

Penkridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Penkridge Parish Council Meeting held on 9th May 2013 at 7.30 pm at the Haling Dene Centre

PRESENT

Councillor	Mrs Sandra Chambers [Chairman]
"	Bevan Craddock
"	John L Eastwood
"	Sean Flynn
"	Mrs Isabel G A Ford
"	Mrs Anne J Geoghegan
"	Gordon Hawkins
"	Mrs Petula M C Hughes
"	Peter M Jones
"	Victor Kelly
"	John McPheat
"	Anthony Minshall
"	Mrs Sandra Morris
"	David Oldfield
"	Calvert Stonehouse

2 Members of the Public were in attendance

Part I - Public Session

Before the commencement of the meeting Cllr McPheat announced that there were two Councillors who he had the pleasure to present with Long Service Certificates; the first was Cllr Bevan Craddock who had served 25 years on the Council and the second to Cllr Peter Jones who had served 30 years on the Council. Cllr McPheat congratulated and thanked both Councillors for their service and contribution over the many years.

2540. CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

- [a] There was one nomination put forward and seconded to stand for Chairman; Cllr Mrs Sandra Chambers.
Cllr Mrs Chambers accepted to stand as Chairman and signed the Declaration of Acceptance to Office. She thanked Cllr McPheat for his year in the Chair and thanked him personally for his guidance whilst she was serving as Vice Chair to the Council.
- [b] There was one nomination put forward and seconded to stand as Vice Chairman; Cllr Calvert Stonehouse. Cllr Stonehouse accepted to stand as Vice Chairman.

2541. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Cllr McPheat said that it had been a busy year for the Council and Penkridge, in particular the Diamond Jubilee festivities. He thanked Councillors for their support and input and Cllr Mrs Chambers as his Vice Chair. He also thanked Rev Sheila Finn for her service as the Chairman's Chaplain. Cllr McPheat said he had served as Chairman on 3 separate occasions and he thought that was sufficient and had now finished his service as a Chair to the Council.
Cllr Eastwood said that Cllr McPheat has proved a good Governor and credit to the Council.

2542. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies received.

2543. PERSONALIA AND EVENTS

Personalia and Events as per the sheet circulated at the meeting and attached to the official copy of the minutes.

2544. APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEES
[a] Appointment of members to Committees were made and a copy attached to the official copy of the Minutes.
[b] It was noted that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of each Committee would be elected at their first meeting.
2545. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES
Appointment of Representatives to other bodies was made and a copy is attached to the official copy of the Minutes.
The Chairman asked that a letter be sent to all organisations advising of their Council representative and giving contact details. Organisations also be asked if they could advise of their meeting schedule and forward a copy of their minutes to the Council for information.
Resolved that:
[i] A letter be sent to all organisations advising of their Council representative and giving their contact details.
[ii] Organisations also be asked if they could advise of their meeting schedule and forward a copy of their minutes to the Council for information.
2546. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Cllr Eastwood declared an interest in Item 14 – Outside Groups with PC Representatives - Twinning.
2547. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Cllr Mrs Hughes said there had been many rumours circulating the Village with regard to the closure of Riverside. She had spoken to a representative from South Staffordshire Housing Association who advised that they undertake regular reviews of their Schemes and it was the turn of Riverside in July. She advised that they had no proposals to close or demolish the buildings and the residents had been informed of the review. She would update the Council once the review had been undertaken.
2548. POLICE MATTERS
[a] PCSO Andy Poxon forwarded his apologies and submitted a Police report for the previous month, a copy of which is attached to the official copy of the minutes.
[b] It was noted that the Police Post would close at the Haling Dene Centre with immediate effect.
2549. MINUTES
Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2013 be confirmed and signed as a true and correct record.
2550. COMMITTEE AND OTHER MINUTES
Resolved that the following minutes were noted:
[a] Planning Meetings of 11th April and 25th April 2013
[b] Haling Dene Meeting of 25th April 2013
2551. WORKING GROUPS
Resolved that the following minutes were received:
[a] Transport Working Group for the 14th March 2013
[b] Website Working Group of the 8th January 2013
2552. ACCOUNTS
Resolved that:
[a] The accounts for payment for the month of April 2013 be approved subject to any queries being raised by the time of the next meeting.
[b] The expenditure summary print outs for April 2013 be approved
[c] The end of year Final Accounts for 2012-13 be received and approved.
Cllrs voted unanimously that the Final Accounts for 2012-2013 be approved.
[d] The Annual Return and Governance Statement for the year ending 31st March 2013 be signed and approved.

2553. NETWORKING EVENT

Consideration was given to how the Council would take forward the organisation of the above event. Councillors agreed to hold a meeting together with the Village Agent and Mrs Ross Burton from the South Staffordshire Community and Voluntary Action Group. The Group would then put forward a formal Plan to Council with the hope of holding the event at the end of September. Cllr Mrs Morris would be the Convenor for the meetings and the Working Group would be Cllrs Mrs Chambers, Craddock, Eastwood, Mrs Ford, Mrs Geoghegan, McPheat and Minshall.

Resolved that:

- [i] A meeting be arranged with Councillors, Village Agent and Mrs Ross Burton from the South Staffordshire Community and Voluntary Action Group. The Group to put forward a formal Plan to Council with the hope of holding the event at the end of September.
- [ii] Cllr Mrs Morris would be the Convenor for the meetings and the Working Group would be Cllrs Mrs Chambers, Craddock, Eastwood, Mrs Ford, Mrs Geoghegan, McPheat and Minshall.

2554. MANAGING ATTENDANCE

The Council received the above document and agreed that this be placed on the July Finance and Resources Agenda for consideration.

Resolved that the Managing Attendance document be placed on the July Finance and Resources Agenda for consideration.

2555. COMMUNITY PARISH RECYCLING

A document was received from the Community Council of Staffordshire which asked if the Parish wished to set up a Textile Recycling Centre.

Resolved that the Parish already have a number of Recycling Centres in the Village and did not wish to take up this project.

2556. STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Letters were received dated:-

- [a] 3rd April 2013 from the Team Leader Waste Planning Staffordshire County Council and the Strategic Manager Planning and Building Regulations Stoke on Trent City Council which advised that the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Waste Local Plan 2010-2026 had been adopted.
Resolved that in future where documents were received with closing dates close to a meeting date these be circulated separate to the Agenda.
- [b] 25th April 2013 from Mr Kevin Williamson, Reparation Worker, who asked if the Parish knew of any possible Reparation Projects.
Resolved that the Reparation Worker be invited to a future meeting to discuss how victims of crime would benefit from such projects.

2557. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 13th June 2013 at 7.30 pm.

2558. STANDING ORDER NO 64

Resolved

Local Government Act 1972 - Exclusion of Press and Public - to resolve that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they are likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraph(s) Section 1 [2] Public Bodies/Admission to meetings Act 1960.

Part II - Private Session

2559. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Consideration was given to the matters arising from the Haling Dene Management minutes.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Chairman: _____

Date: _____