

## PEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes for the Meeting

Wednesday 16th December, 2015, 7.30pm in Pembridge School Hall

**Councillors Present:** Cllr. G. Evans, Cllr. T. Bennetto, Cllr J. Mifflin, Cllr R Phillips, Cllr P. Thomas, Cllr Hancock, Cllr. A Pace, Cllr J Purslow, Cllr P Rogers and Clerk R Bissell.

2 members of the public & Graham Clarke from Berry's consultants, Kinnersley.

No Police representative.

#### 145/15. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from, Cllrs Duggan, Owens, Fothergill & Stokes.

#### 146/15. Declaration of interest and written requests for dispensation on agenda items.

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

#### 147/15. Open Session

##### Ward Councillors report.

- Councillor update had been circulated.
- Several complaints have been received from parishioners regarding verge damage from heavy vehicles traveling to AD plants. Cllr Phillips will arrange another hauliers meeting in February.
- Cllr Phillips requested Parish Council support for a community concern with Lawton Crossroad. Cllr Phillips to forward paperwork.
- New works to update Golden Cross with elevation work.
- The local government settlement for council tax imminent, expected to rise 3.9% including 2% ring-fenced for social care.
- A lack of cat-eyes on the roads between Eardisland and Pembridge was raised. To be investigated

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##### Open session for Members of the public.

- Parishioner requested street cleaning along A44 - This work is provided by BBLP Highways, providing once yearly cleaning, usually for the In Bloom competition.
- Parishioner concern of money being spent on footpaths and suggested that condition of footpaths was poor. Cllr Hancock provided his details to be contacted for any repairs and explained that Pembridge has 43km of footpaths and P3 funds were received in grant form from Hereford Council for works completed to a maximum of £2450 for 2015/16. These funds can only be spent on footpaths and if they are not spent may be withdrawn in the future. This year it hoped to improve kissing gates in the parish. Cllr Hancock also explained he was working hard to make necessary improvements to paths and this takes considerable time given the length of the network.

#### 148.15. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting 18th November 2015.

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

#### 149/15. Approval of the Minutes of Planning Meeting 2nd December 2015.

The minutes of the meeting of 2nd December 2015 were **approved** unanimously and signed.

#### 150/15. Planning applications received.

- 153315 - Land off Sandiford Ploc, Pembridge, Herefordshire. Proposed erection of 7 dwellings. Graham Clarke from Berry's Chartered Surveyors Kinnersley, gave a short verbal presentation confirming previous issues with the development had been addressed and took questions from Councillors. All Councillors agreed the development offered a good range of smaller market affordable houses for a range of age groups and supported the development. Councillors raised several observations, Firstly the 3 bedroom size appeared to be smaller than national guidelines

and secondly, the position of plot 7 garage blocked any opportunity for access into further fields should development in the future be considered.

- **COMMENT - SUPPORT including observations.**
- 153402 - Kingspan Insulation, Pembridge HR6 9LA  
Proposed erection of a green energy centre building housing a 1.365 MWth biomass boiler

**COMMENT - SUPPORT**

**151/15. Clerks report & Approve payments**

Attended BBLP open event

Awaiting confirmation from BBLP regarding purchase of Salt bins at Noke Lane.

Bank reconciliation for November 2015 complete using VT cashbook.

Balances at end November 2015:

Current Account:	£26578.57
Tracker Account:	£ 5939.45
National Savings Account:	£11627.00

Income since last meeting:

Advertisers fees x 6	£ 250.00
VAT refund to Sept 2015	£ 1018.64

Requests for payment: - **All Payments Approved**

Payment made Hereford Council Trade waste sacks	£ 60.52
Payment made G A Prichard - Toilet refurbishment - Painting	£235.00
Toilet Cleaner salary for December 2015 as previously agreed by Parish Council	
Clerk's salary for December 2015 as previously agreed by Parish Council	
M J Hancock - Footpaths expenses	£ 17.10
Clerks Expenses December	£ 63.87
T Bennetto Expenses - Toilet refurb works	£ 97.17 + £ 17.99 VAT
A J Oxenham - Mowing Bridge St & Toilets to Oct 2015	£ 160.00
Ron Smith & Co Ltd - PiPs equipment purchase (to be reimbursed)	£1064.13 + £212.82 VAT
St Mary's Church - reimbursement of Bell restoration Fund DD	£ 20.00

**153/15. Update on the Neighbourhood Development Planning.**

Cllr Pace advised all councillors have received minutes from the last meeting and steering group members were now working in groups to prepare objective statements, leaders will consult the community to obtain further information.

The Clerk had previously forwarded Eardisland Neighbourhood Plan for consultation and asked all Councillors to read it and email comments in readiness to compile a response for discussion at the January meeting.

**154/15. Payment to Hereford Diocese Guild of Bell Ringers Restoration Fund.**

Currently St Mary's church pays into a fund which provides cover for essential maintenance on the bell tower. The Bell tower is owned by the Amenity Trust not the church. It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay £20 annually to the Church to cover the Bell ringers' restoration fund subscription.

**155/15. Correspondence.**

Councillors have been invited to Pembridge school 150th celebration. *Clerk to collate names of those wishing to attend and reply to school.*

**156/15. Future Agenda from Councillors and members of the public.**

Noke lane roads

Fly tipping Bearwood Lane.

**157/15. To confirm date of next meeting as**

Wednesday 20th January 2016 - Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council - Parish Hall **at 7.00pm**

Meeting Closed 8.32pm