

PEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Councillors Present: Cllr. G. Evans, Cllr. T. Bennetto, Cllr. C. Fothergill, Cllr Pace, Cllr Duggan, Cllr Phillips, Cllr Hancock, Cllr Stokes, Cllr Purslow and Clerk R Bissell.
8 members of the public.

Police representative Jo Ellis & Bob Haynes present.

57/15. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs, Owen, Rogers, Mifflin & Thomas

58/15. Declaration of interest and written requests for dispensation on agenda items.

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

59/15. Open Session

The chairman closed the meeting at 7.35pm.

Police report - PC Jo Ellis Gave the police report

- There were no crimes report since last meeting.
- PC Ellis to host an overt property marking session (successfully implemented in other local areas) for parishioners equipment. A date was set at the September Coffee morning on the 19th from 10am.
- The next PACT surgery in the Old Steppes 13th August 11.00-11.30am
- PC Ellis thanked the new neighbourhood watch team and advised a meeting on 13th October at 7.30pm for new teams.

Bob Haynes Traffic management officer updated councillors with details of the Dove Project enforced in January, concentrated on monitoring traffic in Bridge Street. This lead onto item 60/15.

Ward Councillor Report - Cllr Phillips updated.

- Budget - Increased minimum wage from £7.20 next year rising to £9.00.
Planning - There will be a delay in the inspector report for the core strategy due to a wind policy consultation.
- Herefordshire Council have a new planning officer details will forwarded.
- For information the recent planning application at The Yeld - The Historic Park Society have inspected and advised this does not fall in their jurisdiction.
- Work on the Hereford Link Road will be starting early next year.
- Balfour Beatty locality steward found 53 defects in the village during a village tour last week. The road from the New Inn to Manley Lane, Parsons Walk & Manley Crescent will all be included in the resurfacing program.
- Pavements- Frustration that repairs to the pavement have not been included in this year's budget, due to lack of funding - it will hopefully be in next year's program.
- All Hedges should be cut by landowners
- Verge cut twice a year- First cut should have been done May.

Public - Mr Searles gave an update regarding works to the Old Post Office. It is hoped the scaffold will dismantled in 2-3 weeks. The Chairman took this opportunity to thank Mr Searles for his help with the Speed Indicator Device.

60/15. Discuss concerns with traffic and roads

Bob Haynes continued...

Heavy goods vehicles using Bridge Street have become a concern to the community. Discussion developed to find solutions to these traffic problems. Consideration has been made to improve

signage for lorries turning into Bridge Street, as once they are committed they should carry on through as it is safer than backing onto the A44. Kingspan are very supportive and advise their drivers appropriately, but Sat Nav can be a problem. BBLP are looking into a new sign advising drivers to go straight on for Kingspan. Most agricultural vehicles and some heavy commercial goods vehicles are exempt to use the bridge. As from 31st of March 2015 tractor speed limit has been increased from 20-25 mph carrying a load of 31te.

Enforcement of this weight limit restriction is difficult without a constant attendance. And all local villages are facing the same traffic problems. In conclusion without tighter legal enforcement there is very little that can be done unless there is an offence or accident. If there is a persistent offender they can be dealt with more effectively. It is important to take registration numbers and feed it through to the police with a photograph so they can contact the offending company. Problems with speed and quantity of traffic have no perfect solution. Some ideas include resurfacing, effective posts and bollards, opportunity for 20mph speed limits, the use of a length limit - *Cllr Phillips offered to invite BBLP to discuss this*. The police will also arrange a series of mini operations locally to pick up offending lorries travelling through the village.

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61/15. To confirm and take matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting 17th June 2015.

The minutes of the meeting of 17th June 2015 were **approved** unanimously and signed.

62/15. Planning applications received.

- 151879 - Orchard Close, Bearwood, HR6 9ED
Proposed first floor side extension - Comment- NO OBJECTION
- 151944 - Former Doctors surgery, East Street, Pembridge HR6 9HA
Proposed conversion to a dwelling - Comment - SUPPORT NO OBJECTION

63/15. Clerks report

- Approval to use SID in village received & first months usage.
- BBLP/ Hereford Council Lengthsman/P3 Contract returned signed.
- Request made to Herefordshire Council for first Quarter lengthsman spend.
- External Audit report returned - no matters giving concern

64/15. Financial report.

Bank reconciliation for June complete using VT cashbook.

Balances at end May 2015:

Current Account:	£24608.46
Tracker Account:	£ 5938.71 (80p interest received)
National Savings Account:	£11627.00

All request for payment were **APPROVED**

65/15. Lengthsman works

It was agreed to instruct the lengthsman to clear road signs of overgrowth and clean as per annual maintenance plan.

66/15. Good Neighbourhood scheme links.

Cllr Stokes confirmed the Good Neighbour scheme have changed their constitution to include one Councillor and establish firm connections with the parish council.

67/15. Pembridge primary school request

Councillors discussed options to provide support for the equipment requested by the school and the PTFA. An interest free loan was suggested to allow completion of the works this summer. Cllr Purslow proposed £3000 grant and a loan for the balance to be repaid in 2 years. This was seconded by Cllr Stokes. Votes in favour 4, Against 2 and 1 abstention. This offer will be researched and clarified before progressing and making arrangement or payment.

68/15. Village playground equipment.

All councillors agreed the playground needs updating. A meeting has been arranged with Sovereign Playgrounds on 28th September 9.00am to discuss options and prices to initiate the process and help

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agree what is required. Cllr Bennetto & clerk to attend and report back with options. Things to consider: The amenity trust may offer more land, older children & insurance liability.

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69/15. Update on the Neighbourhood Development Planning.

- Steering group met 1st July - Nest meeting 21 July - New Inn 7.00pm to discuss draft plan.
- Cllr Rogers & Mrs Albright are working on the skeleton.
- NDP steering group will have a table at Pembridge Show.
- Cllr Pace suggested the meeting notes should be forwarded to all councillors.

70/15. Parish Council/Good Neighbour coffee morning information 15th August 10.30am.

Cllr Stokes will advertise. Volunteers to arrive around 10am. Clerk to email reminder a week before

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71/15. Correspondence.

- Grant funding for Citizens Advice Bureaux - It was agreed to not to make a donation.

72/15. Future Agenda from Councillors and members of the public.

- Village Green mowing schedule
- Village tree cutting

73/15. To confirm date of next meeting as

Wednesday 16th September 2015 - Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council - Parish Hall at 7.30pm

Please note no meeting in August

Meeting Closed 9.25pm

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