

PEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the Meeting

Wednesday 14th February 2024, 7.30pm – Pembridge Parish Hall

Councillors Present: Cllrs Garfield Evans (Chairman), Andrew Pace, Tom Bennetto, Wendy Powell, Marguerite Fothergill, David Owens, Sam Mizrahi, Kevin Duggan, Roger Phillips, Safi Zagni, and Clerk R Bissell.

0 Police representatives present.

6 Members of the public.

131/23. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Michael Hancock and Stephen Jones.

132/23. Declaration of interest and written requests for dispensation on agenda items.

There were no declarations of interest made. The Declaration of Interest book was available to sign.

133/23. Approval of the minutes.

The minutes of the meeting of 17th January 2024 were **Approved** unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

134/23. Open session.

Ward Councillor report:

Ward Councillor written report from Cllr Phillips:

- The local speed data for October was published in the parish newsletter recently, this has been collected since 2005 and shows that Shobdon still carries the heaviest traffic load in the ward, followed by Eardisley and then Pembridge.
- Herefordshire Council has raised council tax by 2.99% and a further 2 % to cover social care.
- Further funding is available from the Rural Services Grant which is earmarked for the Lengthsman/drainage scheme, and public rights of way.
- The resurfacing program for 2024-25 is due to be published but there does not appear to be many roadways in the Arrow ward included.

Members of the Public:

- Report of footpath gate blockage on PM60 – Clerk and PFO to view and resolve.
- Members of the Parish Hall Committee provided a viewing and question and answer on the proposed plans for the Parish Hall which is being consulted on. The Committee are in the process of raising funds to support the works.

Police Report: Not in attendance

Remember to call 999 in an emergency or 101 to pass information on.

If you require a visit to discuss security concerns contact Felix Rawlinson: 07971051480

135/23. Planning applications for comment.

Planning Application recently received:

- 240131 – Land at No1 St James Cottages, Broxwood, Pembridge, HR6 9JH- **SUPPORT**
Proposed erection of a single unit of 1 bedroomed holiday accommodation.
- 240209 – Market House, Bearwood Lane, Pembridge HR6 9EA- **SUPPORT**
Removal of Horse chestnut tree and replace with Silver Birch or Beech tree.
- 240203 – 1 Westway, West Street, Pembridge, HR6 9DX. - **SUPPORT**
- Proposed ground floor extension.

Recent Planning Applications recently considered awaiting determination:

- 233686 – Lower House, East Street, Pembridge HR6 9HA- **SUPPORT**
- Proposed works on Ash tree.
- 233205 – Crabtree Barn, Broxwood, HR6 9JJ- **SUPPORT**
Proposed addition of porch extension and change of use of land from agricultural to residential.
- 231763 – Marston Grange, Pembridge, HR6 9JA. - **SUPPORT**

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Conversion of former school building and attached single storey range to stabling and liveried horses. Proposed hay and manure stores. Continued use of land for grazing and removal of condition 3 of 211861 so that ding Arena can be used by liveries.

- 224271 – Pembridge Surgery, East Street, Pembridge HR6 9HA- **SUPPORT**
Proposed change of use from surgery to dwelling to include dormer window on north elevation and new garage.
- 221052 – Townsend Farm, East Street, Pembridge HR6 9HB- **SUPPORT**
Proposed erection of 19 dwellings and associated infrastructure.

Planning Decisions:

- 233440/233440 – Cruck Barn, Weston Court Barns, Pembridge HR6 9JE. – **SUPPORT REFUSED-DETERMINATION MADE**
Proposed installation of wood burner & flue.
- 233217 & 233218 – Honeysuckle Cottage, West Street, Pembridge HR6 9DX- **SUPPORT APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**
Listed building consent – proposed removal of existing single storey lean-to and replace with two storey extension.
- 233068 – Cider House, 1 Weston Court Barns, Pembridge HR6 9JE. - **SUPPORT-APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**
Proposed replacement of two upper floor bedroom windows and ground floor dining room window.
- 233003 – Court of Noke, Noke Lane Pembridge, HR6 9HW. – **SUPPORT-APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**
Installation of a ground mounted solar photovoltaic array on land at Court Noke.
- 232352 – Land at Monies Corner, Pembridge, HR6 9HD. – **SUPPORT- APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**
Proposed agricultural livestock building.

136/23. Clerks report

- I have instructed the company Parish Council Websites to develop a new website, Councillors have previewed the new site and are supportive for it to become live whilst further works and training is undertaken.
- Continuing work on obtaining listed building permission on the war memorial, further quotes sought and continuing to gather information for a grant funding application from the War Memorial Trust.
- Herefordshire Council election team has confirmed there was no election request for the new councillor vacancy and posters have now been displayed to Co-opt a new councillor deadline for applicants is the 8th March.
- Balfour Beatty parish drive – logged potholes and drains.
- Tenders received for the 2024 mowing contract.

All other items are being dealt with and are ongoing.

137/23. Half Year Finance Report and Approve Payments.

Financial Report

Bank reconciliation up to 31st January 2024 is complete using VT cashbook.

Balances at 31st January 2024

Current Account:	£ 8953.45
Tracker Account:	£ 16183.96
National Savings Account:	£ 12109.15

Income since last meeting:

Pips Plants	£ 43.71
Pembridge Amenity Trust – Verdun costs	£ 220.00

Requests for payment: APPROVED

Toilet Cleaner, Clerk salary & HMRC for February 2024 as previously agreed by Parish Council

NEST pension contribution as per agreed payment schedule

PAYEE	SERVICE	NET	
West Mercia Energy	Elec toilets Dec 23	£35.83	+VAT
Parish Council Websites	Website Deposit	£262.15	+VAT
Martin J Jones Ltd	Christmas Trees	£650.00	+VAT
Barrington Print	Newsletter Feb/Mar24	£105.00	+VAT

138/23 Summer Re-enactment Event

Mr Geoff Hardy and members of the re-enactment group presented details of a proposed summer event to Councillors. It is hoped the event would take place on the Millennium Meadow over 25/26th May bank

holiday weekend. Councillors listened to details on the event and whilst supportive, suggested that funding, organisational and promotional support should be provided by The Pembridge Amenity Trust (PAT) and recommended Mr Hardy approach them.

139/23 Councillor Vacancy

The clerk advised that Herefordshire Council election department has confirmed that there was no request by 10 or more parishioners for an election. Parish Council can now Co-opt a new councillor to fill the current vacancy. Posters have been published advertising the position until 8th March 2024 to be considered at the March meeting.

140/23 Police Charter Priorities

Parish Council reviewed the current charter and **AGREED** the Priorities as Speeding, thefts, and Anti-social behaviour. *Clerk to respond.*

141/23. Directional Sign for the Parish Hall.

A new sign will be purchased by the Parish Hall committee and attached to an already existing post by the New Inn. Clerk to confirm and support Mr Young with purchase.

142/23. Parish Coffee Morning.

CLlr Fothergill reminded Councillors that the Parish Council is hosting the coffee morning on 16th March in the Parish Hall arrival at 10.00am. A request for volunteers setting up and clearing away and cakes was made.

143/23. Update on the Verdun Oak Project.

CLlr Pace updated Councillors:

- Mr Norman has forwarded the risk assessment to with Balfour Beatty to arrange the Approval in Principle agreement (AiP), and is now awaiting confirmation from Bruce Evans.
- AIP awaited before work can start on site. Ward Councillor agreed to speak to the appropriate people to try and get the approval as soon as possible.
- The steelwork has been fabricated, galvanised, and delivered to the Leen.
- Ed Elliot has taken cast of 'soldiers' head for the helmet.
- Heras fencing and clearance of the site all complete.
- Fundraising is going well with donations are still coming in.

144/23. Correspondence.

- Herefordshire Council tree planting collaboration – Suggested areas including the village green, Marston and Broxwood to be confirmed with CLlr Zagni and the tree warden.
- Herefordshire Council town and parish charter – NOTED - No attendee
- Herefordshire State sector 2024 research study – Correspondence forwarded to the Parish Hall, Pride in Pembridge, Pembridge Amenity Trust, and the British Legion to complete. CLlr Pace & The clerk to complete for the Parish Council.
- Herefordshire's Climate and Nature Partnership Board – Forging a path to net zero and nature rich on Thursday 29th February, 12:45pm until 2pm - NOTED
- Parishioner speed concerns on A44 – CLlr Phillips to investigate community Speed watch, clerk to request police speed checks at East and West end of the village. Clerk to respond.

145/23. Future Agenda from Councillors and members of the public.

None.

146/23. To confirm date of next meeting as

Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 20th March 2024 in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm

Meeting Closed at 8.48pm

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