

Penkridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Penkridge Parish Council Virtual Zoom Meeting held On 9th July 2020 at 7.00 pm at the Haling Dene Centre

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PRESENT

Councillor	Mrs Petula M C Hughes	[Chairman]
"	Calvert Stonehouse	[Vice Chairman]
"	Andrew Adams	
"	Ms Gail Ballance	
"	Bevan Craddock	
"	John Eastwood	
"	Mrs Isabel G A Ford	
"	Gordon Hawkins	
"	Victor Kelly	
"	Andrew Lenz	
"	Anthony Minshall	
"	David Oldfield	
"	Alan Smallwood	
"	Mrs Vivienne Smith	
"	Mrs Helen Sutton	

Also in Attendance Ms L Hough

There was 27 members of the Public in attendance

Part I - Public Session

4063. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

4064. CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIRMAN

[a] Further to the NALC L01-20 The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility Of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England And Wales) Regulations 2020 – Regulation 4 - the appointment of the Chairman and Vice Chairman will continue until the next annual meeting of the Authority, which will be May 2021.

[b] The above statement will also apply to the Council's Haling Dene Management and Recreation and Amenities Committees.

It was pointed out that the Regulation also stated that, if the Council wished, they could vote for a new Chair and Vice Chair.

The Chairman asked each individual Councillor to say yes if they wished the current Chair and Vice Chair to continue until May 2021 or No if they wish to vote for a new Chair and Vice Chair.

Councillors voted 8 votes for yes and 7 votes for no.

Resolved that the current Chair and Vice Chair continue until May 2021 together with the Chairs and Vice Chairs the Council's other Committees.

4065. PERSONALIA AND EVENTS

[a] The above was received for July 2020.

The Chairman said she wished to thank the whole community for their work during the pandemic she felt very privileged and proud to say she lived in such a caring community.

[b] Members of the Council and Public in attendance who declared they were video/audio recording the meeting were Cllrs Andrew Adams, Andrew Lenz, David Oldfield and Calvert Stonehouse.

4066. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs Ford declared an interest in item 15[a] Grants and Donations Anglo German Remembrance Day and Cllr Mrs Hughes Declared a Non Pecuniary Interest in Item 15[e] Grant and Donations St John Ambulance.

4067. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (DPI)

There were no DI s received.

4068. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Michelle Capewell of Manorfield Close wished to raise the item on Facebook and asked when was the Haling Dene being re-opened as a Community Centre and Bar, why not advertise the Centre and have a refurbishment and consider setting up a Community Group to make plans for the future of the Haling Dene.

The Chairman thanked Michelle Capewell for the points she raised.

Darren Nelson of Wyre Hall asked with regard to points raised on Facebook what were the running and maintenance costs for the Haling Dene.

The Chairman thanked Darren Nelson for the points he raised and advised that the figures were contained in the Council's Annual Return on the Council's website.

Kate Warrington of Knights Close said she had sent her issues to her Ward Councillor which incorporated the road surfaces in the village, A449 the two Bus Stops on the A449 together with all the pot holes and asked why had only part of the village roads been resurfaced when the remainder of the village roads were also in such a poor state. The footpaths were also deteriorating in several areas. She said she worked Full Time and asked if Parishioners could be better informed of meeting dates in advance.

The Chairman thanked Kate Warrington for her points raised.

Cllr Smallwood said that the roads were the responsibility of Staffordshire County Council. The Parish Council had a Highways Liaison Working Group who met with Officers from County Council and raised these issues several times but unfortunately it is all dependent on funding available.

Cllr Eastwood asked if he could raise a matter on behalf of Neil Dancer of St Michaels Road with regard to the Co-Operative store in Market Street and could this be a future agenda item to discuss the implications of the store and consult with the community and not wait until the end of the year when a planning application were received.

Cllr Minshall stated that if the Co-operative store went so would the Post Office and the only form of banking in the village.

Cllr Eastwood said the traffic arrangements for TFM in the village centre were still bad the forecourt was loaded with goods reducing the car park and they had increased clients due to the lockdown. The regular delivery vehicles also blocked car parking and viewing at the site. He asked if a letter could be sent to the relevant authority to review this.

Cllr Adams advised that the reinstated double yellow lines had been ignored.

Cllr Kelly asked if a letter could be sent to Safer Road Partnership asking that they put a monitoring system in place.

The Chair thanked all for the comments and confirmed that the Parish Council would consider the issues raised and any appropriate action.

4069. POLICE MATTERS

The Chairman advised that a Police report had not been received.

Cllr Minshall said youths were playing and swimming in the river which was very dangerous.

4070. MINUTES

Resolved that:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th March 2020 be confirmed and signed as a true and correct record.

4071. COMMITTEE MINUTES
To note the minutes of the:-
[a] Planning meeting of the 12th March 2020
4072. WORKING GROUP MINUTES
The minutes were received and considered of the Highways Liaison meeting of 5th March 2020.
4073. OUTSIDE GROUPS WITH PC REPRESENTATION
It was noted that no minutes had been received.
4074. ACCOUNTS
Resolved that:
[a] The accounts for payment were approved for the months of April and May 2020.
[b] To summary print outs were received for April and May 2020.
[c] The end of year Final Accounts for 2019-20 be received and approved.
[d] The Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2020 – Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2019/2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman and Parish Administrator.
[e] The Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2020 – Section 2 Accounting Statements 2019/2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman and Parish Administrator
[f] The Internal Auditor's report was received and considered which gave the year-end findings and recommendations for the 2019-2020 financial year.
[g] Approval was given to the PA's Action in conjunction with the Chair and Vice Char to reinvest the Nationwide Bond for a further 12 months with the Nationwide at 0.80%
4075. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
The updates to the below which include NALC Model Standing Orders Legal and Statutory requirements, highlighted in red were received and considered:
[a] Standing Orders
[b] Financial Regulations
Resolved that the above be approved with the Standing Orders amended to relate to the third person.
4076. HALING DENE CENTRE FLAT ROOF
Quotations were received and considered from P B Wright to have 12 flat roof vents to Room 1 central flat roof at a cost of £1,600 plus VAT.
Resolved that additional quotations be obtained.
4077. GRANTS AND DONATIONS
Consideration was given to grant applications from:
[a] Penkridge Anglo German Remembrance Day Association for a grant of £200 towards their room hire costs for the Remembrance Day Reception at the Haling Dene Centre.
Resolved that a grant be awarded to Penkridge Anglo German Remembrance of £200 towards their room hire costs.
[b] CASS for a grant of £486 towards the cost of their room hire costs at the Haling Dene Centre.
Resolved that a grant be awarded to CASS of £486 towards their room hire costs.
[c] Stafford Samaritans for a grant of £200 towards the cost of training new Volunteers.
Resolved that a grant be awarded to Stafford Samaritans of £200 towards their training costs.
[d] Girlguiding Penkridge for a grant of £632.45 towards the cost of their Room hire cost at the Haling Dene Centre.
Resolved that a grant be awarded to Girlguiding Penkridge of £632.45 towards their room hire costs.
[e] St John Ambulance for a grant of £682.76 towards the cost of their Room hire at the Haling Dene Centre.
Resolved that a grant be awarded to St John Ambulance of £1,000 towards their room hire costs.
4078. PANTOMIME
It was noted that the Pantomime had been cancelled for 2020 due to COVID-19 and booked for November 2021 to eliminate any charges for cancellation.

4079. WEST MIDLAND INTERCHANGE

It was noted that the Secretary of State's decision for the above was to grant the development and the details were emailed to all Councillors on 5th May 2020.

Resolved that a letter be sent to the Group Stop The Hub thanking them for all their hard work and dedication in the efforts to object to the proposals.

4080. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 10th September 2020 at 7.30 pm.

4081. 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 9.40 pm

Chairman: _____

Date: _____