

PEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes for the Meeting
Wednesday 21st April 2021, 7.30pm - Virtual

Councillors Present: Cllrs Andrew Pace (Vice Chairman), Tom Bennetto, Philip Rogers, Steve Jones, Catherine Fothergill, Philip Thomas, Julie Mifflin, Michael Hancock, Kevin Duggan, Roger Phillips & Clerk R Bissell.

No Police representative present.

0 Members of the public.

156/20. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Garfield Evans with a dispensation from attending the meeting, also apologies accepted from Cllr Wendy Powell and David Owens.

157/20. Declaration of interest and written requests for dispensation on agenda items.

There were no declarations of interest on agenda items.

158/20. Approval of the minutes.

The minutes of the meeting of 17th March 2021 were **approved** unanimously to be signed.

159/20. Open session.

The Ward Councillor updates are regularly forwarded by email.

- Cllr Phillips updated the results of the 20mph speed limit consultation in the village. 8 in support, 1 objection and 1 not stated. The objection raised states that only a small part of the road in Pembridge is dangerous and that a better solution would be to restrict parking on the A44 and to ban HGV movements. Councillors discussed this but felt that the 20mph scheme should progress as this related to a differing matter. *Clerk to respond to Balfour Beatty.*
- Cllr Phillips provided details of the court hearing into Children's services.

160/20. Planning applications for comment.

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

Planning Application recently received:

- 210828 & 210829 Luntley Court Farm, Stable End, Pembridge HR6 9EH.- **SUPPORT**
Listed building consent proposed erection of a single storey side extension
- 210944 – Butts Ash, Pembridge, Leominster HR6 9JB- **SUPPORT**
Proposed two storey extension and alterations.

Recent Planning Applications recently considered awaiting determination:

- 202402 – Phase 1 Land at Townsend Farm, Pembridge HR6 9HD- **SUPPORT**
Proposed erection of 5 dwellings with garages (self-build)
- 202385 - Phase 4 Land at Townsend Farm, Pembridge HR6 9HD- **SUPPORT**
Proposed 6 open market dwellings, garages and private drives.
- 201102 – Land adjacent to Pembridge Village Hall, Bearwood Lane, HR6 9EB - **SUPPORT**
Fell 3-4 Leylandii trees T4 due to excessive shading to be replaced with mixed hedging
- 194008 - Land at The Old Oak House, East Street, Pembridge, Herefordshire, HR6 9HA **SUPPORT**
The erection of three self-build dwellings and associated works including the demolition of the former doctor's surgery and access improvements.
- 193126 – Fairfield Cottage, 12 Court Meadow, Pembridge HR6 9EW - **SUPPORT**
Fell Silver birch due to damage and falling sap.

Planning Decisions.

- 210353 – Applecroft, Manley Crescent, HR6 9EB- **SUPPORT – APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**
Proposed two storey extension to front of property.
- 210444 – Maesfyd, Bearwood Lane, Pembridge, HR6 9EA – **SUPPORT – APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

Clerk

Tree works – Fell Rowan diseased tree and replant with apple. Fell 2 Leylandi and replant horse chestnut.

- 202382 - Phase 2 Land at Townsend Farm, Pembridge HR6 9HD- **SUPPORT - WITHDRAWN**
Proposed erection of 5 dwellings with garages – (self-build)
- 202384 - Phase 3 Land at Townsend Farm, Pembridge HR6 9HD- **SUPPORT - WITHDRAWN**
Proposed erection of 2 pairs of semi-detached affordable houses to rent.

161/20. Clerks report.

- Responded to Balfour Beatty requesting two verge cuts for 2021.
- Requested Market Hall works be undertaken.
- Responded to the Public Spaces Order.
- Confirmed Annual maintenance on the clock tower with the Cumbria Clock Company
- Written to Balfour Beatty regarding the poor state of the Noke Lane highway surface and requested it be included in this year schedule.
- Met with Surveyor at the Market Hall and dealt with insurance regarding accidental damage to the roof.
- Attended the Herefordshire Council Parish Summit 29.3.21 and forwarded notes and presentation slides to councillors.
- The SID has been damaged in Titley – Titley PC to claim on insurance and replace.
- 20mph village speed consultation ongoing until noon 21st April 2021.

All other items are being dealt with and are ongoing.

162/20. Finance Report and Approve Payments.

All payments: Approved

Bank reconciliation for 31st March 2021 complete using VT cashbook.

Internal Audit for year-end accounts organised for week commencing 19th April 2021.

Balances at 31st March 2021:

Current Account:	£ 23102.80
Tracker Account:	£ 16004.67 (including £0.40 interest)
National Savings Account:	£ 12107.94

Income since last meeting:

Openreach Wayleave	£ 8.82
Rent Mr Kelly	£ 75.00

Requests for payment: Approval to be requested

Toilet Cleaner, Clerk salary & HMRC for April 2021 as previously agreed by Parish Council

NEST pension contribution as per agreed payment schedule

Clerks Exp	February/Mar 2021	£26.59	+VAT
Phil Davies	Notice Boards in Clock Tower	£2250.00	
James Ross	Mowing	£300.00	
UBE	Duke of Edinburgh banner insert	£30.00	+VAT
Adrian Hope Tree Services	Village Green Tree Work	£640.00	+VAT
HALC	2021 Subscription to HALC & NALC	£628.38	+VAT

163/20. Market Hall Report.

The Market Hall was struck accidentally by a lorry on March 17th March 2022. The incident was reported to the police, and made safe. An insurance claim has been made through the Amenity Trust insurance. To ensure the integrity of the structure had not been compromised an urgent report was requested from Trevor Hewitt and a quote received from Bob Goodman restoration to complete the works. Cllr Pace will continue liaison with the insurance company.

164/20. Clocktower Update

Cllr Rogers confirmed that Mr Davies had completed the notice boards and installed them successfully. The front panelling has also been completed with perspex viewing panes. The electrical works is ongoing and hoped to be completed in May. Contact has been made with Mr Bulmer regarding the photographs.

165/20. Parish Summit Report 29.3.21.

The Clerk previously forwarded details and slides from the Herefordshire Council Parish Summit on the 29th March. The presentation included information on the talk community hub programme, how to set

them up and local volunteering including the relaunch of the WISH website. Super Intendent Edd Williams has recently launched the community charter and setting out his priorities in key areas. The director on Public Health gave a presentation on the COVID situation highlighting the positives going forward.

166/20. Call for evidence on Remote Meetings.

Councillors discussed the evidence required and delegated the clerk to provide Parish Council response.
Clerk to respond.

Clerk

167/20. Discuss Pavement Parking on Bearwood Lane.

Following further complaints of vehicles parking on the pavement of Court Meadow junction Councillors suggested that offenders should be approached in the first instance, it will be raised with the local policing team.

Clerk

168/20. Update on the Verdun Oak Carving Project

Cllr Pace advised, after discussion with Mr Norman, that the proposed tree project would require an highly skilled wood carver who would likely command a high price. Funds will be raised locally and donations have been made however, Councillors **AGREED** to support the project further increasing its donation a further £500 to £750 should it be required.

169/20. Mineral and Waste Consultation Response.

Councillors have no further comment.

170/20. Mineral and Waste Consultation Response.

The clerk advised Mr Kelly requests a further two month extension to the licence for access from the car park to complete his building works. The build has been delayed mainly due to problems from COVID. Councillors **AGREED** to extend the current licence for two month until the 30th June 2021 at the same rate.

171/20 Correspondence.

UK community renewal fund call for proposals – noted.

172/20. Future Agenda from Councillors and members of the public.

None.

173/20. To confirm date of next meeting as

Date: Wednesday 5th May –

Annual Parish Meeting – Virtual at 6.00pm

Followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting - Virtual at 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed 8.13pm