

Penkridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Penkridge Parish Council Meeting held On 14th June 2018 at 7.30 pm at the Haling Dene Centre

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PRESENT

Councillor	Alan Smallwood [Chairman]
"	Bevan Craddock
"	John L Eastwood
"	Mrs Isabel G A Ford
"	Brian Heathcote
"	Mrs Petula M C Hughes
"	Victor Kelly
"	Andrew Lenz
"	Anthony Minshall
"	David Oldfield
"	Mrs Vivienne Smith

Also in Attendance Ms L Hough

There were 10 members of the Public in attendance

Part I - Public Session

3691. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Andrew Adams, Miss Chloe Burns and Calvert Stonehouse.

3692. PERSONALIA AND EVENTS

The above was received for June 2018.

3693. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Eastwood declared an interest in Items 16d – Grants & Donations – Penkridge Civic Society and Item 17 – Twinning.

Cllr Mrs Ford declared an interest in Item 16c – Grants and Donations Peace Memorial Hall.

Cllr Mrs Hughes declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 16d Civic Society but reserved her right to speak.

Cllr Kelly declared an interest in Item 16c – Grants and Donations Peace Memorial Hall.

3694. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (DPI)

There had been no DPI requests received.

3695. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Miss Claire Geoghegan, Friends of Penkridge Library, updated the Council on the Library Consultation. She said that Staffordshire County Council had submitted a report to the Select Committee and comments could be received up to 20th June. The report recommended that Penkridge be a Community Managed Library or that it be under a Pilot Scheme for 12 months as a Self Service Library along with Stafford.

The Council agreed that a letter be sent to the Select Committee advising of the Parishes dissatisfaction that they had not considered their Parishioners request that the Library remain as it is. Also that Councillors had requested to go through the training process for Voluntary Helpers so they were aware of the implications but there had been no arrangements for this.

Dorothy Briggs, Cannock Road, said she had raised her concerns in May 2017 with regard to the volume and speed of traffic on the Cannock Road and the noise caused by traffic speeding over the cushions was now having an impact on her health and wellbeing. She asked if a further count of vehicles could be undertaken by Staffordshire County Council.

3695. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION [CONT'D]

Mr Alan Stevens, Haling Road, said he concurred with Mrs Briggs and he had counted the number of vehicles that morning using the Cannock Road; 6.15 am – 6.30 am 44 vehicles, 7.05 am – 7.10 am 53 vehicles and 7.55 am – 8.10 am 118 vehicles. He said the volume and noise of the traffic could affect the Conservation Area.

Mr Steve Burford of Wyre House said he had also noted the increase in traffic and noise. He also brought to the Council's attention that there was an illuminated sign on the corner of Bellbrook and this had been knocked over several times by large vehicles turning into Bellbrook. He asked if consideration could be given to Bellbrook being made a one-way road.

The Chairman asked the attendees if they could forward their comments onto Cllr Andrew Lenz who was the Chairman of the Council's Highway Liaison Group and this would be, once again, raised at their meeting with SCC Highways as the problems had clearly not yet been resolved.

Councillors also asked that the Police be made aware of the problems as there appeared to be illegal infringements on the Cannock Road and Bellbrook.

Cllr Heathcote said in 1995 there was a Change of Use survey undertaken on the land at Cherrybrook and he thought if the survey were undertaken in 2018 it would have a totally different outcome. He asked if the survey could be undertaken in 2018 and SSC assess the validity of the change of use of the land.

3696. POLICE MATTERS

A police report was received which contained incidents reported during May and June.

3697. MINUTES

Resolved that:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th May 2018 be confirmed and signed as a true and correct record.

3698. COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes were noted of:-

- [a] Planning meeting of the 10th April 2018.
- [b] Haling Dene Management Meeting of 24th May 2018.
- [c] Recreation and Amenities Meeting of 24th May 2018.

3699. WORKING GROUP MINUTES

The notes were received from:

- [a] Highway Liaison Group meeting of 1st March 2018.
- [b] Car Parking Working Group of 28th April 2018.

3700. OUTSIDE GROUPS WITH PC REPRESENTATION

The minutes were received of:

- [a] Penkridge Sports and Recreational Centre [Monckton] meeting of 17th April 2018.

3701. ACCOUNTS

Resolved that:

- [a] The accounts for payment were approved for the month of April and May 2018 together with the Bank Reconciliation.
- [b] The expenditure summary print outs be approved for April and May 2018.
- [c] Approval was given for the move of accounts to Sage50cloud and the support package for 24 months at a cost of £62.50 per month.
- [d] It was noted that the Council's Internal Auditor for 2018/2019 is Christine Heelis and she would undertake a half year audit in October 2018 and a year end audit in April 2019.

3701. ACCOUNTS [Cont'd]

[e] The following accounting details were noted:

Current Account Balance	£ 44,033
Business Saver Balance	£ 248,559
Expenditure For the month of May:	
Full Council	£ 11,516
Haling Dene Mgt	£ 19,270
Recreation and Amenities	£ 9,155
Burial Ground	£ 5,556
Income for The Month of May	
Full Council	£ 50
Haling Dene Mgt	£ 14,510
Recreation and Amenities	£ 36
Burial Ground	£ 7,015

3702. CASUAL VACANCY

It was noted that an Election had not been called and a Casual Vacancy notice had, once again, been displayed for the vacancy within the Gailey Ward.

3703. HALING DENE MANAGEMENT REFERRAL – 24th MAY

Further to points raised under Item 241 – Haling Dene Working Group at the above meeting extracts from the Council's Standing Orders and Code of Conduct were attached to the agenda to clarify what duties Councillors could undertake.

3704. CARNELL

Further to the request received at the May Full Council meeting Council considered the request from the above to park vehicles on the Haling Dene Centre car park.

Resolved that the Council could not consider the request at this moment in time

3705. HALING DENE CENTRE

[a] Consideration was given to the PA's report on the Bar Prices following her consultation with the Council's Stock Taker.

Resolved that the Bar Prices be increased at per the Council's Stock Taker and PA's recommendations.

[b] It was noted that a flyer would be included in the July PPC News advertising the Haling Dene Centre and the Public Bar.

Resolved that:

[i] If the Fishnet were not delivered to the Lynehill Estate Cllr Lenz would deliver the Council's leaflet to the properties.

[ii] An item be placed on the July Haling Dene agenda to consider having an Open Evening for Parishioners to meet Councillors and view the Haling Dene Centre and its facilities.

[c] Councillors considered, in principle, opening the Public Bar on a Saturday evening.

Resolved that the Council agreed in principle to open the Public Bar on Saturday evening. The Chairman advised that this would be an item on the July Finance and Resource agenda for further discussion.

[d] It was noted that there had been a positive feedback from three functions where the Mobile Bar had been used.

3706. GRANT APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to grant applications from:

[a] Stafford Samaritans for a grant towards the cost of specially printed cotton bags to promote Stafford Branch at a cost of £200.

Resolved that a grant of £200 be awarded.

3706. GRANT APPLICATIONS [Cont'd]

- [b] Citizens Advice for a grant towards the cost of their room hire at the Haling Dene at a cost of £500.
Resolved that a grant of £500 be awarded.
- [c] Peace Memorial Hall for a grant towards the provision of a PA system and Hearing Loop in the main hall at a cost of £500.
Resolved that a grant of £500 be awarded.
- [d] Penkridge Civic Society for a grant towards the cost of the erection of a fixed banister to the stairs and non slip stair treads at a cost of £200.
Resolved that a grant of £200 be awarded.
- [e] HFSH Healing Trust for a grant towards their room hire costs of £500.
Resolved that a grant of £500 be awarded.
- [f] CASS The Carers Association for a grant towards their room hire cost of £468.
Resolved that a grant of £468 be awarded.
- [g] Phoenix Art Group A for a grant towards their room hire costs of £500.
Resolved that a grant of £300 be awarded.
- [h] Phoenix Art Group B for a grant towards their room hire costs of £500.
Resolved that a grant of £300 be awarded.
- [i] Churches Together for a grant towards their room hire cost of £60.
Resolved that a grant of £60 be awarded.
- [j] St Michaels & All Angels Church for a grant towards the Church Yard Maintenance at cost of £1,500.
Resolved that a grant of £1,500 be awarded.
- [k] Penkridge Round Table for a grant towards their room hire cost for the Fun Run at a cost of £569.
Resolved that a grant of £569 be awarded and the Round Table be asked to publicise that the Parish Council have given a grant in their future publications.

3707. TWINNING GIFT

Consideration was given to if the Council wished to display the above at the Haling Dene Centre and if so where.

Resolved that:

- [i] The gift be displayed in the cabinets in Reception but also be placed in the Display Window for the Remembrance Sunday display.
- [ii] Consideration be given to relocating the Tapestry in Room 16 and this be placed on the Haling Dene agenda in July.

3708. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 12th July 2018 at 7.30 pm

3709. 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 9.15 pm

Chairman: _____

Date: _____