

# Penkrige Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in Room 1 of the  
Haling Dene Centre Penkrige on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.00 pm

## Present

Councillor	David Oldfield [Chairman]
“	Andrew Adams
“	Miss Chloe Burns
“	Bevan Craddock
“	Victor Kelly
“	Andrew Lenz
“	Anthony Minshall
“	Mrs Vivienne Smith

Also in attendance were 44 members of the Public

1. Apologies  
Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Isabel Ford, Brian Heathcote, Mrs Petula Hughes, Alan Smallwood and Calvert Stonehouse.
2. Welcome  
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
3. Minutes  
Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 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  
Mr Steve Tomkins of Cherrybrook past a copy letter to the Parish Council and advised that the letter had also be sent to Jeremy Lefroy MP, Staffordshire County Councillor and South Staffordshire Councillors. He read out the content to those present. Mr Wayne Blackwell of Cherrybrook also advised that he had forwarded an email to the Council and read out the content.  
The Chairman informed the residents that the points raised at the March Full Council meeting, together with their letter/email, would be placed on the April agenda for consideration.

## 6. Parishioners' Comments/Questions [Cont'd]

Cllr Chloe Burns, spoke on behalf of Stop the Gailey Freight Hub group and gave a summary of progress to date. She advised that the planning application had not yet been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. She also gave out the details of where information could be found and how people could help/join the Group.

South Staffordshire Councillor Mrs Jo Chapman assured the residents from Cherrybrook that they had a lot of private support but there was little the Parish Council or South Staffordshire Council could undertake until a formal planning application had been received. Once the application had been submitted and the consultation processes complete it would be the responsibility of the Planning Authority to submit their recommendations to the Regulatory Committee.

Mrs Hilary Hughes of Croydon Drive, read out a letter that had been sent to Cllr Mrs Ford from Mrs Celia Boyes. The letter raised the issue of the withdrawal of the 'Connect' bus service. She said this would affect many residents who had varying levels of disabilities or learning disorders and would isolate residents who use the service as public transport and taxis were very expensive.

Cllr Craddock said the Voluntary Car Scheme worked alongside the Connect bus service and this would place extra pressure on the car scheme. He advised that the car scheme could not always help residents who were in wheelchairs where the buses had the facilities. The Voluntary Car Scheme had also received a copy of the letter and they had made a formal reply.

Mrs Dorothy Briggs, Cannock Road, said she had noticed a large increase in traffic passing her property with many over the approved weight limit for the road. The road had speed bumps which she queried were of the correct size. Mrs Briggs asked if she could be advised the date the 30 mph was introduced on Wolgarston Way to see if this had an implication on the additional traffic.

Claire Geoghegan, Friends of Penkridge Library, gave a brief resume on the previous consultation of Penkridge Library and the process of the current consultation.

Donna Gilmartin, Stop The Gailey Freight Hub, said they were in attendance if anyone wished to speak to them about the Group/process.

Claire Geoghegan of Mill Street raised two issues with regard to Pedestrian Safety, the first being the safety of children and parents walking to Marshbrook First and Penkridge Middle Schools and the second with cars mounting the pavement by the Pedestrian Crossing on the A449 outside the Littleton Public House.

Mrs Kate Carmel of Stafford Road, asked if the new CCTV camera placed on the column outside Sainsburys was an addition to those already in place. She was advised that the old CCTV cameras had been switched off and would eventually be removed and the new camera would be the only camera in Penkridge but may be moved around the District to monitor 'hotspots'.

6. Parishioners' Comments/Questions [Cont'd]

Mr Tomkins asked what was the time-span between the South Staffordshire Council receiving a Planning Application and it being placed on their website.  
The Chairman advised that the information would be obtained and passed on to him.

Cllr Craddock said he had lived in the village since 1963 and there had been many changes over the years. There were currently a number of planning applications, either being considered or in the pre-planning stage, which would make the Village even bigger and it should be classed a Market Town. He thought the Village Centre structure could not be changed to meet the additional traffic and the infrastructure was already struggling. The changes were not what the residents wanted for the Village.

Mrs Liz Minshall of Stafford Road said to collectively make a difference parishioners should form an Action Group to address the many issues. It would be helpful to see how other Parishes had dealt with similar problems.

The question was raised to if the Parish Plan had been reviewed recently and what was the outcome.

The Chairman agreed that a review of the Parish Plan should take place and the Steering Group would be approached for further information and updates.

Parishioners present also raised the subject of pot holes around the village and the general poor state of the roads and footpaths.

7. Date And Time Of Next Meeting

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Chairman .....

Date .....