

PEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the Meeting

Wednesday 17th November 2021, 7.30pm – Pembridge Parish Hall

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

No Police representative present

3 Members of the public.

94/21. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs David Owens, Michael Hancock and Wendy Powell

95/21. Declaration of interest and written requests for dispensation on agenda items.

There were no declarations of interest on agenda items. The Declaration of Interest book was available to sign.

96/21. Approval of the minutes.

The minutes of the meeting of 20th October 2021 were **approved** unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

97/21. Open session.

Cllr Phillips reported:

- The Kington Town Plan is currently being prepared and it is hoped to be shared with surrounding parishes and residents in the hinterland who had not, so far, been consulted particularly in respect of the proposal to make the countryside around Kington an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty with all the implications that might have for those living in that countryside.
- There is a briefing on the phosphates issue on 15th December where it is hoped there will be some form of restructuring. The development ban is 2 years 4 months long. There are currently over 300 applications awaiting determination.
- Herefordshire Council are looking at options for food waste removal/collections.
- £1.7m has been received for Herefordshire Children Services.
- Considerations are in progress for maintenance work at the Titley Tunnels.

98/21. Planning presentation on the Turnpike Travellers Site proposals.

Owen Fry and a colleague from Berrys planning consultants presented proposed plans for extension and improvements to the turnpike traveller's site. The works are included in Herefordshire Council capital works budget for 2022 as part of the Travellers Plan adopted in 2019. The draft plan includes four new pitches to the rear of the site, better drainage, open space wild flower garden and a children's play area. The site will be fenced with improved screening and consideration has been made for better access. There will be live monitoring and CCTV security. Councillors supported the plan design and added that better litter facilities were required as this is a big problem and access for the bin lorry to drive on site would be useful to contain the mess. Councillors also requested more solid fencing at the front of the site along the roadway to prevent litter being blown onto the carriageway. Although the two representatives from Herefordshire Council had failed to join the meeting, Berrys were asked to convey to Herefordshire County Council the expectation that promises given in the past regarding proper, professional, efficient and meaningful management of the site would be fulfilled going forward. The Parish Council noted that the proposal had to return for comment when planning permission was applied for.

99/21. 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:

- 213800 – Knock Hundred Cottage, Bearwood, HR6 9EF
Re-location of proposed garage (Previous approval DCNW20009/0781/F)

Recent Planning Applications recently considered awaiting determination:

- 213500 – Bearwood Farm House, Bearwood, HR6 9EE -**SUPPORT**
Proposed demolition of existing two storey and replace with single storey.
- 212917 – Court of Noke, Noke Lane, Pembridge, HR6 9HW. -**SUPPORT**
Erection of eighteenth-century reused porch and insertion of stable door to replace brickwork.
- 213042 – Land forming Green Farm, Lyonshall, HR5 3JY -**OBJECT**
Proposed new poultry site with solar panels, associated buildings and managers dwelling.
- 213249 – Lower Green Farm, Pembridge, HR6 9JG -**SUPPORT**
Siting of 3 holiday accommodation units with landscaping, drainage and parking.
- 211734 – Re- consultation amendments for Land at Townsend Farm, Pembridge HR6 9HD. -**SUPPORT**
Proposed treatment plant and drainage mound (To serve applications 202402 & 202385)
- 202402 – Re-consultation – Land at Townsend Farm, Pembridge HR6 9HD- **SUPPORT**
5 Dwellings with garages (Self Build) formation of vehicle access.
- 202385 – Re-consultation – Land at Townsend Farm, Pembridge HR6 9HD- **SUPPORT**
5 Open market dwellings, garages and private drives.
- 211734 – Land at Townsend Farm, Pembridge HR6 9HD. - **SUPPORT**
Proposed treatment plant and drainage mound (To serve applications 202402 & 202385)
- 211508 – Townsend Farm, Pembridge HR6 9HB- **SUPPORT**
Proposed all weather riding arena
- 211477 – Tibhall Farm, Broxwood, HR6 9JR- **SUPPORT**
Proposed new agricultural building at Tibhall Farm
- 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
- 193126 – Fairfield Cottage, 12 Court Meadow, Pembridge HR6 9EW - **SUPPORT**
Fell Silver birch due to damage and falling sap.

Planning Decisions

- 212349 – Old Oak House, East Street, Pembridge HR6 9HA – **SUPPORT - APPROVED**
Proposed to remove window and form door opening windows

100/21. Clerks report.

- Helping to organise the installation of defibrillator in Broxwood phone box – awaiting correct external heated box.
- Wrote to parishioner, Balfour Beatty and the Police regarding parking at Old Court.
- Invited local business to advertise in the Parish Newsletter for 2022 and assembling the advertiser’s flyer sheet.
- Contact ed Kingspan to chase annual newsletter contribution.

All other items are being dealt with and are ongoing.

101/21. Finance Report and Approve Payments.

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

Balances at 31st October 2021

Current Account:	£ 26413.76
Tracker Account:	£ 16005.47
National Savings Account:	£ 12107.94

Income since last meeting:

Magazine Advertisers x 9	£ 450.00
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Payments for Approval

Toilet Cleaner, Clerk salary & HMRC for November 2021 as previously agreed by Parish Council
NEST pension contribution as per agreed payment schedule

West Mercia Energy	Elec July 21	£20.74	+VAT
James Ross	Mowing oct21	£185.00	
One Stop	Info board printing in the Clock Tower	£76.00	
One Stop	Newsletter	£300.00	
Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	£18.50	
Pembridge Village Hall	PC Meetings Jun-Oct21	£80.00	

A Measey	Replacement Pot at the Market Hall	£19.99	
Julie Mifflin	Expenses Hanging baskets competition	£60.00	

102/21. Draft Budget and Precept allocation for 2022-23.

Councillors reviewed the final draft budget for 2022-23 an extra amount of £1000 to be included towards repairs for the memorial gates. The Budget was **APPROVED unanimously**.

Councillors **AGREED unanimously** to keep the precept request the same as last year at £24000. *Clerk to request*

Clerk

103/21. Herefordshire Local Plan Survey.

Cllr Pace and the clerk to complete on behalf of the Parish Council.

Clerk/
AP

104/21. Footpath Diversion on PM43.

A local parishioner has requested a short footpath diversion of PM43 around their property instead of through it. Cllr Thomas viewed the diversion and reported it a sensible diversion route to allow for more privacy and Councillors supported the proposal. *Clerk to write to parishioner and advise.*

Clerk

105/21. Clocktower Project Update.

Cllr Rogers reported that all the works on the clock tower project are complete and the tower is currently open to the public. The works included a bat survey, electrification of the winding system with a new display on the clock, new electrics and lighting, display boards for the Bulmer photos and storage coming in under the £10000 budget at £6396. Cllr Evans thanked Border Oak for their contribution of £4000 and Cllr Rogers for his work to complete the project.

Clerk

An official public opening was **AGREED** for the 13th December 2021. Mr Bulmer will officially cut the ribbon at 12.00 noon. Opening to be advertised in the newsletter and on the website. *Clerk to arrange.*

106/21. Pride in Pembridge Update.

Cllr Rogers updated: New chairman, Steve Briggs is now in post following the Annual General Meeting in November and Mr Lomax the treasurer stepped down as he is moving from the area.

Points covered at the meeting included:

- Reflecting on the work and friendship of John Petrie who sadly passed away earlier in the year.
- Future work throughout the village and extending into the parish.
- Mending the boardwalk, with thoughts of major board repairs in the near future.
- Litter picking
- Painting the phone box
- Several playground tidying, cleaning and hedge cutting.
- Moat has been strimmed and mowed
- New boxes have been re-planted for the winter
- Beginning works on a corporate identity.
- Considerations for upgrading the garden behind the Red Lion.
- Volunteers have spent 491 hours on parish work.

Cllr Evans thanked PIPs for their continued work throughout the parish.

107/21. Hanging Basket Competition and Christmas Tree Update

Cllr Mifflin reported the winners of the hanging basket competition and confirmed prize monies had been awarded. Next year the competition will follow a royal theme as part of the Queen's Jubilee. She also advised take up for Christmas trees was growing and requests for donations would be sought to cover higher costs which are no longer covered by the Parish Council donation.

108/21. Queens Jubilee Update.

Bridget Rose, on behalf of the Royal British Legion in liaison with Tree Warden Tony Norman presented an exciting project for tree planting in the parish as part of the Queen's Green Canopy. The project consists of several mini projects including,

- An avenue of Remembrance Elms from the carpark gate to the stile in the Millennium Meadow and also small group of orchard trees in the area of the BMX bumps, with some orchard trees along the west side next to the tall house hedges.
- Replace dead trees and add 7 more orchard trees in the same plane on the Village Green
- Black poplar DNA testing and 100 cuttings for planting along Arrow and Curl.

- Apple tree planting next to the stiles in the Parish 50 for 2022
- The Purchase of 50 apple trees for individual parish garden plantings
- Completion of Verdun Long Mile planting Autumn 2022
- Jubilee tree

There is a very tight deadline for funding which is available from Herefordshire Council's Climate and Nature Scheme, hence the short notice presentation. She would like to apply for funding for the Millennium Meadow, Village Hall Planting, Black Poplar, stile and garden apples projects. The British Legion has agreed to release up to £2000 from legacy funds to fund the Avenue of Remembrance and would like to Bid of £6000 to achieve the project with the Parish Council support. Councillors supported the proposal of tree planting around the parish; however, several councillors were unhappy with the Elm Avenue planting across the Millennium Meadow, suggesting that the trees would interfere with the proposed playground extension and the village show. Councillor Phillips suggested a meeting on Sunday morning for parties involved in using the Meadow to discuss the best placement of the avenue of elms. Final Parish Council support on the Elm Avenue in the Millennium Meadow would hinge on the outcome from this meeting.

109/21 Correspondence.

- Herefordshire Council – Herefordshire Citizens climate assembly discussion to consider tackling climate change in Herefordshire – Councillors to register if interested.

110/21. Future Agenda from Councillors and members of the public.

None.

111/21. To confirm date of next meeting as

Wednesday 15th December 2021 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

Meeting Closed 9.30pm