

Penkridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee Meeting
held on 24th May 2018 at 8.30 pm - Haling Dene Centre

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with the inclusion of confidential matters.

Present

Councillor Mrs Vivienne Smith [Chairman]
“ Andrew Adams
“ Miss Chloe Burns
“ John Eastwood
“ Mrs Petula M C Hughes
“ Andrew Lenz
“ Alan Smallwood
“ Calvert Stonehouse

Non Committee Members in Attendance were Cllrs Brian Heathcote, Victor Kelly and Anthony Minshall

Also in Attendance Ms L Hough

Public Session

1300. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies received.

1301. CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

- [a] There were two nominations put forward and seconded for Chairman; Cllrs Andrew Adams and Mrs Vivienne Smith to stand as Chairman. There were four votes for each Councillor. As current Chair Cllr Mrs Vivienne Smith had casting vote.
Cllr Mrs Smith accepted the position of Chairman to the Recreation and Amenities Committee.
- [b] There was one nomination put forward and seconded for Cllr Andrew Adams to stand as Vice Chairman.
Cllr Adams accepted the position of Vice Chairman to the Recreation and Amenities Committee.

1302. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

1303. MINUTES

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of 22nd February 2018 be approved as a true and correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

1304. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

1305. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

- [a] It was noted that the Recreation and Amenities printouts for the year to date would be included on the June Full Council agenda.
- [b] It was noted that the Burial Ground printouts for the year to date would be included on the June Full Council agenda.
- [c] It was noted that whilst considering the items raised on the agenda the Committee should be conscious of saving money where feasible.

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1306. GAILEY BUS SHELTER

- [a] It was noted that the above had not yet been complete and there had been no contact from the Contractor despite numerous emails being sent.
- [b] Consideration was given to if the Committee wished to obtain quotations to have a new Shelter erected.

Resolved that:

- [i] The PA to obtain quotation for a replacement Bus Shelter at Gailey.
- [ii] The PA to contact Dobbies Head Office to see if they would make a donation towards the cost of the replacement shelter.

1307. SUMMER SUSSESS 2018

Consideration was given to if the Committee wished to sponsor the South Staffordshire Summer Holiday Scheme 2018 with the half price cost for Penkridge children attending the Programme together with 50% reduction for day time swimming during the Summer holidays.

Resolved that the Council sponsor the above for 2018 and make a contribution of £1,500 to South Staffordshire Council.

1308. VILLAGE WEED SPRAYING

Consideration was given to if the Committee wished to continue with the above at a cost of £145 plus VAT per spray and it was noted that the sprays were undertaken quarterly.

Resolved that:

- [i] The Council continue with the weed spraying for 2018/2019.
- [ii] A letter be sent to South Staffordshire Council asking if they would undertake additional weed sprays in the conversation area and that the road sweeper visit Penkridge more often.

1309. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

Consideration was given to an email dated 20th April from Staffordshire County Council Highways with regard to the above.

Councillors had a detailed discussion on the contents of the email and what options would be available. They thought that Hodsons parking their vehicles on the verge had many implications such as destroying the grass and it did not look pleasing on the eye when entering the village. Councillors agreed that the verge should be left grass and if SCC would install knee posts in the grassed verge in order that Hodsons could no longer park their vehicles on the verge.

Resolved that Staffordshire County Council be asked if they would install knee posts in the grass verge to stop Hodsons parking their vehicles.

1310. PENKRIDGE SPORTS & RECREATION CENTRE [MONCKTON]

An email dated 15th May was received and considered from the Operations and Development Manager of the above.

Resolved that:

- [i] Councillors were in support of the pathway.
- [ii] At present the Council had no funds to provide additional equipment to the Skatepark.
- [iii] The Council remove the grass from off the Skatepark tarmac surface and the Monckton be reminded that they should trim the grass around the surface when it was cut.
- [iv] A letter be sent to the above advising that the Council support and wish to offer help with their future projects.

Burial Ground

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1311. Consideration was given to the suggested updates to the above.

The PA advised that the suggested amendments were due to tributes being placed on graves and over flowing onto the grass which restricted the grass cutting. Also Stone Masons were not always complying with the Memorial Application and in order to save distress to families the memorials would be checked and approved at the Haling Dene before being placed on a grave.

Resolved that the suggested amendments be made and an official copy of the Rules and Regulations be attached to the official copy of the minutes.

1312. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING
Thursday 25th October 2018 at 8.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm

Chair: _____

Date: _____