

PEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes for the Meeting
Wednesday 1st March, 7.00pm in Pembridge Parish Hall

Councillors Present: Cllr Evans, Cllr. Pace, Cllr Stokes, Cllr Mifflin, Cllr Hancock, Cllr Bennetto, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Thomas, Cllr Duggan and Clerk R Bissell.

Mrs Albright, Mr and Mrs Huckerby attended on behalf of the NDP steering group.

Guests Bill Bloxham from Data Orchard and Steph Kitto from Herefordshire NDP Planning.

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192/16. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Phillips & Fothergill.

193/16. Declaration of interest and written requests for dispensation on agenda items.

The register of interest was available to sign. Cllr Evans and Stokes made declarations on agenda item 195/16.

194/16. Planning Applications for comment.

Planning Application recently received:

- 170122 – 2 Moor Cottages, Lyonshall, HR5 3JZ
 Single storey extension to property including bedroom & en-suite bathroom
SUPPORT by a majority.

195/16. NDP Discussion.

Councillor Evans welcomed Bill Bloxham from Data Orchard and Steph Kitto from the NDP Planning department in Hereford and members of the NDP steering group. Mr Bloxham presented an overview of the prepared draft plan for all Councillors to consider for their thoughts and comments. Mr Bloxham explained the basic conditions for the plan to go ahead and the reason and rationale behind the objectives and policies. This included work undertaken to get the plan into its current form. The group have issued resident questionnaires to understand community issues, produced a public exhibition and attended a community event with the plan objectives for feedback. A call for sites provided few suitable plots, so the group approached all landowners abutting the settlement boundary.

The plan has been drafted from evidence based on the questionnaire results and Hereford core strategy document states parameters to provide the expected 12% housing growth target. Protection, conservation and heritage of Pembridge is important. The plan consists of objectives and policies covering key areas in the parish. These include housing, enterprise, community and facilities, environmental issues, green/open spaces and transport.

The core strategy target of development by 2031 is 61 houses. Current figures show:

10 commitments

8 completed

11 remaining

42 development plots to find as a minimum including any windfall sites which arise from outside of the settlement boundary rurally and in the hamlets.

Mr Bloxham spent some time explaining criteria behind the site allocations in the plan. Each site has been assessed by the group for a number of factors including, availability, achievability, viability, whether it is suitable to develop and if it is deliverable. The group had walked the village to view sites and demonstrated a structured approach to show suitability that any developments would fit sensitively, look at the effects on the environment, including historic, landscape and amenity to nearby residences. It is important to make the best use of land, protecting and enhancing community facilities and promoting sustainable transport and highway links to meet housing needs targets.

The objective is to support small developments over many sites providing good design in keeping with the historic nature of Pembridge. There is a duty to preserve and enhance the area.

Mr Bloxham presented further details on open spaces advising they should be special to the whole community. Queries were raised regarding historic burgage meadows, Cllr Hancock to research and provide information to Data Orchard for more detailed inclusion.

Mr Bloxham talked through the appendices before explaining the next steps and implementation of the plan. When the steering group have finalised the draft, Hereford Council will consider and produce a SEA and HA reports. These three documents form the basis of the plan which will be presented for consultation to the parish, statutory authorities and other stake holders for 6 weeks. Representations will be considered, responses made and revisions to the plan if necessary. When revisions are made the Parish Council adopt the plan at regulation 14 then it is forwarded to Hereford Council for regulation 15. Hereford Council will consult for another 6-week period, where an external independent examiner is made available for Parish Council to choose from three potential candidates. Ant further revisions will be made before the plan is offered to Pembridge parishioners to vote at referendum regulation 16. This timescale is expected to be around 9 months and the Parish Council will seek further grant funding to support the plans completion. Once the plan is adopted at referendum it becomes a planning document to be considered for all planning applications.

Councillors asked several questions for clarification before Councillor Evans thanked everyone for their hard work and closed the meeting. Steering group members remained to review comments received and take advice from Steph Kitto.

**196/16. To confirm date of next meeting as
15th March 2017 - Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council - Parish Hall at 7.00pm**

Meeting Closed 8.30pm