

Penkridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Penkridge Parish Council Meeting held
on 10th October 2013 at 7.30 pm at the Haling Dene Centre

PRESENT

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

There was 1 member of the public present

Part I - Public Session

2632. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Flynn and McPheat.

2633. PERSONALIA AND EVENTS

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

2634. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Ms Ford declared an interest in Item 16[b] Grants and Donations – Penkridge Anglo German Remembrance Association.

2635. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (DPI)

There were no DPI requests received.

2636. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillors reported they have received concerns expressed by Parishioners that 60 tonne lorries were gaining access to the Pencric Site via Vale Gardens and asked if they could use the alternative access.

Councillor Mrs Geoghegan said the Business Association had expressed concern that there was insufficient Policing in the Village and there had been a number of cases where forged notes had been used and shop lifting.

2637. POLICE MATTERS

[a] PCSO Andy Poxon forwarded his apologies but the Council had not received a Police report for the previous month.

[b] A letter was received dated 25th September from Inspector Geoff Knight, South Staffordshire LPT Commander, to the Chairman.

Resolved that a letter be sent to Insp Knight thanking him for his correspondence and advising that the Council are very satisfied with their PCSO Andy Poxon, who they wished to retain but would also appreciate additional Policing in the Village together with a new Police Post. Also advising that the businesses in the Village feel very vulnerable further to the two recent armed robberies.

2638. MINUTES
Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2013 be confirmed and signed as a true and correct record.
Councillor Mrs Morris advised that the Website Group had discussed the Online Newsletter at their recent meeting but would appreciate comments and suggestions in time for their next meeting on 21st October.
2639. COMMITTEE MINUTES
Resolved that the following minutes were noted:
[a] Planning meetings of the 12th and 26th September 2013.
[b] Haling Dene meeting of the 26th September 2013.
2640. WORKING GROUPS
Resolved that the following minutes were received:
[a] Website Working Group meeting of the 22nd July 2013
[b] Transport Working Group meeting of the 11th July 2013.
2641. OUTSIDE GROUPS WITH PC REPRESENTATION
Minutes received from PNN meeting of the 29th July 2013.
2642. ACCOUNTS
Resolved that:
[a] The accounts for payment for the month of September 2013 be approved.
[b] The expenditure summary print outs for September 2013 be approved.
[c] The signed Audit Commission Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2013 was received.
2643. BURIAL GROUND
The draft budget for the forthcoming financial year 2014/15 was considered.
Resolved that the Burial Ground budget be set at £8,803 as per the sheet attached to the official copy of the minutes.
2644. SSC – SITE ALLOCATIONS AND OPEN SPACES CONSULTATION
Council discussed the above and how they would respond to SSC, as per a resolution made at the September meeting.
Resolved that the PA would circulate all comments received from Councillors on the above and then forward to SSC as the Council's response.
2645. HAVING DENE ROOF UPDATE
The PA advised that there had only been one Tender received by the closing date and the Chair and Vice Chair of Council and the Chair of Haling Dene agreed to extend the closing date by a further two weeks. The PA advised all those who had applied for paperwork of the revised closing date.
2646. LET'S CELEBRATE PENKRIDGE EVENT
Council received Councillor Mrs Morris' report on the above. She advised Council that a date had been set for the Event of 10th May 2014 unless any Councillors could foresee a problem with that date. The next meeting of all the Groups would be sometime in January, Councillor Mrs Morris would advise of the date once this had been set.
Resolved that the date for the Let's Celebrate Penkridge Event to be set as Saturday 10th May 2014.
2647. GRANTS AND DONATIONS
Consideration was given to requests from:-
[a] Citizens Advice Bureau requesting a grant towards their room hire.
Resolved that a grant of £500 be awarded to the Citizens Advice Bureau for their room hire.
[b] Anglo-German Remembrance Association requesting a grant towards their room hire.
Resolved that a grant of £100 be awarded to the Penkridge Anglo German Remembrance Association for their room hire.
[c] Penkridge and District First Responders requesting a grant towards running costs.
Resolved that a grant of £500 be awarded to the Penkridge and District First Responders towards their running costs.

2648. WEEDS

As per a resolution made at the September meeting, Councillors discussed the numerous gutters in the village where weeds had appeared over the summer. The PA advised that she had spoken to SCC Highways who were currently 'spot spraying' around the village and this should be completed by the end of October, but they were looking into a better system of spraying for the future. Councillors thought the problem would not be so prominent if they gutters were swept on a regular basis.

Resolved that the PA write to SSC asking that the roads be swept on a regular basis in Penkrige to eliminate the persistent weed problems.

2649. PENCRIC UPDATE

The Council received an update from Careplus on the progress of the above. Councillors asked if Careplus could confirm that the footpath, which was currently closed off, would be reinstated once the development had been completed. Also on the document it states that they are looking to install a pond, could the location be confirmed. Councillors advised that 'Builders' were parking their vehicles on both sides of the road in Vale Gardens and this was making it difficult for public transport to get access. The Chairman asked that Careplus be advised of the concerns discussed and also those raised in Public Participation.

Resolved that the PA advise Careplus of Councillors' concerns and also those raised under Public Participation.

2650. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 14th November 2013 at 7.30 pm.

2651. 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 2 - Private Session

2652. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

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

Item 16 – Additional Items

The PA advised that, at present, there was nothing to report back with regard to the Temporary Handyman Vacancy due to the closing date being 18th October.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Chairman: _____

Date: _____