

## **MINUTES OF ANNUAL OPEN MEETING OF PEMBRIDGE PARISH**

Held Wednesday 9th May 2007, at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

### **Present:**

Cllr. G. Evans – Acting Chairman  
Cllr. R. Phillips     Ward Cllr.  
Cllr. D. Morgan  
Cllr. A. Stokes  
Cllr. K. Myers

Cllr. D. Owens  
Cllr. Mrs. J. Mifflin  
Cllr. Mrs. S. Smith  
Cllr. R. Pierce  
Cllr. K. Duggan

Mr. C. Buchanan – Parish Warden  
Mr. A. Teale – Headteacher  
Police Officer Sharon Wilson  
Community Officer Donna Jones

**+ 7 members of the public**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

Cllr. P. Thomas & Mrs. P. Lloyd

### **2. Minutes of the last meeting & Matters arising from them – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2006**

The Minutes were agreed and signed by the Acting Chairman.

### **3. Parish Council Chairman's Report – Cllr. G. Whiting (Retiring) - (Read by Cllr. G. Evans)**

It gives me great pleasure to bring you an annual report showing a very active and productive year. First let me thank all members of the Council for their support and willingness to take on various tasks throughout the year, all of which have helped to make 2007 a success.

The parish magazine has continued to be a success and the move to colour has been very well received in the parish. We have made a move to paid advertising which will help to offset the cost of production.

The Parish Council web site is undergoing a complete rebuild to bring it in line with the requirements of a Quality Council and to give it a fresh and modern look. We expect it to be operating by June.

Affordable housing, which has been a major issue in the community, is now being addressed in the form of a Marches Housing Association proposal to build to the rear of Curl View. This is a major project for the Council and will require a lot of ongoing effort but the planning and design is well underway.

The village green has received new picnic tables, bins and the parking designation has been re-defined with timber posts. Later this year we plan to install a special surface to enhance the parking area.

The shredding service was well supported and we will look at getting it again in the future.

The freighter service at the village hall continues to be popular and will continue.

Kingspan have created a Community Trust with an annual fund of up to £50,000. The parish has an opportunity twice a year to apply to the trust for funding for various projects that comply with the trust's mandate. This will give the parish plenty of chances to enhance the environment, particularly in the area of children and young people.

We have a new community police officer and this should help to curb the increase in vandalism that we have experienced this year.

The children's play area continues to provide a haven for young children and we are keeping it maintained

to a high standard.

We received very positive feedback to the clerk's Christmas lights initiative and it was great to win a £1,000 grant towards it. We propose to expand it for next Christmas.

I'm pleased to report we achieved a very productive year all with a small increase in our precept from Herefordshire Council.

Thanks are due to Rodney Jackson who for many years has been active in keeping the village looking so tidy, but who has recently moved away from the area. We are indebted to Tony Norman for continuing in his duties as parish Flood Warden and maintaining the supply of sand bags for residents use whenever necessary, and we have relied on his expertise and advice in his role as parish Tree Warden.

I would like to make a special mention of our Clerk, Heather Harding who has worked tirelessly on our behalf this year. This parish is lucky to have such a knowledgeable and dedicated clerk and she has been a big help to me as Chairman over the past 12 months.

I will be standing down from the Council as of May 1<sup>st</sup> due to my overseas commitments but I have enjoyed my time with the Council and I hope I have brought a positive approach to the chair.

There will be very challenging times ahead for the parish so I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all well for the coming year and the years ahead.

#### **4. Ward Councillor's Report – Cllr. Roger Phillips**

Cllr. Phillips thanked all those who had recently supported him in the recent election, and for returning him as the Ward Councillor for Pembridge with Lyonshall and Titley Ward. He pledged to work on everyone's behalf and to communicate local views between Herefordshire Council, the Parish News Magazine and the Parish Council. Thanks were offered to the retiring parish councillors and that it is good to see so many others returning.

Some recent improvements include the introduction of kerbside recycling to the village, the new Herefordshire Council Kington Library and Info Centre where all general enquiries can be dealt with, as well as the new council office known as the One Stop Shop in Leominster's Corn Square.

The Travellers site will be re-opened but not before extensive discussions have taken place to ensure everything is in order first.

Cllr. Phillips explained that on behalf of Rev. Read he would like to discuss the situation relating to burial space left in the burial ground, as currently it is estimated that only 2 years space is left. Therefore discussions have been undertaken regarding options available, and these include either reburial on the existing site or finding a new site. Firstly negotiations have taken place to see whether some adjoining land could be purchased, but this has not proved possible. Therefore the existing churchyard site was looked at again, particularly towards the north door and behind the belfry, which has not been used for around 100 years, where there is space for perhaps another 10 years of burials. However, this area would need to have some Leylandii trees and a split large fir removed, as they could cause damage, together with the thinning of some other trees. First of all it would be necessary to check whether there are any relevant Tree Preservation Orders on these trees. If this suggested site is not made available, then Pembridge Churchyard could close, resulting in future burials having to take place at Kington or other sites. Before any action is taken a full public consultation process will be undertaken in the Parish Magazine, and there will certainly be no action before the Autumn or Winter. However, following this subject being discussed at the Open Parish Meeting no further parish meeting is planned to discuss it further.

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#### **5. Parish Electors Open Question Time / Parish Tennis Courts – Cllr. D. Owens**

There were no general questions, so the matter of the proposed 2 outdoor tennis courts was discussed. Cllr. Owens thought that this is such an important and large project for the parish to undertake that it would be sensible to gain wider views from the residents prior to any firm decision being made. It was thought that this could well be a suitable project to apply to the Kingspan Trust for part funding, particularly as the

schoolchildren would be very keen to use such a facility. Running costs would be quite extensive however, but perhaps the facility could also be used for other sports. It was agreed that this would offer a fantastic resource to the parish and further funding possibilities would be investigated. Two possible sites that could be considered are the Village Hall green area and the Millennium Meadow. The Meadow still has planning permission in place, but this has expired at the Hall site. It was decided that an Open Meeting would be arranged.

**6. Police Representative's Report – Police Officer Sharon Wilson & CSO Donna Jones**

Sharon Wilson explained that she has had 17 years experience in the force throughout S. Shropshire and N. Herefordshire and that Kington Rural area covers 29 parishes. It is only considered to be a petty crime area. It was acknowledged that there had recently been a few youth related problems in the Pembridge area, but after patrolling had taken place the situation has now improved. The police do stop and talk to youths on a friendly basis. Sharon requested that she or Donna should be contacted if there are any further incidents of anti-social behaviour. Donna, who is new in post with Kington Rural team but who has been a Community Officer in Hereford and Leominster previously, went on to say that It would be helpful if names of perpetrators could be supplied, and the local Neighbourhood Watch team should also be involved. A school's education team would be willing to attend the local school if invited, but the police cannot be everywhere at once so they cannot prevent incidents and rely on local people to keep in touch with them if required. The team do work on a shift pattern so they are available outside of the normal 9 to 5 day. They are really needed to follow up on on-going repetitive issues rather than isolated incidents. All local area crime is reported in their publication called 'Newsbeat' which is circulated to the Neighbourhood Watch team to make them vigilant.

**7. School Headteacher's Report – Mr. Andrew Teale**

Andrew Teale introduced himself to the meeting and mentioned that he has now been in post for 4 years.

Ofsted inspections take place at the school every 3 years, usually with only 3 days notice. The most recent one took place just before Christmas 2006 and went very well, with a rating of "good school with outstanding features". Six weeks later there was the Church School rating, where the school achieved "outstanding" in all 5 sections examined. Mr. Teale explained that progress will be ongoing, and that he is delighted with the children, the parents and the governors.

The School's Newsletter may be sent to anyone who is interested by e-mail or as a hard copy if preferred. The School's website address is: [www.pembridge@hereford.sch.uk](mailto:www.pembridge@hereford.sch.uk)

Throughout Herefordshire many schools are experiencing falling rolls, resulting in many schools suffering and being under threat of closure. Pembridge school however is not at risk as its number of pupils has been healthy for many years and has rising numbers forecast in the foreseeable future. There are currently 93 pupils on roll rising to 95 in September. This has resulted in a funding approval for planned major building works to the school to update it and improve facilities. 21<sup>st</sup> century advanced requirements need addressing, although to-date there have been neither plans drawn up nor any planning permission applied for. It is hoped to extend school activities to include pre-school and adult learning facilities. Everything is being explored at this early stage and the school will probably take on a changing role to become a hub for education for the village, and to be able to respond to the changing needs of society and the community.

A School Travel Plan has recently been undertaken and signed off, which primarily took into account the safety of children travelling to school by various means. It is noted that many children walk to school and do not always have an easy journey. To overcome this difficulty the school had applied for a grant for a minibus to the Kingspan Trust but have unfortunately been unsuccessful on this occasion, a subsequent application will probably be made.

The school's website is regularly updated and newsletters are available, however, we would like to invite any suggestions for improvement.

Mr. Teale ended by stressing that Pembridge is a truly outstanding school.

**8. Parish Hall Report – Cllr. G. Evans (Chairman of the Trustees)**

On behalf of the Parish Hall management trustees I am pleased to report another busy year for the Hall. The new liquor licensing laws have now been in place for more than a year and in the absence of a licensee, we are limited to no more than twelve licensable events a year. This has required a change in the approach to letting the Hall for private parties, with hirers being asked to bring their own drinks. Thankfully, this has not

provided any problems and we are grateful for the understanding shown by everyone who has been affected by this change.

The hall continues to be booked by a wide range of groups and there is regular daytime usage by Mums and Tots, Pembridge Pre-School Group and Echo. A number of groups and societies use the hall for meetings and these include the Parish Council, the Horticultural Society, and the Women's Institute. Of course, there are also occasional parties, weddings and similar events.

The Trustees are pleased to be associated with the provision of a Community Access point for the people of Pembridge. A new broadband connection has been installed and wireless Internet access will be available. It is intended that there will be regular weekly access to this facility.

A far less pleasing matter to report is the attempted theft of heating oil from the Hall. It was very fortunate for us that the thieves targeted the Hall on a Sunday night. What they had not realised was that the people who run the Monday night auction regularly stop the night as a security measure and they were disturbed by the thieves. Their prompt action meant that the thieves left in a hurry, without any oil and also without the equipment they planned to use to steal the oil. Unfortunately, the police have not been able to apprehend those responsible. Nonetheless, we all hope that the criminals will have been discouraged from any further attempts.

Income from hiring of the Hall exceeded the previous record level achieved in 2005 and was just under £10,500. Mr. Ted Vaughan continues to make weekly trips from his home in Leominster to organise whist drives and occasional bingo sessions and these have provided a further £2,100 towards Hall running costs. As always, our sincere thanks go to Ted for all of the hard work that he puts in.

The trustees have continued the program of expenditure to ensure that facilities at the Hall are well maintained and this year, a total of £1,850 has been spent. As always, the major expenditure has been on the regular upkeep of the wooden floor and this year, the floor in the large hall had to be sanded down and resealed. To keep the floor in both halls in top condition, they should be resealed a minimum of two times a year.

Although the general trend is for costs to rise, I am pleased to report that after all other expenditure had been accounted for, the Hall realised an operating surplus of just under £2,300, which has been absorbed into existing funds.

Mrs. Mifflin continues to act as the caretaker and is ably assisted by Mr. Mervyn Powell. Between them they have maintained the high standards expected by hirers and we are thankful to both of them for their services.

Mrs. Mifflin continues to take bookings for the hall on a purely voluntary basis and we are grateful to her for doing so. Often there are a number of bookings on any day and it is a tribute to Mrs. Mifflin that the overwhelming majority take place without any problems. We have had the occasional problem with Sunday afternoon bookings but the cause of this has been identified and dealt with.

Recruitment of trustees is a perennial problem and although the constitution allows for each regular user of the hall to be represented it is difficult to persuade people to take on the responsibility. I am therefore very grateful to the existing trustees for the tremendous amount of hard work that they have all put in during the year, for without them it is difficult to see how the Hall could survive and prosper. As always, my personal thanks go to Mrs. Joyce Price who is honorary treasurer and Mrs. Carol Jackson who was honorary secretary. Regrettably, after ten years in the post, Mrs. Jackson has elected to retire and we are grateful that Mrs. Sarah Parkinson has agreed to take up the reins.

Finally, my annual plea for anyone who would like to become involved in the management of the Hall or who knows anyone who might like to become involved. If you fall into either of these categories, would you please contact Joyce Price, Sarah Parkinson or any of the trustees?

## **9. Parish Warden's Report – Chris Buchan (Sherriff)**

1. Fortunately I am pleased to report that the crime rate continues to remain low, although the petty crime has increased – hence my article in the Pembridge Parish News (March/April 2007 edition). I still get a monthly copy of the 'West Mercia Constabulary' "News Beat" of which I give a copy to those who are in the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. I continue to receive a lot of e-mails, most of which are not relevant to this

parish.

2. For information – Crimestoppers is an organisation that can be contacted **anonymously** if you have any information about a crime or potential crime; you will not be asked to identify yourself. **Their telephone number is: 0800 555 111.**

3. I was involved with “A Vision for Pembridge” which was hosted at the Pembridge C of E Primary School on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2006, with Head Teacher (Andrew Teale) and the school pupils etc.

4. Making you aware – from the article that was in the Hereford Times dated Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2006 referring to a sex offender who recently moved into Pembridge from the Isle of Man.

5. We had a problem over the Christmas period at the gypsy site, with people in caravans/mobile homes which I reported to the Police as they were trespassing. I am glad to say they were evicted early in January 2007.

6. There was a robbery at The Red Lion in the early hours of Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2007 – the CID were involved. In fact there were 5 other pubs robbed that night.

7. On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2007 after 11pm, Ian Wood was about to enter his flat and was beaten up and kicked by 3 men who drove off at great speed. Ian was so badly bruised that he had to go to hospital and he reported the incident to the Police.

8. I am now the licensed Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for the parish of Pembridge (licence number NSW/044). The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is well established and we continue to have quarterly meetings throughout the year at The New Inn (next meeting is on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at 19.30 hrs).

I will deal with the matter of re-positioning the Neighbourhood Watch signs as soon my feet touch the ground, due to my and my wife's recent incidents.

#### **10. Community Access Report – Mr. Henry James – Chair, Steering Group**

In January, a presentation was delivered in the village by Herefordshire Council's representative, Mike Truelove on the benefits of a Community Access Point (CAP). From this meeting, four village volunteers stepped forward to form a steering group, whose aim was the composition of a bid for a community access point. Since then, the steering group has grown in size and now has seven members, covering a wide section of the village demographic.

The steering group worked tirelessly for two months, meeting on a weekly basis and successfully submitted a bid to Herefordshire Council on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2007. The steering group learnt that the bid had been successful a few days later. As a result, a representative of Siemens (the company which provides equipment to CAPs) has assessed the village hall as to its suitability for use as the main base for the CAP. His report stated that the village hall was ideal for such a use. After this appraisal, British Telecom carried out a detailed assessment of the telephone line and telegraph poles, which serve the village hall and concluded that they were inadequate – a routine upgrade would be needed in order for an additional line to be carried by the telegraph poles. Once this upgrade had been completed, British Telecom installed a dedicated broadband telephone line for use by the CAP. The line has subsequently been activated and is ready for use.

On hearing that the bid had been approved, the steering group finalised a list of equipment, which they believed to be necessary for the running of a successful CAP (see document attached). This list was submitted to the appropriate team at Herefordshire Council on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2007. The team at Herefordshire Council have assured me that they are in the process of obtaining price quotations for the desired equipment and once this has been done, they will order the equipment. Prior to ordering, they will send me a list of equipment to finalise. I expect this list to arrive within the next few weeks. Until then, the list is not definitive as it depends upon the prices quoted by the suppliers.

In the meantime, a dedicated team of fundraisers have been active on the CAP's behalf. This group have been involved in planning Party at the Park, an event to be held at Townsend on 7<sup>th</sup> July in order to raise money not only for the CAP but also the Air Ambulance. Additional fundraisers will be held throughout the year and take different forms. Ideas suggested include race nights, quizzes and a concert.

The CAP is nearly up and running thanks to the efforts of the village and the support of this council. Should

anyone have any questions about the organisation or activities of the CAP (including sessions to be held once the CAP is fully functional), please contact me. Many thanks.

#### **11. Amenity Trust Report – Cllr. G. Evans – Chairman of the Trustees**

Following on from two very busy years, the last year has been a relatively uneventful one for the Trust, with no major projects currently underway. Nonetheless, I would like to thank my fellow trustees for their input and support throughout the year. In particular, I would like to thank Philip Partridge who has been honorary treasurer of the Trust and Mrs. Jen Myers who is honorary secretary.

There have been two changes in Trust personnel during the year and I am very pleased to welcome Mr. Stuart Burke as a Trustee. Stuart is ideally located to keep a watching eye on the car park and toilets and is also very close to the Millennium Meadow. Unfortunately, Phillip Partridge has moved away from Pembridge and felt that he had to resign from being honorary treasurer. The trustees are seeking a replacement and anyone who might be interested is welcome to contact either Jen Myers or myself.

#### ***Market Hall***

Subsequent to completion of the Market Hall restoration project, the final paperwork was duly submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund by the 31<sup>st</sup> May last year. The total cost of the works and all related professional fees, inclusive of VAT was £144,691. The Trust repaid £3,636 of the money advanced by the Heritage Lottery Fund and of the £8,000 advanced by the Parish Council, £7,000 is to be repaid. The net cost of the restoration to the Parish was therefore a mere £1,000, although there is an ongoing maintenance program that runs until 2015, which require some further expenditure.

In my last report, I indicated that Jen Myers was going London, at her own expense to represent the Trust at “The Green Apple Awards 2006 for The Built Environment and Our Architectural Heritage”. The award scheme is run by the Green Organisation and seeks to recognise contributions to heritage and the environment. The Amenity Trust was one of only three charities whose works were recognised by the scheme and the Market Hall project was duly awarded a “bronze” in the tourism class. This prestigious award is a fitting tribute to all of the local crafts people who worked on the project.

#### ***Car Park & Toilets***

The lease of the car park and toilets from Herefordshire Council is scheduled to run for another 18 years, with an expiry date of the 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2025. The running costs of the car park and toilets are underwritten by the Parish Council but by holding the lease in the name of the Trust, business rates that would be payable are avoided.

The operation of toilets and car park has been relatively trouble free and it has been pleasing to receive a number of compliments on the condition of toilets. Our cleaner deserves to be congratulated for the work that he does.

Sadly, the car park and toilets have suffered from the outbreak of vandalism that occurred during the year. Some external fittings on the toilet block were broken and the picnic bench situated in the car park was smashed. The necessary repairs have been carried out to the toilet block and the picnic bench has been replaced. The local police and community support officer have been made aware of the problems and are keeping a watchful eye on the situation.

#### ***Millennium Meadow***

The Millennium Meadow is owned by the Amenity Trust for the benefit of the people of Pembridge and any changes to it must be approved by the trustees. The development of the Meadow has been delegated to a group, currently chaired by Mrs. Mifflin, who will give an update on the current position a little later.

There has been an issue over access to the Meadow from Parson’s Walk and contrary to claims made by a local resident, the Trust has legal evidence of a right of access. The Trust is seeking to ensure that everyone is fully aware of its rights and will vigorously defend any attempt to deny those rights. Consequently, any person seen removing lawfully erected signs from Trust property will, if necessary, be dealt with by the court.

## ***Bell Tower***

The bell tower has required little attention during the last year with the main item of expenditure relating to the annual service of the clock. There has been some concern over broken rungs in the ladder leading up to the bells and local craftsman Bromley O'Hare has been commissioned to undertake a sympathetic repair. The trustees are aware that the bell tower is a valuable yet underused asset and are soon consider ways of improving the lighting within the building and installing information boards.

### **12. Millennium Meadow Report – Cllr. Mrs. J. Mifflin**

This has been a quiet year in the meadow as we waited for Central Networks to bury the overhead electric cable. Two weeks ago Garfield Evans at last had a meeting with a representative from Central Networks. He suggested that instead of taking the cable through the middle of the field he would re-route it around the side of the field. He wasn't sure when this would happen but he thought it could be in 6-8 weeks time.

The children's play area is still popular but has suffered from some vandalism.

The hedge between the play area and the lane has recently been laid to neaten the area up and to prevent branches from overhanging the playground.

### **13. Parish Social Event – Cllr. K. Myers**

Cllr. Myers led a discussion on a possible social event for the parish – but that as there were so few residents present, it might be wise to discuss this jointly at the planned Open Meeting to discuss the proposed new tennis courts. This was agreed.

### **14. Parish Magazine Report – Cllr. G. Whiting (Read by Cllr. G. Evans)**

It gives me real pleasure to report that the parish magazine has had a positive year and, judging by the comments I've received from parishioners, has been thoroughly enjoyed by the parish. The move from black & white to colour has helped to lift the presentation and create a more upmarket look. Unfortunately we have had a very poor response from parishioners regarding letters and magazine articles. We are reliant on much the same format each month and while this is acceptable it doesn't give the variety that I would like. However, it still is enjoyed by all.

The printing has been a bit of a struggle this year and has proved to be very time consuming. As you are aware, I will not be able to print the magazine from now on and I am concerned that the cost of producing it commercially may be prohibitive.

I feel strongly that the Council must maintain the current format as going back to black & white or A4 will change the whole feel of the magazine. I would have to consider my ongoing involvement should the Council change the format. I would suggest having it printed through the new Community Access Point with a Council member monitoring the production and folding.

We are just starting to include a page of advertising (A4 insert) which will go some way towards printing costs. The charge is £10 per insertion (quarter A4 page) to run for 6 consecutive issues. We have printed a single side in the last issue and should have enough for a double side in time for the next issue. That gives us £480 income for the year.

There is an ongoing problem with deadlines as everyone seems to conveniently avoid reading the small print even though they ask me every month what the deadline is. The deadline of the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication is quite generous but it seems about the 25<sup>th</sup> has become a sort of unofficial deadline and I just can't get everyone to toe the line. Contributors please note!

Otherwise, I hope to get more letters and anecdotes to keep it fresh and interesting.

### **15. Pembridge Charities Report – Cllr. D. Owens – 1<sup>st</sup> January 2006 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006** Carpenter's Charity + Carpenter Bengough Charity

This report covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2006 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006

**The Trustees are:** Mrs. L. Jones, Mrs. A.M. Reid, Mrs. B. Norman, Revd. J. Read, Mr. D.T. Owens, Mr. R. Smith, Dr. D. Griffith & Mr. R. Gwilliam (who has recently taken over from Mr. F.L. Smith who has retired).

**Almshouses:** Duppa Cottages, Bridge Street – four single bedroom dwellings.  
Trafford Cottages, East Street – three single bedroom and three two-bedroom dwellings.

**Occupancy:** At the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2006 two of the single bedroom dwellings were unoccupied, since both had been vacant for more than 6 months, the liability for council tax payments amounting to some £1,600 fell to the Charity.

A new Almsperson was appointed and moved into 3 Duppa Cottages during October, following a delay for repairs to the plumbing and drainage systems.

The Charity has been able to “turn to account” the remaining vacant dwelling.

**WMC:** A review of the Weekly Maintenance Charges was carried out at the October 2005 trustees meeting and the new charges were introduced in 2006.

**New**

**Almshouses:** The Charity has approached both The Marches Housing and Kemble Housing Associations with a view to obtaining funding for new almshouses. As yet no constructive response has been received from either association.

**Finance:** Despite the Charity’s council tax liability referred to previously, income over expenditure amounted to £9,603 for the year.

The Trustees would like to offer their thanks to Michael Coleburn – Clerk to Pembridge Charities, for his dedication and hard work.

**16. Parish Footpath Officer’s Report – Cllr. K. Myers**

Complaints and action

From information proved by the Area Warden of Herefordshire Council the following number of categorised complaints were received concerning footpaths in the parish:

Repairs/replacements to structures required	7
Paths overgrown/blocked by crops	2
Barriers/diversions to paths	5

Only 3 of these complaints have yet to be resolved.

Save your Footpaths

The Herefordshire “Save your Footpaths” scheme was presented to the Council by the FPO. The Council decided that the process of resurrecting old footpaths for the future use of parishioners and visitors would cause friction with landowners and this would be undesirable. Therefore the Council chose not to proceed with the scheme.

Parish Footpaths Partnership (P3) Scheme

This scheme promoted by Herefordshire Council provides tools, training and limited expenses to parishes that undertake, through volunteers, to maintain footpaths in the parish.

The FPO investigated the scheme and reported that the lack of volunteers made participation impractical and recommended no further action.

**17. Next Meeting Arrangements**

Next year’s meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th May 2008.

Meeting Closed at 9.15 pm

## PEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS - YEAR ENDING 31.3.2006

	<b>31.3.2006</b> £	<b>31.3.2007</b> £	
1. Balances brought forward	14,470	21,193	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the council's financial records.
2. Annual Precept	17,500	15,000	Total amount of precept income received in the year.
3. Total other Receipts	1,887	3,272	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook minus the precept.
4. Staff Costs	3,340	3,548	Total expenditure or payments made to an on behalf of all council employees. Including salaries and wages, PAYE & NI (employees & employers) pension contributions related expenses.
5. Loan Interest/ Capital Repayments	NIL	NIL	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the Council's borrowings (if any).
6. Total other Payments	9,324	15,356	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cash book minus staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. Balances Carried Forward	21,193	20,561	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year (must equal (1+2+3) – (4+5+6)).
8. Total Cash & Investments	21,193	20,561	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and investments held as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March of all fixed assets owned by the Council and any other long term assets e.g. loans to third parties.
9. Total Fixed Assets & Long Term Assets	17,139	46,948	The recorded current book value at 31 <sup>st</sup> March of all fixed assets owned by the Council and any other long term assets e.g. loans to third parties. (Includes 1 <sup>st</sup> valuation of Village Green: £28,840).
10. Total Borrowings	NIL	NIL	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).