

PEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the Meeting

Wednesday 20th March 2019, 7.00pm in Pembridge Parish Hall

Councillors Present: Cllrs Garfield Evans (Chairman), Andrew Pace (Vice Chairman), Tom Bennetto, David Owens, Philip Thomas, Philip Rogers, Steve Jones, Michael Hancock, Roger Phillips, Julie Mifflin and Clerk R Bissell.

No Police representative present.

2 Members of the public.

179/18. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs, Catherine Fothergill, Kevin Duggan & John Purslow.

180/18. Declaration of interest and written requests for dispensation on agenda items.

The register of interest book was available to sign. Cllr Jones declared an interest in agenda item 183/18.

181/18. Approval of the minutes.

The minutes of the meeting of 20th February 2019 were **approved** unanimously and signed.

182/18. Open session.

Ward Councillor report.

- Update from the Kington Medical Centre patient participation group newsletter, published quarterly showing positive news from the practice.
- Continued discussion with Planning Officers regarding concern over Swan House application contravening the NDP policy regarding the Burgage plots protection. Decision to made at planning committee on April 10th.
- Gigaclear have been implementing faster broadband to Shobdon, but there will still be some very rural houses with low speeds due to cost implications.

183/18. Planning applications for comment.

It was **RESOLVED** to submit the following observations to Herefordshire Council regarding the following planning applications.

Planning Report

Planning Application recently received:

- 190642 – Star Cottage, East Street, HR6 9HB - SUPPORT
Propose to form opening internally to accommodate new staircase for easy bedroom access. In addition providing stairlift.
- 190023 – Little Willow Barn, Pembridge, HR6 9HA. -SUPPORT
Extension to existing dwelling
- 190084 – Bartbety Barn Bearwood, Hr6 9EQ. - SUPPORT
Conversion of attached garage/store into additional living accommodation.
- 190207 – Rose Cottage, Bearwood, HR6 9EQ.- SUPPORT
Proposed workshop.
- 190388 – Land at Home Paddock, Sherriff Lane, HR5 3JD. - SUPPORT
Variation condition 2 of application 180936. Various changes to approved plans.
- 182726 – Land forming part of Green Farm, Lyonshall, Kington – NO COMMENT
Hybrid planning – proposed erection of new poultry site with solar panels, biomass boilers, associated buildings and development to A480. Outline planning for a poultry managers' dwelling.
Recent Planning Applications recently considered awaiting determination:
- 183281 & 2 Re- consultation - Swan House, West Street, Pembridge
Proposed five bedroom dwelling to the rear of Swan House. - FURTHER OBJECTION

- 183281 & 2 Swan House, West Street, Pembridge - OBJECT
- Proposed five bedroom dwelling to the rear of Swan House.
- 183871 – The Grove, Noke Lane, Pembridge HR6 9HP. - SUPPORT
- Installation of a waterwheel and channel adjacent to the existing weir.
- 182652 – Land to the rear of the Gables, East Street, Pembridge HR6 9HD - OBJECT
- Proposed erection of 9 dwellings
- (note replace applications 172233 – 5 dwellings, 172242 1 x self build & 172234 1 x self build – all withdrawn).
- 182073 – Shobdon Airfield, Airfield road, Shobdon, Herefordshire. – NO OBJECTION.
- Retrospective for free fall parachuting, the operation for tandem and solo jumps.
- 172253 – Land at Townsend farm, East Street, Pembridge. - SUPPORT
- Proposed 5 dwellings with garages. Formation of vehicular access.

Planning Decisions.

- 190504 – Moreton, Bridge Street, Pembridge HR6 9EU. – **SUPPORT - APPROVED**
Tree works to yew, reduce canopy by 50%. Branches encroaching the road, telephone wires and roof.

184/18. Neighbourhood Development Plan Update.

Cllr Pace reported the Pembridge Neighbourhood development plan referendum was held on 28th February where the plan received a positive referendum result from 29.1% turnout.

- Yes – 205 votes / 82.3%
- No – 44 votes / 17.7%

The plan will now be adopted by Herefordshire Council as statutory planning policy.

Cllr Rogers formally congratulated Cllr Pace, the clerk and the Steering group for the considerable hard work, tenacity and determination to produce the plan as it is an important achievement to protect planning in Pembridge parish. Cllr Pace personally thanked the clerk.

185/18. Finance Report and approve payments.

Financial Report

Bank reconciliations completed using VT cashbook for February 2019.

Balances at end February 2019:

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| Current Account: | £ 32270.84 |
| Tracker Account: | £ 5959.06 |
| National Savings Account: | £11925.98 |

Income since last meeting:

None

Requests for payment: ALL APPROVED

Toilet Cleaner, Clerk's salary & HMRC for March 2019 as previously agreed by Parish Council
NEST pension contribution as per agreed payment schedule.

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| <i>West Mercia Energy</i> | <i>Jan Elec toilet block - Paid</i> | 18.53 | +VAT |
| Clerks expenses | Mar/Apr | 51.72 | |
| One Stop | Magazine April /May | 300.00 | |
| Clean My | Soap | 8.84 | +VAT |
| PIPS | Grant 2018 | 700.00 | |
| H Vaughan | Legal Fees | 300.00 | +VAT |
| Herefordshire Council | Blue trade sacks | 65.50 | |

186/18. Clerks report.

- Mowing contract signed and organised for 2019.
- NDP referendum results published.

- Met elections team on March 6th in Hereford to receive information for the election process and papers.
- Reported verge damage to development manager Ruby Drive – Agreed for contractors to park on site.
- Prepared works order for Lengthsman for brick work repairs to the pavement on Bridge Street.

All other items are being dealt with and are ongoing.

187/18. Parish Council elections on 2 May 2019.

The clerk provided detailed information and legal guidelines for the Parish Council election on May 2nd. Nomination papers were handed to councillors wishing to stand again. Forms must be returned by hand to Hereford election department by 4pm on 3rd April 2019.

188/18. Management at Turnpike travellers' site.

Herefordshire Council response was previously circulated to Councillors regarding management concerns at the site. Paris and request Council agreed to make further response impressing regular management visits are paramount and request sight of the schedule to help with a pragmatic approach to be more proactive to prevent issues arising.

Clerk

189/18. School Frontage donation request

Councillors discussed a request for a donation to help fund recent tree works and ongoing maintenance on the school frontage. Cllr Rogers offered to liaise with the Pride in Pembridge group for assistance to supply manpower to mow and keep the area tidy at no cost. Councillor **AGREED** to proposal of help for the school be suggested in the first instance. *Cllr Rogers to confirm and clerk to propose to headmaster.*

PR/Clerk

190/18. Repair Work to the Clock Tower.

At the recent service of the clock tower, it is suggested repair works are made to the higher pullies due to wear and tear. Councillors **AGREED** the repairs should be undertaken and to seek further quotes for a decision at the next meeting in April. *Clerk to seek further quotes from qualified restorers.*

Clerk

191/18. Correspondence.

- HALC information corner.
- Information from West Mercia energy regarding electricity prices.

192/18. Future Agenda from Councillors and members of the public.

Pembridge Show.

193/18. Annual Salary Pay Scales and Increment for the Clerk.

The clerk left the room for this item.

Councillors **AGREED** a 3 point scale rise for the clerk from April 2019.

194/18. Annual Salary Increment for the Toilet Cleaner.

Councillors discussed the value and reliability of the toilet cleaner duties and position and **AGREED** by a majority to increase the salary by £0.50/hour from June 1st 2019.

195/18. To confirm date of next meeting as

Date: Wednesday 17th April 2019 – Parish Council Meeting - Parish Hall at 7.00pm

Meeting Closed 8.37pm.