

Penkridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Penkridge Parish Council Meeting held On 12th September 2019 at 7.30 pm at the Haling Dene Centre

Audio recordings will be made of all Ordinary and Special Council meetings and Committee meetings, with the inclusion of confidential matters.

PRESENT

Councillor	Mrs Petula M C Hughes	[Chairman]
"	Calvert Stonehouse	[Vice Chairman]
"	Andrew Adams	
"	Bevan Craddock	
"	John L Eastwood	
"	Gordon Hawkins	
"	Victor Kelly	
"	Andrew Lenz	
"	Anthony Minshall	
"	Alan Smallwood	
"	Mrs Helen Sutton	

Also in Attendance Miss L Hough

There were 16 members of the Public in attendance

Part I - Public Session

3938. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Isabel Ford, David Oldfield and Mrs Vivienne Smith.

3939. PERSONALIA AND EVENTS

[a] The above was received for August & September 2019.

[b] Members of the Council and Public in attendance to declare if they are video/audio recording the meeting.

Resolved that Cllrs Andrew Lenz and Calvert Stonehouse declared they were audio recording the meeting.

3940. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Mrs Petula Hughes and Calvert Stonehouse declared an interest in Item 16 – Library as they are both Volunteers.

3941. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (DPI)

There had been no DPI requests received.

3942. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Hugh Canning of Otherton said he was representing the residents of Otherton, he advised that there were 7 roads into Penkridge all with a 30 mph speed limit, Otherton Lane was 60 mph, he asked for the Parish Council's help in reducing the speed limit and said that they were the forgotten residents.

Claire Geoghegan enquired what was happening to the Library Steering Group meetings because she had been informed that after the Library transfer there would be no further meetings.

Mrs Dorothy Briggs of Cannock Road asked that the Parish Council help in the removal of the speed cushions and restore the road back to how it was in the 1990s with slow signs on the road, she said she had passed two photographs to Cllr Andrew Lenz showing how the road used to be. The photographs were circulated around to Councillors at the meeting.

Mrs Liz Minshall informed the meeting of a Lifestyle event that she had arranged on 26th September at the Peace Memorial Hall which was a platform to promote and help residents.

3942. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION [Cont'd]

Mrs Janet Crossley said she supported the gentleman from Otherton Lane it was a very dangerous road where country walkers were in the middle of the road not realising the speed limit, the hedges also need to be cut back and there should be more signage.

Mr Mike Smith of New Road said most points had received a response and asked if one could be given to Claire Geoghegan.

3943. POLICE MATTERS

[a] PCSO Andy Poxon attended the meeting and presented his Police report for July, August and September. which contained incidents reported during the 3 months.

3944. MINUTES

Resolved that:

The Minutes of the following meetings be confirmed and signed as a true and correct record:

[a] Full Council Meeting of 13th June 2019

Cllr Minshall said the named vote should be recorded within the minutes and asked that this be included.

Item 3918 [a] The vote for the Special Motion was:

For The Motion - Cllrs Mrs Isabel Ford, Gordon Hawkins, Mrs Petula Hughes, Victor Kelly, David Oldfield, Mrs Vivienne Smith and Calvert Stonehouse.

Against The Motion – Cllrs Bevan Craddock, Ms Gail Balance, John Eastwood, Andrew Lenz, Tony Minshall, Alan Smallwood.

Councillors voted to approve the minutes with 6 votes for – Cllrs Adams, Hawkins, Hughes, Kelly, Stonehouse and Sutton.

And five votes against – Cllrs Craddock, Eastwood, Lenz, Minshall and Smallwood

[b] Full Council Meeting of 11th July 2019.

[c] Full Council Meeting of 25th July 2019 [October Agenda]

[c] Full Council Meeting of 8th August 2019

3945. COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes were noted of:-

[a] Planning Meeting of the 13th June 2019.

[b] Planning August 2019 Submission.

Cllr Minshall said that further to the Working Group meeting of 11th September to discuss the VE 75 itinerary, this had been circulated to Councillors and he would appreciate Councillors thoughts and this would be finalised at the October Haling Dene Meeting. It was agreed that there should be an additional Working Group meeting before October HDM.

3946. WORKING GROUP MINUTES

It was noted that no minutes had been received.

3947. OUTSIDE GROUPS WITH PC REPRESENTATION

It was noted that no minutes had been received.

Councillor Kelly said he had attended the SPCA Executive Meeting and the Police Locality 1 Forum where they had discussed the traffic problems at last year's Victorian Market in Penkridge.

3948. ACCOUNTS

Resolved that:

[a] The accounts for payment were approved for the months of July and August 2019.

[b] The expenditure summary print outs were approved for July 2019.

[c] The signed Audit Commission Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2019 was received. The PA advised that the points raised would be taken up with the Internal Auditor when she undertook her interim, audit in October.

[d] It was noted that a Pie Chart would be presented to the Finance and Resource Committee at their meeting in October showing the half year income and expenditure.

3948. ACCOUNTS [Cont'd]

[e] The following accounting details were noted:

Current Account Balance	£ 39,522
Business Saver Balance	£251,433
Expenditure for the Month of May:	
Full Council	£ 34,270
Haling Dene Mgt	£ 53,669
Recreation and Amenities	£ 22,770
Burial Ground	£ 11,558
Income for The Month of May:	
Full Council	£ 657
Haling Dene Mgt	£ 42,511
Recreation and Amenities	£ 565
Burial Ground	£ 5,988

3949. STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

A verbal report from County Councillor David Williams was received regarding the reduction in speed limit on Otherton Lane and Boscomoor Lane.

He then said that he had spoken to residents in Otherton with regard to the speed limit and SCC Highways had undertaken speed checks on the road. To apply for and undertake the Traffic Order would cost £6,000 of which he had put aside £2,000 from his funding, Persimmon Homes had agreed to donate £2,000 and he asked the Parish Council if they could give the remaining £2,000.

The Chairman said that this would be placed on the 10th October Full Council agenda for consideration.

Cllr Williams also advised that he had set aside £5,000 from his funding to upgrade the paths on the Cannock Road

Resolved that this item be placed on the October Full Council agenda for consideration.

3950. SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

An email was received dated 2nd September from the Corporate Support reminding Councillors of the two Code of Conduct training sessions.

3951. POLICIES & PROCEDURES

[a] The introduction of a Managing Sickness Absence Policy & Procedure Policy as per South Staffordshire Council's policy was received and considered.

Resolved that the Policy be approved and adopted.

3952. WEST MIDLAND INTERCHANGE

It was noted that two letters were sent to the Planning Inspectorate dated 8th August – Request for Further Information and 21st August – Summarise Information.

3953. LIBRARY

[a] It was noted that the Library transferred over to the Parish Council as a Community Managed Library on Monday 12th August 2019.

[b] The PA's report was received following a meeting with the Library Volunteers on Wednesday 11th September.

3953. LIBRARY [Cont'd]

[c] Consideration was given to the proposals in relation to the running and operation of the Library. Cllr Eastwood proposed that the Steering Group be reinstated to deal with strategic issues for the Library for an initial period of 6 months, after which it would be reviewed. The members of the Group be two from Staffordshire County Council, two from the Parish Council, two from Friends of Penkrige Library and two Volunteers. A Parish Councillor who was a Volunteer should either be a Volunteer or Councillor they could not represent both. The Group to determine how often they are to meet. The Group do not have any powers and any issues or advice to be brought to the Full Council for consideration, The proposal was seconded by Cllr Adams.

Councillors voted 7 for – Cllrs Andrew Adams, Bevan Craddock, John Eastwood, Andrew Lenz, Anthony Minshall, Mrs Helen Sutton and Alan Smallwood.

Three Against – Cllrs Gordon Hawkins, Victor Kelly and Calvert Stonehouse and one abstention – Cllr Mrs Petula Hughes.

Resolved that:

- [i] The Steering Group be reinstated to advise on any strategic issues with the Library for an initial period of 6 months,
- [ii] After the 6 months it will be reviewed.
- [iii] The Group members be 2 from Staffordshire County Council, 2 from the Parish Council, 2 from Friends of Penkrige Library and 2 Volunteers.
- [iv] The Group do not have any powers and any issues or advice to be brought to the Full Council for consideration
- [v] The Group to determine how often they are to meet

3954. PARISH PLAN

Following the production of the Parish Plan in 2013 and the resolution made at the Annual Parish Meeting in March 2019 to consider formally writing to the Parish Plan Group and ask that this be reviewed.

Resolved that a letter be sent to the Parish Plan Chairman, Mr David Calcroft asking for any comments.

3955. GRANTS AND DONATIONS

Consideration was given to an application from Samaritans Stafford for a grant towards the refurbishment of their bathroom.

Resolved that a grant of £200 be awarded for the above.

3956. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 10th October 2019 at 7.30 pm.

3957. 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.

Part II - Private Session

3958. FULL COUNCIL MINUTES – 11th July 2019

The confidential matters in the above were received and approved.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm

Chairman: _____

Date: _____