

# Penkridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in Room 1 of the  
Haling Dene Centre Penkridge on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7.00 pm

## Present

Councillor	Calvert Stonehouse [Chairman]
"	Bevan Craddock
"	Mrs Isabel G A Ford
"	Mrs Anne J Geoghegan
"	Brian Heathcote
"	Mrs Petula M C Hughes
"	Victor Kelly
"	Mrs Vivienne Smith

Also in attendance were SCC Cllr David Williams and 4 members of the public

1. Apologies  
Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Hilary Hughes and David Oldfield.
2. Welcome  
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
3. Minutes  
Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015 be accepted as a true and accurate record and be signed by the Chairman.
4. Matters Arising From The Minutes  
There were no matters arising from the minutes.
5. Chairman's Report  
A copy of the Chairman's report was read out and attached to the official copy of the minutes.
6. Parishioners' Comments/Questions  
Cllr Mrs Ford thanked the Council, on behalf of residents, for the wonderful floral displays during the Summer of 2015. She also asked if the Council could publicise the change in the Council's Grant Policy.  
Cllr Mrs Geoghegan said she had been approached by residents complaining about the dog walkers who use the land behind the Teddesley Road car park and also the considerably amount of litter.  
She questioned the ownership of the land in front of the Star Public House as there had been a Parking Attendant taking down number plates. As far as she understood the land did not belong to Staffordshire County Council.  
SCC Cllr David Williams said he would find out who was the owner of the car park and advise the Parish Council of the outcome.

Mrs Dorothy Briggs of Cannock Road said she had attended the Citizens Advice Bureau at the Haling Dene and although the Noticeboard outside Room 1 looked better she thought it could be used to promote Weddings at the Centre.

Mr Charles Crowthorne of Templars Way, asked with the commencement of the Lyne Hill development, what extra monies had been set aside for the infrastructure to support the Police, Health Centre and Education, also where were the additional cars going to park when visiting the village. Mr Crowthorne stated that there did not appear to be a vision for the future of the village such as the provision of cycle paths. Any provision that is currently in place is worn out, in his opinion, Staffordshire County Council were not maintaining their assets.

The Chairman advised that the Parish Council had bi-monthly meetings with the SCC Highways and were continually harassing them about pot holes etc. With regard to additional money for education the Parish had asked South Staffordshire Council if they could advise how the additional money from the Lyne Hill development had been apportioned.

Mr Don Briggs, Cannock Road, said he had a number of questions/queries he wished to raise:

Firstly the flower troughs on the railings outside the Littleton Public House obscured the view when turning right.

There appeared to be a very large number of pot holes on the Village roads, he said that his son had recently hit a pot hole and then the tyre light appeared on his dashboard causing him to have to purchase a new tyre.

Staffordshire County Council Care Facility needed to purchase new computers as he was charged a different amount to the service he had received. He had also received a letter from SCC Care and Wellbeing and when he telephoned the number on the letter he spoke to three different people who did not know what he was talking about.

Cllr Williams asked if Mr Briggs could supply him with his details and he will chase this up on his behalf.

Mr Briggs said lastly he had concerns that the Police and Crown Prosecution Service did not speak to each other. He had been burgled several times in the past and when the case was presented to Court it could not proceed as there was not enough evidence but after the event further evidence was produced.

The Chairman advised that the Police have set up a Safer Neighbourhood Panel which was looking into all aspects of Policing and this is one item that could be raised.

SCC Cllr David Williams gave an update on the new Fire Station. He advised that it was now complete with minor works outstanding on the rear car park and Practice House. The Station was classed as PFI Station [Private Finance Initiative] and the Government was paying 70% of the mortgage. The design was very similar to all those in the County but the running of the Station was the same as previously. The Station had two floors with two rooms that were available to be hired from non-profit making Organisations.

Cllr Craddock said he thought there was a poor attendance at the evening meeting and with all that was going on in the Village thought they would have been inundated with Parishioners asking questions and putting their point of view forward.

Cllr Craddock said there were many concerns for the elderly in the Village and the Voluntary Car Scheme was struggling to cope with all the demands for transportation, mainly to and from hospitals across all areas. He said the Council should be more pro-active and address the concerns of the elderly in the Village.

The Chairman said he thought the Council had been pro-active in all matters raised at the meeting.

All present then had a discussion on the Lyne Hill development, pot holes on the roads, how the services would be affected by the new development and speed limits in and around the Village Centre.

Mr Andrew Adams of Denefield asked if there could be a gate installed from the Haling Dene Grounds to the Allotments as a number of people currently struggled to get over the fence.

The Chairman said that this was not a public right of way and the main access was from Francis Green Lane.

Mr Adams asked if the sign could then be repaired that was adjacent to the boundary fence for the Haling Dene and allotments as the posts had been broken. The Chairman said the PA would look into this.

The Chairman closed the meeting.

7. Date And Time Of Next Meeting  
To be advised.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Chairman .....

Date .....

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