

Penkrige Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in Room 1 of the
Haling Dene Centre Penkrige on Thursday 21st March 2019 at 7.00 pm

Present

Councillor	Alan Smallwood [Chairman]
“	Andrew Adams
“	Bevan Craddock
“	Mrs Isabel G A Ford
“	Andrew Lenz
“	Anthony Minshall
“	Mrs Vivienne Smith
“	Calvert Stonehouse

Also in attendance were 8 members of the Public

1. Apologies
Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Petula Hughes, Victor Kelly and David Oldfield.
2. Welcome
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
3. Minutes
Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th March 2018 be accepted as a true and accurate record and be signed by the Chairman.
4. Matters Arising From The Minutes
Miss Claire Geoghegan asked if there was any update on the Parish Plan being reviewed.
Mrs Liz Minshall said the wording on the 3rd paragraph of the last page of the minutes should read could and not should.
The Chairman advised that the subject of the Parish Plan would be raised later in the meeting.
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
Cllr Mrs Isabel Ford gave an update on what was happening at South Staffordshire Council, in particular the Bloor Homes appeal that had just been completed.
Miss Joanne Taylor said she had attended and spoke at the Bloor Homes appeal but was of the opinion, unfortunately, that if the Appeal were approved it would open the doors for all future developments to be approved.

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

Miss Claire Geoghegan, Mill Street and Friends of Penkrige Library, said there was a lot of experience in the Village with regard to looking at Planning Issues and the capacity to get a head of the game, for example the Cherrybrook Estate Planning Application. She said that Persimmon Homes owned the land on Teddesley Road, the Parish Council should be facilitating or bringing together groups of residents who could provide help/advice when a planning application was submitted.

Mrs Liz Minshall, Stafford Road and Friends of Penkrige Library, said the experience/knowledge of residents should be utilised, for example this was done for the Library and Cherrybrook Planning, they should be looking at the bigger picture or subjective.

Mr Mike Smith, New Road and Friends of Penkrige Library, said that in the PPC News it should show the areas covered by Parish Councillors, so Parishioners knew who their Councillors were.

Cllr Tony Minshall said he remembers attending a meeting at Codsall with Planners where it was stated Penkrige was a Dormer Town and would not have the same infrastructure as other Towns. He also stated that when there was Section 106 payments for a Planning Applications in Penkrige the money went to South Staffordshire Council.

Cllr Andrew Adams thanked Cllr Mrs Ford for taking back Parish Councilors' comments to South Staffordshire Council. He asked where the other South Staffordshire Councillors were and should they not be representing Penkrige and putting their cases forward on behalf of Parishioners.

Cllr Mrs Ford said that maybe Councillors should have surgeries where they would be able to help Parishioners act on matters.

Cllr Mrs Ford left the meeting at 8.35 pm.

Cllr Calvert Stonehouse said there used to be PNN meetings, arranged by Mr Gordon Files, but there ended up being only two attendees. The network was set up by Volunteers and included members from other Organisations but dwindled away.

Mr Mike Smith said the Parish Council were aware of items coming up and could notify residents with a Cross Parish Community Group.

The Chairman said there was one issue the explosion of development/buildings and the future of Penkrige. He said the Parish Plan needs to be re-looked at.

Mr Smith said he was the Vice Chairman of the Parish Plan Working Group and it has not been reviewed for a long time, there would need to be a new group set up to review the document.

The Chairman advised that the PPC News was not that good and could be improved.

Miss Claire Geoghegan put a resolution forward that the PC ask that the Parish Plan be reviewed which was seconded and a vote was taken with 13 for.

Mrs Liz Minshall put a resolution forward that a Group be set up to support the Community and take actions to make things happen which was seconded and a vote taken with 13 for.

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

Cllr Andrew Lenz said he was actively involved with the highways and advised that the A449 was continually busy with vehicles regularly exceeding the speed limit, he thought the main priority should be to look at the possibility of a relief road to by-pass Penkrige.

Miss Claire Geoghegan asked if the Parish Council could make it easier to see where the Council's Precept money was spent, other Parish Councils publicised the information in a pie-chart and asked if this could be done. The charts she had seen had a maximum of eight sections which showed the percentage of biggest spends for the Parish Council.

Councillors asked that a copy of the draft Annual Parish Minutes be forwarded to all District Councillors and copies of the draft minutes be placed on the chairs for the April Full Council meeting for parishioners to know what was discussed.

7. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday 19th March 2020 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm

Chairman

Date