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VIEWPOINT

REFLECTIONS of a PARISH COUNCILLOR

During my term of office as a parish councillor, it has come home to me how exacting a job it is if one is to do it properly.

Before joining the council, like many others I was a staunch armchair critic of the apparent lack of work done by the Parish Council. But now I understand the work and concern shown by parish councillors. Our biggest problem is getting Borough Councillors (not Pembury's) and officers to show any concern or consideration towards Pembury or its needs. This is a constant fight, especially on planning and amenity matters.

Many parishioners, I know, share my concern at the almost cavalier approach shown by the planners towards Pembury. This was evidenced in the recent granting of planning permission for a large, ugly house in Green Belt land without, in my view, any justification except the pretence of its being needed for agriculture.

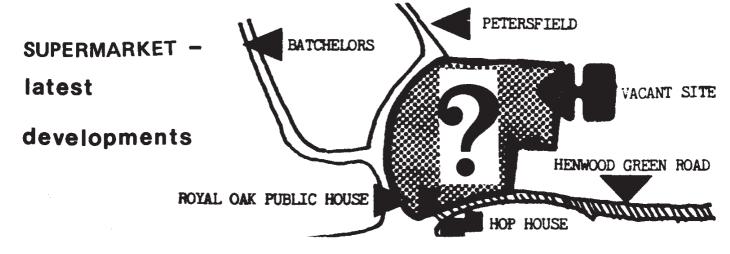
Parishioners will therefore understand the concern felt by parish councillors over the future of the village when the by-pass lines are drawn.

Older residents will have seen with regret the lack of planning control in the past, which has resulted in large estates being built without any consideration for the local environment but with plenty of benefit for developers.

This lack of care and control has left the village with numerous problems. As a parish councillor I feel that it is my job to help prevent any further encroachment on Pembury until the Borough accepts its own share of development. That is, that it stops building unwanted office blocks but, instead builds homes and, in spite of recent statements by Borough councillors, more car parks.

While I hold no allegiance to any political party, I feel that the country has progressed backwards, towards the Dark Ages, in allowing politics into our town halls. Borough councillors have accused me of being too parochial. I am proud of it, as my concern is for Pembury and not the Borough of Tunbridge Wells.

Brian Chantler



Construction of Pembury's long-awaited supermarket on the site adjoining the Royal Oak is likely to begin in late April or early May.

That was the encouraging news from Mr. J. Walker, a director of Ward's (Construction) Ltd. of Chatham, who are developing the site with a supermarket and four small shops. Mr. Walker gave this information on February 7th and indicated that a meeting had been arranged for February 15th with the prospective tenants of the supermarket, at which loose ends would be tied up. At that stage he was unwilling to give the name of the supermarket operator but he was in no doubt that the project would go forward.

In January a meeting was held between Mr. Walker and representatives of the Parish Council to discuss the provision of a parish meeting room, which is included in Ward's planning permission for the site.

Details of this room, which will be an invaluable addition to Pembury's amenities, were not finalised at this meeting, but the outcome of these talks will not affect a start being made on the main project.

Dorrit Waterfield Fund

The fund established over two years ago to provide a memorial to the late Dr. Dorrit Waterfield is very close to achieving its objective.

Last year a small proportion of the money raised was used to provide Pembury Horticultural Society with a perpetual challenge cup bearing her name. But it was always intended that the bulk of the money raised by donations from Dr. Waterfield's former patients and friends should be used for some purpose connected with the medical profession of which she was such an outstanding member. The committee administering the fund decided the balance of the money raised – amounting to £1,672 – should be used to furnish one of the consulting rooms now nearing completion in the new Out-Patients Department of Pembury Hospital. In fact, it is likely that the amount raised will be more than enough to furnish the consulting room – which will bear a plaque commemorating Dr. Waterfield – and it has been agreed that the balance shall be used to buy any other equipment for the department which the hospital authorities consider necessary.

A handing-over ceremony will be held. The date of this is not yet fixed, but it is likely to be towards the end of March or early in April. The exact date and time will be published in the Kent and Sussex Courier and those who contributed to the fund are welcome to attend.

The Neighbourhood Watch

Very little publicity has been given so far to the existence of police liaison committees.

These were set up by the Home Office in 1983 on the direct recommendation of Lord Scarman who produced a report for the Government following the street disturbances in Liverpool and Briston 1981.

Lord Scarman came down very positively in favour of the need for a substantial improvement in the relationships between communities and the police serving them. The committees organised within the Kent County Council area have been set up to mirror the police divisions within the county. I was appointed to the Tunbridge Wells Police Advisory Committee on behalf of the local Chamber of Commerce. It is organisations such as the Chamber, Citizens Advice Bureau and parish councils, which form the community side of advisory committees.

The beginnings have inevitably been slow and laborious because this is a brandnew experiment. But I have no doubt that advisory committees have a very important function to fulfil in the future. Obviously Tunbridge Wells does not have the grave problems of some of our inner-city areas, but the need for a better understanding on a mutual basis between police and community is still of the utmost importance.

This is partly because the police service has no prospect of being increased in numbers. So we will have to make do for the foreseeable future with the present level of policing. Clearly this is inadequate in view of ever-increasing instances of burglary and vandalism.

It is here that we in Pembury can help by organising ourselves together to provide extra eyes and ears on a community basis to defeat the potential criminal or vandaliser.

One way this can be done is by schemes like NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH. This scheme provides for a network of interested people within a community like Pembury who would agree to keep a watchful eye on their road and report anything looking suspicious to a co-ordinator, or to the police direct.

The co-ordinator role for a community like ours could be the Parish Council, but this is not essential. However, what the police do need is an immediate contact point within Pembury with whom they can deal.

A 'Neighbourhood Watch' scheme has the full support of the police, as they recognise that they cannot provide enough officers to perform this function.

I hope some people in our village will feel sufficiently involved to volunteer to take part in this scheme. We have only to consider the burglary situation in Pembury to realise that there is a very worthwhile job to be done.

Derek Hawes Richards *Tunbridge Wells Police Advisory Committee*

LOOKING AFTER YOUR MONEY

The Finance Committee of Pembury Parish Council consists of all 13 members of the council, but it has a smaller sub-committee of five members which meets as and when necessary to consider matters in detail and then makes recommendations to the full committee.

This full committee (in fact the Parish Council) meets in public at approximately three-weekly intervals throughout the year – the dates are in the Diary – and any parishioner is entitled to listen to discussions, to learn about the way money is being spent and ask questions, not at the meeting but through the Clerk's office, or at a subsequent Parish Council meeting.

At six-weekly intervals a financial statement is presented to the full Council, showing the up-to-date financial position. This statement includes all purchases and accounts to be paid, and before payment is authorised this is meticulously scrutinised. Stringent controls have been placed upon our staff to ensure that the Parish Council is not wasteful and receives good value for money, not only in its purchases but in its time.

You will recall that I wrote in the March 1984 issue of the Newsletter that the Parish Council had introduced a new system of budgeting, based on the last audited accounts and adding the cost of living percentage for the two years up to the year for which we are budgeting. I also said the new system was 'on trial' and I expected our endeavours to be successful.

I am happy to report that the new system has been moderately successful and I have been able to recommend that Tunbridge Wells Borough Council should levy a village rate of 8.9p in the £-just one-tenth of a penny increase over the last financial year. This small rise really does reflect the manner in which we have rigidly adhered to the budgeted figures, and I wish publicly to thank our Clerks and ground staff for their assistance.

So what of the future? We will continue to be responsible for a large part of the village lighting and, as has been reported many times, this is a continuous drain on our finances. We still have no industrial premises in the parish and therefore cannot levy industrial rates. We need staff, and indeed are fortunate in those we employ, but they have to be paid and it must be said that labour is not cheap. The Parish Council is fighting a continuing battle to make ends meet while at the same time ensuring that Pembury is a pleasant place to live in. We will continue to strive towards that end.

Brian Sands Chairman, Finance Committee

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After months of frustrating delay, following the publication of the Inspector's report on both the A21 and B2015 by-pass inquiries, there now seems to be good reason for expecting a start on both projects to be made in 1986.

It will be remembered that in February last year the inspector recommended an alteration of the route, pushing it about 80 yards further away from the village in the Bo-Peep area. This led to further negotiations with landowners affected, but in February this year a spokesman for the Kent County Council — acting as the Department of Transport's agent in the matter — said: 'We have ironed out all the hitches and settled the line of the by-pass. The Department will issue a Line Order later this month.' He went on to say that it was anticipated that work would start on the A21 by-pass in February next year.

Regarding the B2015 route, it was reported months ago that the route had been finalised but that negotiations with landowners were still going on. On this subject the county's spokesman said that after negotiating 'a slight change in the details of the scheme', the county was proceeding with the preparation of amending the original Order outlining the proposed route.

This Order, he said, was hoped to be published soon, and work on the road should start in July 1986.

On April 27th, Pembury School's Parent-Teacher Association is holding a Boot Fair at the School from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone wishing to book a pitch is asked to telephone Mr. Franks on Pembury 2386.

At the Pembury Society's meeting in the Village Hall on April 22nd, Mrs. Patricia Booth will give an illustrated talk on the history of English gardens, from Roman times to the present day.

Patricia Booth and her late husband Kenneth, were well-known specialists in the world of landscape gardening. Beside her knowledge of English garden design, she has in recent years travelled extensively in Europe and India, recording gardens to illustrate her work on their history, and the introduction of plants that have made development possible. The meeting is open to all and admission is free.

The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings is organising a 'Domesday Survey of Barns' throughout the country. At the suggestion of the Parish Council, the Pembury Society is looking at the possibility of doing this for Pembury. Anyone who has a barn which is old or interesting, or who can offer help with the survey, is invited to get in touch with Mrs. C. Newberry, 43 Romford Road (Tel: 4805).

The Parish Council hopes to stage another Village Exhibition this year – probably in October or November. The aim would be to show residents what goes on in the village and what plans are afoot for its future. Village organisations which would like to take part are asked to get in touch with the Clerk, Mr. Henry Plant, giving some idea of what they plan to present and approximately how much space their exhibit would require.

In response to complaints by many residents the Parish Council approached Kent County Council with a request for 30 m.p.h. repeater signs to be erected along Lower Green Road. Unfortunately, for permission to be granted, the street lighting has to be of a certain standard, with lamp standards sited a requisite number of yards – or more probably now, metres – apart. Lower Green Road's lighting does not meet this requirement – and so, no repeater signs. But the KCC has agreed to paint a 'Slow' sign on the roadway approaching the bend between Bulls Place and Ridgeway.

Age Concern Pembury wants more volunteers to undertake its home visiting service to help with the problems of the elderly in the village. It also wants more of those in need of visiting and advice in their homes to contact the Age Concern office (telephone Tunbridge Wells 22591).

As from February 8th the weekly centre, formerly held at Camden Court, changed its venue to the children's room in the Public Library in Lower Green Road. It is held there every Friday from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. It deals with any problem raised by any pensioner living in Pembury.

Last year the Parish Council was alarmed to hear that there was a possibility that the village would lose the Camden car park as a car park open to the general public. Fortunately this will not happen. The brewers, who lease the car park to the Borough Council, are negotiating a new lease and it is likely that some time in 1985, improvements will be made as well.

Tunbridge Wells Mixed Voice Choir is staging a concert for the Friends of Pembury Parish Church. The concert will be in the Village Hall on May 18th at 8 p.m.

The Road Steward scheme operated jointly by Pembury's three churches has already done much good work. However, the organisers would like to recruit more people willing to help. Particularly they would like volunteers to act as road stewards – which means keeping a friendly eye on those in need of neighbourly help – in the Ridgeway and several of the roads around. Anyone interested is asked to get in touch with Mrs. Pilgrim on Pembury 4761.



IN BRIEF

There are no elections for the Borough Council this year. Instead, on May 2nd, an election will be held for the County Council Tunbridge Wells Rural West division, which includes Pembury. The present representative, Mr. John Barnes, is not seeking re-election. At the time of going to press, it is known that the prospective candidates for the Conservative Party are Mr. Malcolm Carmichael, and for the Liberal-SDP Alliance, Mr. Derek Hawes Richards.

The Parish Council has set aside a small sum of money to pay for the preparation of a video record of the A21 by-pass route before construction takes place. It is also intended to take shots of the intense traffic at present using the High Street and Hastings Road, so that future generations will know why the residents of Pembury from the 50's to the 80's made such a fuss and campaigned for a by-pass. At the same time it is hoped to establish another archive—recorded interviews with a number of older residents who can give, in their own words, their impressions of the village earlier in this century. Anyone interested in being interviewed for this purpose is asked to get in touch with the Editor.

The Parish Council has issued a four-page leaflet – 'Welcome to Pembury' – aimed at every new resident in the village. It contains a brief history of the village together with a list of useful addresses. The organisers of the Churches' Road Steward scheme have kindly agreed to distribute the leaflet to newcomers. Copies are also available at the Lower Green Library and at Pembury's two Post Offices and a local estate agent.

Pembury Players held their A.G.M. in January when Mr. Geoffrey Heald was elected chairman, Mr. Douglas Edwards, treasurer and Mrs. Jane Stuart-Robson as secretary. Mr. Heald will produce the Players' revue to be staged in the Village Hall on May 10th and 11th (two performances). Pembury Players are always on the look-out for new members, especially from among the younger generation.

The Village Hall Management Committee is getting worried about the damage done to the floor by ladies' stiletto heels. In January the floor was repolished and sealed to preserve the improved appearance dating from the major renovation of the hall in 1980. Organisers of events at the hall are asked to note that stiletto heels should not be worn at functions held in the hall.

SCOUT B GUIDE HEADQUARTERS FUND

The Fund has a new chairman, following the resignation, because of pressure of work, of Mr. Andy Cooper.

He is Mr. Tony Berry, who started the project two years ago in his previous role as Scout Leader. He says he is pleased to be heading the committee in what he hopes will be its final year.

Mr. Berry is confident that, with a little extra effort this year, the committee will raise enough money for building to start in April 1986 and finish by the following Christmas. At present the building fund totals around £11,000.

The next money-raising events are:— a Grand National draw on March 30th; a garage sale on April 28th and a Ton of Money event on May 27th, the Spring Bank Holiday. Details will be given in the Fund's forthcoming newsletter.

Andy Cooper continues as chairman of the Village Fete committee which takes place this year on July 13th, in aid of the building fund.

PEMBURY WOODSIDE YOUTH CLUB

The senior club (for 13 to 20 year-olds) meets on Monday and Wednesday evenings and its popularity is growing.

A new activity is weight-lifting sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7.30 to 9 p.m.

The junior club (8 to 13) meets on Fridays from 7 to 8.30 p.m. with an average attendance of 70 to 75, a large number to cater for especially with such a wide age range. This highlights the need for another evening, especially for 11 to 13 year-olds.

Which leads me to ask: 'Are there any mums and dads prepared to run a small club for the 11 to 13's?' If there are, would they please get in touch with me.

Especially gratifying was the recent visit of members of the Evening W.I. who held a much-appreciated craft evening. This is the kind of support from other Pembury organisations which we all enjoy.

The junior club's project this year is to raise money for a coach to take Pembury pensioners on a tour of the Blossom Route on May 18th.

Pauline Hawker

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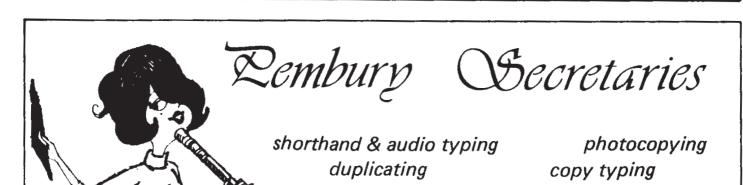
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YOUR CLERK REPORTS.....

The Annual Parish Meeting of Pembury Parish Council is nearly upon us – it will take place on March 13th in the Village Hall.

The meeting gives parishioners the opportunity to put the spotlight on the 13 elected members of the Parish Council. You can come and seek explanations for the actions members have taken on your behalf during the past year – an opportunity that is sadly lacking for those wishing to question the Borough Council on its decisions affecting the parish. You can also, of course, show some appreciation to members for the voluntary public service they willingly give to try to improve Pembury's environment.

One other item might tempt you to attend. It is hoped there will be a presentation by Kent County Constabulary regarding a project which seems to be catching on in caring communities – that of a Neighbourhood Watch. This is a crime prevention scheme which has the backing of the Parish Council. You can read more about it elsewhere in this issue.

As usual in the Newsletter's March issue, I am setting out below a copy of the financial report of the Parish Council for the year ending March 31st 1984, which I shall present to the meeting. Here is an opportunity to study it beforehand.

It will read as follows:-

'It is my duty to submit the following particulars in respect of the parish finances for the year ended March 31st 1984.

'For this period precepts amounting to £50,760 were demanded from the Rating Authority by your Parish Council. Receipts from burials, interest on capital, and miscellaneous income amounted to £11,051.33 which, combined with the sum of £8,175.65 brought forward from the financial year ended March 31st 1983, totalled £69,987.98.

'Expenditure for the same year amounted to £58,657.36, which left a surplus of £11,330.62 carried forward to the commencement of the current year 1984/85 as a credit on the Burial Board account of £338.80; on the Public Lighting account of £2,277.95; and on the General Account of £8,713.87.

'Outstanding loans on March 31st 1984, due to the Bank of England, totalled £37,115.45. These comprised £231.03 for Burial Grounds; £230.39 for Allotment Land; £10,132.78 for Woodside Playing Fields; £16,584.46 for Lower Green Road Recreation Ground improvements; and £9,936.79 for the Village Hall.

'Major items of expenditure during 1983/84 were wages, graduated pensions, public lighting, new machinery and repairs and renewals to machinery and parish property, and the new slide in the Recreation Ground.

'The accounts of Pembury Parish Council were audited and approved by the District Auditor on July 4th 1984.

The Parish Rate for the year 1985/86 is anticipated to be 9p in the £, which, based on a penny rate of £5,560, will produce the sum of £50,040.

'I would, with respect, request that the Chairman of your Council submits this financial report for the year ended March 31st 1984 for adoption.'

FOR YOUR DIARY

April Horticultural Society - Floral Art group. Village Hall 8 p.m. Ladies' Social Group - Cooking for a small family party, Mrs. Houghton, Lane End, Lower Green Rd, (behind
 Darby & Joan Club - Meeting. Village Hall 2 to 4 p.m. Catholic Hall) 4 Afternoon W.I. – Birthday party. Village Hall 2.30 p.m.
6 Pembury Footpath Walkers – Walk starting from Bo-Peep corner 2.15 p.m. 9 Parish Council (question time 8.30) Environmental group matters. Village Hall 8 p.m. 12 Evening W.I. – Gardeners' Question Time. Village Hall 7.45 p.m. 14 Horticultural Society - Visit to Mr. N. Burr's daffodil garden at Buxted. Members' cars leave Camden car park Ladies' Social Group – Bring & Buy (home-made cakes, preserves etc.), 23 Beagles Wood Rd.
 Darby & Joan Club – Coffee morning and bring and buy sale. Village Hall 10 a.m. –12 noon. 22 Pembury Society - Talk on the History of the English Garden by Mrs. Patricia Booth. Village Hall 8 p.m. Horticultural Society – Illustrated talk on Spalding, Mr. R. Purton. Village Hall 8 p.m.
 Pembury School PTA – Boot Fair. School 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parish Council (question time 8.30) Management group matters. Village Hall 8 p.m.
 Ladies' Social Group - Life as a Fashion Model, Mrs. Ridsdale, 44 Herons Way. May Evening W.I. - Meeting to consider annual conference resolutions, Village Hall 7.45 p.m. Pembury Footpath Walkers – all-day walk to Brenchley, leaving Camden car park 10 a.m. Pembury School PTA – Children's Maypole dancing. Village Green 10.30 a.m. Outgrown Children's Wear – Sale. Village Hall 10.30 a.m. –12 noon. Afternoon W.I. – Meeting to decide annual conference resolutions. Pembury Players – Revue. Village Hall 8 p.m.
Pembury Players – Revue. Village Hall 2.30 p.m. and 8 p.m. 11 Pembury Footpath Walkers - Clearance walk in conjunction with Ramblers' Assn, leaving Camden car park 10 a.m. 13 Horticultural Society-Floral Art group. Village Hall 8 p.m. 14 Ladies' Social Group - 'Colours' - a make-up demonstration. 6 Westway.
 14 Darby & Joan Club - Outing to Bird Land at Farnham. 18 Horticultural Society - Visit to RHS Gardens, Wisley. Coach leaves Camden 9 a.m. 20 Parish Council (question time 8.30) Annual meeting and Environmental group matters. Village Hall 8 p.m. Ladies' Social Group-Cheese & Wine party and AGM. 24 Westway. Darby & Joan Club - Meeting. Village Hall, 2 to 4.30 p.m.
 Horticultural Society - Illustrated talk, 'Hedgerow House', Mr. Mike Mercer. Village Hall 8 p.m. 1 Footpath Walkers - Walk starting from Stonecourt Lane bus stop, June $2.15 \, \text{p.m.}$ 6 Afternoon W.I. - English Windmills, Mrs. V. Harris. Village Hall 2.30 p.m 7 Evening W.I. – Making Fabric pictures, Mrs. Self. Village Hall 7.45 p.m. 10 Horticultural Society – Floral Art Group. Village Hall 8 p.m. 11 Parish Council (question time 8.30) Management group matters. Village Hall 8p.m. 11 Ladies' Social Group – Summer flower arrangements, Mrs. Payne, 32 Woodhill Park. 11 Darby & Joan Club - All-day outing to Eastbourne. 22 Pembury School PTA - ANNUAL FETE at the School, opening at 25 Ladies' Social Group - Barbecue. 13 Amberieaze Drive. 25 Darby & Joan Club - Meeting. Village Hall 2 to 3.30 p.m.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH SERVICES

Upper Church

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (First, Third and Fifth Sundays)

9.45 a.m. Parish Communion

11.30 a.m. Junior Church (except fourth Sunday)

6.30 p.m. Evensong with sermon

Parish Church

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Second and Fourth Sundays)

11.15 a.m. Matins and Sermon

Every Friday - W.I. Market - V.Hall 10.15 - 11.15 a.m.

(35p)

Every Monday — Pembury Old Tyme and Modern Dance Club — R.C. Hall — 7.45-10.15 p.m.

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