

Penkridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Penkridge Parish Council Meeting held On 12th July 2018 at 7.30 pm at the Haling Dene Centre

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PRESENT

Councillor	Alan Smallwood [Chairman]
"	Andrew Adams
"	Miss Chloe Burns
"	Bevan Craddock
"	John L Eastwood
"	Mrs Isabel G A Ford
"	Mrs Petula M C Hughes
"	Victor Kelly
"	Andrew Lenz
"	Anthony Minshall
"	David Oldfield
"	Mrs Vivienne Smith
"	Calvert Stonehouse

Also in Attendance Mrs D Turton

There were 10 members of the Public in attendance

Part I - Public Session

3710. APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Cllr Brian Heathcote.

3711. PERSONALIA AND EVENTS

The above was received for July 2018.

Cllr Mrs Petula Hughes gave an update on her attendance at the Champion of Penkridge meeting. She requested that:

- A link be created on the Parish Council Website/Facebook page to the South Staffordshire Council Goodlife.
- A link be created on the Parish Council website/Facebook page to the South Staffordshire Council Lottery.
- The Council be part of a friends and neighbours scheme to improve residents daily life, particularly vulnerable people. Wolgarston School were already taking part.

3712. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Miss Chloe Burns declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 12 – Casual Vacancy

3713. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (DPI)

[a] There had been no DPI requests received.

[b] It was noted that Councillors were reminded to update their DPI's where applicable.

3714. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Joanne Taylor wished to draw the Council's attention to the several months delay in the submission of the housing application documents from Bloor Homes. She had been informed the hearing had now been scheduled for Tuesday 17th July. Having contacted the Wild Life Trust she was told that surveys had been completed and this had been undertaken without a site visit.

Dorothy Brigg, Cannock Road, confirmed she had forwarded a letter and documentation to the Chairman regarding the traffic issues on the Cannock Road.

3714. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION [Cont'd]

Irene Marron, Bellbrook/Cannock Road, reported her dismay regarding the large ruts that had appeared on the Cannock Road together with the increased traffic and road surface noise, particularly vehicles with trailers.

Alan Stevens confirmed he had forwarded a letter to the Council with his concerns regarding the Cannock Road and his support of the Head Teacher at St Michaels School.

Cyril of The Sapling was in support of the residents in attendance and the issues raised with regard to the Cannock Road surface and road humps. He had been a Traffic Officer and thought the planning was atrocious.

Claire Geoghegan, FoPL, gave a brief update on the SCC Library meeting of the 28th June 2018 and suggested that an amendment be put forward that 'more time is given to consider the 1000 responses from villagers'. Correspondence had been sent on 30th June and 4th July to SCC Cllrs Gill Heath and David Williams. As a PC it is a point of democratic ethics and would look to formalising the working group. SCC Cabinet were meeting on 18th July and she suggested that they should be urged to suspend any further decision. She also asked if the subject of the Library could be included on the September agenda for an update.

The Chair acknowledged a letter received from the National Citizenship Service regarding litter, potholes and hedge overgrowth throughout the village.

3715. POLICE MATTERS

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

3716. MINUTES

Resolved that:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th June 2018 be confirmed and signed as a true and correct record.

3717. COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes were noted of:-

[a] Planning meeting of the 14th June 2018.

The minutes were received of:

[b] Finance and Resources Meeting of 5th July 2018.

3718. WORKING GROUP MINUTES

It was noted that no minutes had been received.

3719. OUTSIDE GROUPS WITH PC REPRESENTATION

It was noted that no minutes had been received.

3720. ACCOUNTS

Resolved that:

[a] The accounts for payment were approved for the month of June 2018.

[b] The expenditure summary print outs for June 2018 be approved subject to any queries being raised by the time of the next meeting.

3720. ACCOUNTS Cont'd

[c] The following accounting details were noted:

Current Account Balance	£ 79,633
Business Saver Balance	£ 200,658
Expenditure For the month of May:	
Full Council	£ 30,159
Haling Dene Mgt	£ 32,567
Recreation and Amenities	£ 15,875
Burial Ground	£ 8,381
Income for The Month of May	
Full Council	£ 287.08
Haling Dene Mgt	£ 23,072
Recreation and Amenities	£ 622
Burial Ground	£ 13,341

3721. CASUAL VACANCY

- [a] It was noted that further to the advertisement for the Casual Vacancy in the Gailey Ward no request had been made to hold an Election.
- [b] Consideration was given to if the Council wished to fill the vacancy by co-option. **Resolved** that the Council fill the vacancy by Co-Option.
- [c] The Council received the three letters of application. **Resolved** that the item be moved to the Private Session of the meeting.

3722. CHAIRMAN'S CHARITY

The Chairman advised that his chosen Charity for the coming year was The Stroke Association.

3723. ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

- [a] Consideration was given to if the Parish Council wished to take part in the Silent Soldier Campaign and purchase a life size soldier at a cost of £250 which was made of aluminium. The suggested locations were – Crown Bridge Island, A449 Island or the verge adjacent to Hodsons Garage. **Resolved** that a life size soldier be purchased and placed on the A449 island subject to permission from Staffordshire County Council.
- [b] Consideration was given to if the Council wished to purchase a normal or Civic Wreath to lay at the War Memorial and German Cemetery in November. **Resolved** that the Council purchase two normal wreaths with the Council badge in the background.
- [c] Consideration was given to if the Council wished to hold a presentation at the Haling Dene Centre following the GP90 Pilgrimage, presented by the Royal British Legion for Councillors and invited guests. **Resolved** that the Council hold a presentation.

3724. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – JUNE MEETING

Further to items raised at the above to consider:

Cannock Road

- [a] Consideration was given to if the Council wished to formally write to the MP, Staffordshire County Councillor and South Staffordshire Councillors and ask that they address the situation on the Cannock Road regarding the increased volume in traffic and additional noise from the traffic calming. Cllr Eastwood stated that the traffic calming on the Cannock Road outside the Haling Dene were early trials and they should be disregarded as they were now out of date. **Resolved** that the Council send a formal letter as per the above.
- Penkridge Library**
- [b] An update was received following a meeting held on 28th June to discuss the above between Councillors, SCC Councillor, Friends of Penkridge Library and the Civic Society. **Resolved** that a letter be sent to the Secretary of State with regard to the above.

3725. SOCIAL MEDIA

Consideration was given to if the Council wished the Administration Staff to place items on the Council's Website and Facebook to advertise the Centre and Public Bar.

Resolved that the Administration Staff place items on the Council's Website and Facebook to advertise the Centre and Public Bar and if possible Penkrige Matters.

3726. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 13th September 2018 at 7.30 pm

3727. 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: _____