

PEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 17th June 2015, 7.40pm in Pembridge School Hall

Councillors Present: Cllr. G. Evans, Cllr. T. Bennetto, Cllr. C. Fothergill, Cllr Pace, Cllr P Thomas, Cllr P Rogers, Cllr Duggan, Cllr D Owen, Cllr Phillips, Cllr Hancock, Cllr Mifflin, Cllr Stokes, Cllr Purslow and Clerk R Bissell.

16 members of the public.

No Police representative present.

41/15. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies

42/15. Declaration of interest and written requests for dispensation for items on the agenda.

The register of interest was available to sign and no declarations were made.

43/15. Presentation from Pembridge primary school students.

The children gave a polished presentation outlining a proposal for funds to help purchase a trim trail for use in the school grounds. £5500 has already been raised leaving £6500 to meet the £12500 cost. The Parish Council discussed the proposal in a closed session and decided that they would like more time to consider the request. Item to be raised on next agenda.

44/15. Open Session

The chairman closed the meeting at 7.50pm.

Police report. - No representative in attendance.

Ward Councillor Report - Cllr Phillips updated:

- 7 members to attend Kingspan on 14th July 2015 6.30pm.
- Meeting with Clerks raised issues for BBLP locality officer Lara Edwards who unfortunately was absent. No verge cuts on minor roads which are dangerous. BBLP have explained contractors were not in place soon enough.
- Problems with school transportation to Lady Hawkins School are ironed out with confirmation that Pembridge children can use Sergeants bus for free as agreed with LHS.
- Local Authority recorded underspend of £600k for 2014-15. Mild winter contributed as less salting was done. Budget in July indicates further cuts.
- Highways are still the biggest local concern and funding is required.
- It is hoped funding for the county would be topped up awaiting the tax base growth with more housing. Council tax anticipated to be capped at 1.9% over the next three years.
- Head of Lady Hawkins School, Gary House retiring to one day a week. Deputy Head Jeff Kay promoted to Head.

Meeting re-opened at 8.06pm

45/15. To confirm and take matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting 20th May 2015.

The minutes of the meeting of 20th May 2015 were **approved** unanimously and signed

46/15. Planning applications received.

- 151243 - The Old Post House, Broxwood, HR6 9JH
Proposed window replacement to front elevation - COMMENT SUPPORT

47/15. Clerks report (for information only)

Contract ready to sign for mowing with Chris Thomas

Bins arrived for Village Hall & Millennium meadow

Insurance in place for 2015/16.

Briefing at Shire Hall 23rd June & 9th July 2015. No further attendees

Clerk

48/15. Financial report.

Bank reconciliation for May complete using VT cashbook.

Balances at end May 2015:

Current Account:	£25292.69
Tracker Account:	£ 5937.91
National Savings Account:	£11627.00

All request for payment were **APPROVED**

49/15. Good Neighbourhood scheme links.

It was agreed that a councillor should join the good neighbour scheme and their constitution should define this inclusion, confirming links with the Parish Council. Cllr Stokes to attend AGM, join the scheme as Parish Council representative and confirm at next meeting.

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50/15. Concerns with traffic and roads.

- Concerns with over growing hedges along Suckley lane. Trimming and upkeep is the responsibility of the owner. Cllr Hancock to speak to owners and request a tidy up. Hedge trimming cannot commence until 1st September by law.
- Concerns with heavy traffic continues. Pump house in particular experiencing lorries mounting the pavement in front of their house, one lorry even travelled over their front door step. In conclusion it was decided Cllr Phillips would speak to BBLP to suggest installing a bell, dependent upon listed building consent should it be required.
- Report in progress regarding A44 accidents. New road surface being arranged.
- Problem with lack of locality steward means no major decisions can be made on highways.
- A44 is very busy with a high volume of quarry lorries passing through, there is a voluntary agreement that quarry lorries will travel at 20mph through local villages, however it is frustrating as there is very little that can be done about the traffic volume.
- Some reports of foreign drivers using the wrong side of the road causing dangerous situations.
- Damage to the cobbled pavement by the New Inn. Cllr Phillips to investigate

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51/15. To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Development Planning.

- Steering group meeting scheduled for 1st July - New Inn 7.00pm to draft the bare bones of the plan.
- Cllr Pace is waiting details from Orchard Data before making a grant application.
- First of a series of public meeting suggested for August.
- Consultation period for Core strategy is over and the Pembridge requirement adjustment to build 60 houses is high especially in the dense village centre and a boundary move may need to be considered.
- Areas of conservation within the boundary will be protected.
- The Steering group will keep people informed, once the draft is complete, by debate at public meetings. Details will be available on the website and comments will be welcomed.
- Plan will pass through Parish Council before going to Hereford Council for comment and then to the inspector.
- The plan then goes to referendum for approval or non-approval.
- Consideration will be made for affordable housing
- Cllr Hancock suggested using Planning for Real and agreed to join the Steering group.

52/15. Parish Lengthsman & P3 Scheme contract with BBLP.

The contract was agreed and signed by the Chairman, Clerk and witnessed by Cllr Stokes.

Clerk

53/15. To review correspondence.

There was no further correspondence

54/15. To note items for Future Agenda from Councillors and members of the public.

Playground review

Invite Locality steward for introduction

55/15. Cleaner contract and salary

Details of the Toilet Cleaner contract terms and conditions were reviewed.

56/15. To confirm date of next meeting as

Wednesday 15th July 2015 - Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council - Parish Hall at 7.30pm

Meeting Closed 9.20pm