic order.

10/15. To report on health & safety report raised pavement.

The report was recognised as a professional and thanks were made to the author. The report mentions many of the issues the pavement users are facing. The report has been forwarded to Herefordshire Council for comment.

11/15. Procedure for lengthsman reporting

This item was deferred to later in the meeting.

12/15. The annual plan for lengthsman scheme.

This item was deferred to later in the meeting.

13/15. Update on the Neighbourhood Development Planning

Confirmation of receipt of the unused grant has been received and extra funding will be sought to save Council reserves and Cllrs are attending a meeting at Herefordshire Council on Friday 17th April. Details arising from the core strategy inspection and modification will be worked into the feedback from survey. The NDP completion is dependent upon funds. Next steps will be a public meeting and a focus group to start on a draft. This will need approval by Herefordshire Council, then it will go for inspection and further approval. There will then be referendum to the parishioners. If this is all agreed it will become Pembridge Plan to 2031 and be binding on Herefordshire Council.

Clerk

The Chairman opened the meeting to the Public at 8.15pm for comments

One member questioned the rules and regulations of planning and advised they were unhappy about the decisions made and suggested there was a contradiction of legislation. Cllr advised that the Parish Council can only make comment on an application and provide local knowledge. The final decision on all planning applications are made by Herefordshire Council.

The meeting of the Parish Council continued at 8.20pm

08/15. Parish Council Risk Assessment 2015/16.

The Risk Assessment had been forwarded to all councillors prior to the meeting. It was **agreed unanimously**.

11/15. Procedure for lengthsman reporting

Lengthsman practices were discussed a new procedure will be implemented going forward.

12/15. The annual plan for lengthsman scheme.

A brief explanation of the new enhanced lengthsman scheme was delivered to the councillors for information. It was confirmed that funding will be provided on completion of the work and the P3 scheme is also continuing. As part of the new scheme an Annual Plan is prepared for BBLP which Cllr advised proposed spend. Completion of Plan for approval next meeting. A request was made if BBLP could attend repairs to the verge from lorry damage at the East end of Pembridge. Clerk to check

14/15. To consider lottery fund application for PIPs.

PIPs would like to extend the boardwalk by the bridge. The grant application has to be made by the landowner, which PIPs are not. Therefore request the Parish Council make application on their behalf. This was proposed by Cllr Pace - **All in favour**. PIPs to arrange application for £10,000 and clerk to support.

15/15. To review correspondence.

Clarification to be sought regarding adopt a phone box opportunity.

16/15. To note items for Future Agenda from Councillors and members of the public.

Dog poo survey

17/15. To confirm date of next meeting as

Wednesday 22th April 2015 - Annual Parish meeting the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 20th May 2015 - Annual meeting of the New Parish Council the Parish Hall at 7.30pm

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Meeting Closed 8.55pm.