

# Penkridge Parish Council

Haling Dene Centre  
Cannock Road  
Penkridge  
Stafford  
ST19 5DT

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2014

To: Members of Penkridge Parish Council

Dear Sir/Madam

I write to invite you to attend a meeting of Penkridge Parish Council to be held on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm** in Room 1 of the Haling Dene Centre. Please note that prayers will be led by the Rev Sheila Finn at 7.25 pm prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Yours faithfully

Lesley Griffiths

Deputy Parish Administrator

## **AGENDA**

1. APOLOGIES
2. PERSONALIA AND EVENTS
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
4. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (DPI)  
To receive and consider any DPI requests.
5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
6. POLICE MATTERS  
To receive the August/September Police report from PCSO Ashley Tooth.
7. MINUTES  
[a] To approve the minutes of the meetings of 11<sup>th</sup> September and the Public Meeting – Library Consultation of 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014.  
[b] To approve the amended minutes of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014
8. COMMITTEE MINUTES  
To note the minutes of the:-  
[a] Planning meetings of 11<sup>th</sup> September and 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014.  
[b] Haling Dene Management meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014.
9. WORKING GROUP MINUTES  
To receive the minutes of:  
[a] Parish Highways Liaison Group meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014.
10. OUTSIDE GROUPS WITH PC REPRESENTATION  
To note that no minutes have been received.
11. ACCOUNTS  
[a] To approve the accounts for payment for the months of August [attached] and September [to follow] 2014.  
[b] To approve the expenditure summary print outs for August [attached] and September [to follow] 2014.

12. WEBSITE UPDATE  
To receive a verbal update on the above.
13. SUBSCRIPTIONS  
To receive and consider a letter dated September 2014 from Staffordshire Playing Fields Association enquiring if the Council wish to renew their subscription for the coming year at a cost of £15.
14. LIBRARY CONSULTATION  
To consider comments the Council wish to submit on the above further to the Public meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September.
15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.30 pm.
16. 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.
17. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES  
To consider any matters arising.

# Penkridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Penkridge Parish Council Meeting held  
on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 7.30 pm at the Haling Dene Centre

## PRESENT

Councillor	Sandra Chambers [Chairman]
"	Bevan Craddock
"	John L Eastwood
"	Sean Flynn
"	Mrs Anne J Geoghegan
"	Mrs Petula M C Hughes
"	Peter M Jones
"	Victor Kelly
"	Anthony Minshall
"	Mrs Sandie Morris
"	David Oldfield
"	Mrs Vivienne Smith
"	Calvert Stonehouse
Minutes	Mrs L Griffiths

There were 2 members of the Public in attendance

## Part I - Public Session

### 2897. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Isabel Ford and Gordon Hawkins.

### 2898. PERSONALIA AND EVENTS

As per the sheet attached to the official copy of the Minutes.

The Chairman said she had been asked to notify Councillors that:

Mrs Marjorie Allen had passed away some weeks ago. Mrs Allen had supported the Council in the past by catering for various events including the Civic Service and Chairman's Dinner. The funeral of Mrs Barbara Wright would be held at St Michaels Church on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00 am.

### 2899. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### 2900. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (DPI)

There had been no DPI requests received.

### 2901. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

As per the sheet attached to the official copy of the Minutes.

### 2902. POLICE MATTERS

PC Tim Rees attended the meeting and answered Councillors' questions and concerns. The Police reports for 10<sup>th</sup> July to 8<sup>th</sup> October were received.

### 2903. MINUTES

**Resolved** that:

- [a] The Minutes of the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> September and the Public meeting - Library Consultation – on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 be confirmed and signed as a true and correct record.
- [b] The amended minutes of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014 be confirmed and signed as a true and correct record.

2904. COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Resolved** that the following minutes were noted:

- [a] Planning meetings of 11<sup>th</sup> September and 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014.
- [b] Haling Dene Management meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

2905. WORKING GROUP MINUTES

The minutes were received from :

- [a] Parish Highways Liaison Group meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

2906. OUTSIDE GROUPS WITH PC REPRESENTATION

It was noted that no minutes had been received.

Cllr Flynn asked it be recorded that he had yet to be invited to a Peace Memorial Hall meeting as the Council's representative. He said both the DPA and he had chased this up with the Chair of the Committee.

2907. ACCOUNTS

**Resolved** that:

- [a] The accounts for payment for the months of August and September 2014 be approved.
- [b] The expenditure summary print outs for August and September be approved.

2908. WEBSITE UPDATE

Cllr Oldfield advised that the .gov domain name was now live and the website was available to view at penkridgeparishcouncil.gov.uk, although it was still in a draft format. Councillors' email addresses would be set up very shortly.

2909. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Consideration was given to a letter dated September 2014 from Staffordshire Playing Fields Association which enquired if the Council wished to renew their subscription for the coming year at a cost of £15.

The Chairman said she was not always available to attend the Playing Fields' meetings and Cllr Jones advised he would be prepared to attend in her place.

**Resolved** that the Council renew the subscription at a cost of £15.00.

2910. LIBRARY CONSULTATION

Consideration was given to comments the Council wished to submit on the above.

The Chair said the DPA had requested an extension to the closing date of 7<sup>th</sup> October but had only received a response from SCC on the 7<sup>th</sup> advising the date could not be extended. As a result the Chairman forwarded a very brief letter supporting the two points raised at the Public Meeting:

1. Penkridge should be re-categorized as a 'Library Core'
2. Stafford should be re-categorized as a 'Library Extra'

And advising that Council would submit their comments after their meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> October. She had been sent a copy of the comments to be submitted by Friends of Penkridge Library but thought the Council's response should be independent.

Cllrs agreed that they should support the Friends of Penkridge Library and the Parishioners of the Village but do so independently.

Councillors put forward a number of issues they wished to be included in the response and agreed that the Chair and DPA compile all the comments and submit a response to SCC no later than Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

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2911. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.30 pm.

2912. 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.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Penkridge Parish Council**

Attachment to the Minutes of the Penkridge Parish Council Meeting held  
on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 7.30 pm at the Haling Dene Centre

### 2901. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Miss Claire Geoghegan, Mill Street, updated the Council on behalf of the Friends of Penkridge Library and further to the Public Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. She said that the petition had been signed by over 3000 residents. The Group had a number of documents they would now submit to Staffordshire County Council which included letters and pictures from the First Schools and 139 letters of support from Penkridge Middle School. Miss Geoghegan said she had been advised that Jeremy Lefroy MP had spoken to Mr Atkins at SCC and they are to meet with the Friends of Penkridge Library. They would invite the Parish Council to join them.

She urged the Parish Council to now put pressure on the County Council.

The Chairman thanked Miss Geoghegan and the Friends of Penkridge Library, on behalf of the Council, for all their hard work.

Cllr Eastwood said he had been approached by Mr Codling with regard to lorries parking overnight in Church Road adjacent to the Bowling Green. He had spoken to SCC asking that this be investigated. Cllr Eastwood also highlighted this problem to PC Tim Rees when he attended the meeting.