

PEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes for the Meeting
Wednesday 17th March 2021, 7.30pm - Virtual

Councillors Present: Cllrs Andrew Pace (Vice Chairman), Tom Bennetto, Philip Rogers, Steve Jones, Catherine Fothergill, Philip Thomas, Wendy Powell, and Roger Phillips & Clerk R Bissell.

No Police representative present.

0 Members of the public.

142/20. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Garfield Evans, Michael Hancock, Kevin Duggan and David Owens. Cllr Julie Mifflin was also absent with a dispensation from attending the meeting.

143/20. Declaration of interest and written requests for dispensation on agenda items.

There were no declarations of interest on agenda items. Councillors **AGREED** a 6 month dispensation for Cllr Evans who is unable to attend due to illness. The register of interest book was available with the clerk to sign.

144/20. Approval of the minutes.

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

145/20. Open session.

The Ward Councillor updates are regularly forwarded by email.

- Shobdon School is currently closed due to a coronavirus outbreak it is due to open again on 23rd March.
- Consultation for the 20mph Traffic Road Order (TRO) in Pembridge village runs from 24th March to 21st April.
- Resurfacing of Bearwood Lane, Manley Crescent and Gorsty to Green Lane is complete, white lining to follow. Councillors were unhappy with the quality of the workmanship on Bearwood Lane. *Clerk to write to Balfour Beatty.*

146/20. Planning applications for comment.

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

Planning Application recently received:

- 210353 – Applecroft, Manley Crescent, HR6 9EB - **SUPPORT**
Proposed two storey extension to front of property.

Recent Planning Applications recently considered awaiting determination:

- 210444 – Maesfyd, Bearwood Lane, Pembridge, HR6 9EA - **SUPPORT**
Tree works – Fell Rowan diseased tree and replant with apple. Fell 2 Leylandii and replant horse chestnut.
- 202402 – Phase 1 Land at Townsend Farm, Pembridge HR6 9HD- **SUPPORT**
Proposed erection of 5 dwellings with garages (self-build)
- 202382 - Phase 2 Land at Townsend Farm, Pembridge HR6 9HD- **SUPPORT**
Proposed erection of 5 dwellings with garages – (self-build)
- 202384 - Phase 3 Land at Townsend Farm, Pembridge HR6 9HD- **SUPPORT**
Proposed erection of 2 pairs of semi-detached affordable houses to rent
- 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**

Clerk

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.

- 203637 – Clearbrook Farm, Pembridge, HR6 9HL – **SUPPORT – APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**
Proposed removal and re-siting of ground floor door and installation of new rooflight to second floor

147/20. Clerks report.

- Requested Market Hall works be undertaken.
- Organised Mowing Contract for 2021.
- Completed and returned Balfour Beatty Lengthsman scheme annual plan.
- Responded to woodland planting at the Court of Noke.
- Made Parish Council response for the 20mph speed pilot in the village.
- Arranged Manley Lane drain clearance.
- Tree works to be completed on the Village Green by Adrian Hope as per the three year inspection on 17th March.
- Census day 21st March 2021.
- The Speed Indicator device has been damaged whilst in use in Titley.
- Two cuts agreed for the verges throughout the parish. *Clerk to Confirm with Balfour Beatty.*
- The Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council meeting to be held on 5th May virtually.

Clerk

All other items are being dealt with and are ongoing.

148/20. Finance Report and Approve Payments.

All payments: Approved

Bank reconciliation for 28th February 2021 complete using VT cashbook.

Balances at 28th February 2021:

Current Account:	£ 30566.95
Tracker Account:	£ 15999.27
National Savings Account:	£ 12107.94

Income since last meeting:

Clock Maintenance contract refund	£ 259.20
Rent Mr Kelly	£ 75.00

Requests for payment: Approval to be requested

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

Clerks Exp	February/Mar 2021	£131.77	+VAT
One Stop Print	Magazine Printing Apr/May	£300.00	
The Cumbria Clock Company	Auto winding in Clock Tower	4301.50	+VAT
Y/E Fund transfer	To business premium account	£5.00	
Zen Internet	Annual domain hosting	£49.50	+VAT

149/20. Clocktower Update.

Cllr Rogers confirmed that The Cumbria Clock Company had completed the installation of the new electrified clock winding system. The electrician is expected to complete the remaining work when Covid restrictions allow after 12th April.

Clerk

150/20. Clocktower Annual Maintenance Contract.

The clerk provided details for the annual clock maintenance contract with The Cumbria Clock Company to check and inspect the clock installation to confirm it is safe and there are no signs of wear that may cause concern. Councillors **AGREED** unanimously to engage The Cumbria Clock Company for the annual inspection charged at £185 + VAT per annum. *Clerk to confirm first visit from Mar 2022.*

Clerk

151/20. Public Spaces Protection Order Continuation.

Councillors reviewed the public spaces protection order and **AGREED** to support an extension of three further years. *Clerk to write.*

152/20. Update on the Verdun Oak Carving Project

Cllr Pace advised that he and Mr Norman were preparing a proposal for Parish Council which includes a two sided carving, one facing the almshouses of a rural idyllic boy and the other, facing the road way, a soldier of war. The carving is inspired by a poem by Siegfried Sassoon and a plaque of the poem will be engraved for the bench which is currently being renovated. Mr Norman is currently collating costings and hopes to raise funds throughout the community.

153/20 Correspondence

- Parishioner correspondence regarding the unreasonable behaviour policy and an apology -Noted

154/20. Future Agenda from Councillors and members of the public.

None.

155/20. To confirm date of next meeting as

Date: Wednesday 21st April 2021 – Virtual at 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed 8.13pm