

# Penkrige Parish Council

## Minutes of the Penkrige Parish Council Meeting held On 14th February 2019 at 7.30 pm at the Haling Dene Centre

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### PRESENT

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

Also in Attendance Ms L Hough

There were 11 members of the Public in attendance

### Part I - Public Session

#### 3830. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Miss Chloe Burns and Brian Heathcote.

#### 3831. PERSONALIA AND EVENTS

The above was received for February 2019.

#### 3832. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Eastwood Declared an Interest in Item 10 – Outside Groups with PC Representation.

#### 3833. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (DPI)

There had been no DPI requests received.

#### 3834. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr John Race, Stafford Road, said he was confused with the Planning Application for the land off the Stafford Road, he advised that he had spoken to South Staffordshire Council who said the application submitted by McCarthy Stone was still live and they were waiting for Staffordshire County Council to give an updated report. He said that local wildlife would be destroyed if any development were approved, he also said that all the residents who lived close by to the land were strongly against any development.

Mr Denis Karpol of Stafford Road said, in his opinion, the site lines for the exit from the site were dreadful and only adequate for a 30 mph speed limit. He said that Penkrige had become a long thin village with all the new development and not a 'round community'.

Claire Geoghegan, Friends of Penkrige Library, congratulated the Parish Council on their successful Procurement Bid for Penkrige Library and asked what the period of negotiation was to take the Community Library forward, she also said that representatives from FoPL would be willing to help.

Mr Mike Smith, Friends of Penkrige Library, endorsed his colleague's comments but found it strange that the Contract had been offered to the Parish Council as they were usually awarded.

Mrs Dorothy Briggs, Cannock Road, said she was surprised that there would be no Church Fete this year as there had been one in the Village for over 50 years.

3834. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION [CONT'D]

Mrs Liz Minshall, Stafford Road, referred to the meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> February to discuss the Church Fete, she had attended a Parish Council meeting a couple of months ago where a motion was put forward for the formation of a Community Group, led by the Parish Council, where they could lobby for events and activities such as the Church Fete. She asked what had happened since the meeting, had the Parish Council set up a Group.

The Chairman advised that the discussion took place at a public meeting and there was no resolution for the Parish Council to set up such a Group. The meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> February had been arranged by the Church and not the Parish Council.

Mrs Helen Palfrey said she was a member of St Michaels Church and unfortunately the few people who organised the Church Fete were now in advancing years and it was too much for the members to organise.

3835. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Andy Poxon attended the meeting and presented the police report which contained incidents reported during January and February.

He thanked the Council for purchasing the six Parking Buddies for the local schools.

3836. MINUTES

**Resolved** that the Minutes be approved as a true and correct record for:

- [a] Full Council meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

3837. COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes were noted of:-

- [a] Planning meeting of the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019.  
[b] Haling Dene Management Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
[c] Recreation and Amenities Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019

3838. WORKING GROUP MINUTES

It was noted that no minutes had been received.

3839. OUTSIDE GROUPS WITH PC REPRESENTATION

The minutes were received from the Twinning Association AGM minutes dated 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

3840. ACCOUNTS

**Resolved** that:

- [a] The accounts for payment were approved for the month of January 2019.  
[b] The expenditure summary print outs for January 2019 be approved.  
[c] The following accounting details were noted:

Current Account Balance	£ 35,910
Business Saver Balance	£228,587

Expenditure For the Month of January:

Full Council	£ 62,803
Haling Dene Mgt	£ 113,276
Recreation and Amenities	£ 61,239
Burial Ground	£ 29,228

Income for The Month of January:

Full Council	£ 2,111
Haling Dene Mgt	£ 83,468
Recreation and Amenities	£ 2,463
Burial Ground	£ 38,375

3841. PENKRIDGE LIBRARY

- [a] A letter was received and considered dated 16<sup>th</sup> January from Staffordshire County Council's Commissioner for Culture, Communities and Rural which offered the Parish Council the contract to manage and deliver Penkridge Library.

A proposal was put forward by Cllr Smallwood and seconded by Cllr Lenz that the Parish Council accepts the offer of the contract to manage and deliver Penkridge Library.

Councillors who voted to accept the Contract were Cllrs Adams, Craddock, Eastwood, Mrs Hilary Hughes, Lenz, Minshall and Smallwood.

Councillors who voted against the Contract were Cllrs Mrs Ford, Mrs Petula Hughes, Kelly, Oldfield, Mrs Smith and Stonehouse.

**Resolved** that the Parish Council accept the Contract offer to manage and deliver the Penkridge Library.

3842. WEST MIDLAND INTERCHANGE

- [a] An email was received dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January from the National Planning Inspectorate in relation to the above [Emailed to all Councillors on 23<sup>rd</sup> January].
- [b] Consideration was given to if the Parish wished to appoint a representative to attend the Preliminary meeting at the Haywood Suite, Molineux Stadium on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February.  
**Resolved** that Cllr Stonehouse represent the Council at the Preliminary Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> February.
- [c] Consideration was given to if the Parish wished their Representative to raise any points at the Hearing in relation to the specific agenda headers.  
**Resolved** that the letter circulated at the meeting and oral presentation be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate as the Council's submission.
- [d] Consideration was given to points raised at the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February with representatives from the 'Snub the Hub' Group.
- [e] The Council received a request from the Snub The Hub Group for Councillors to help members on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February.  
**Resolved** that the PA obtain location and times and circulate to Councillors.

3843. FOLLOW UP ITEMS FROM THE JANUARY FULL COUNCIL AGENDA

**South Staffordshire Council – Mill Street Car Park**

- [a] An email was received dated 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 from the Street Scene Services with regard to the lease of the above.  
**Resolved** that this item be included on a future Full Council agenda.
- Crossing Patrol Warden**
- [b] It was noted that Staffordshire County Council would continue to fund the above.  
The Chairman advised Councillors that SCC would be recruiting a Crossing Patrol Warden for the Cannock Road in the new financial year.

3844. TEDDESLEY ROAD OPEN SPACE

An email was received with regard to Park Pockets and Public Spaces and it was noted the grant deadline was 25<sup>th</sup> January.

3845. OPERATION BRIDGE

A request was received and considered from South Staffordshire Council that should a member of the Royal Family pass away the Council agree to use the Council Chamber for the signing of books of condolences.

**Resolved** that the Council agree to the above.

3846. HALING DENE WORKING GROUP

- [a] It was noted that all Parish Council Community Events would be placed on the Council's Website and Facebook page, together with other Social Media sites [with comments turned off] by the PA or Administration Staff.
- [b] Approval was given to the arrangement of the events discussed at the HDM Working Group meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February as per the sheet attached to the official copy of the minutes.  
**Resolved** that the draft events be approved.

3847. GRANT APPLICATION

Consideration was given to a grant application from the Gailey Hub for a grant towards the cost of their legal representative and it was noted that the shortfall of cost was £2,400.

**Resolved** that a grant of £2,400 be made to the Gailey Hub towards the cost of their legal representative.

3848. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30 pm.

3849. 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 8.45 pm

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_