

Penkridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee Meeting
held on 29th October 2020 at 7.00 pm by Virtual Meeting

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with the inclusion of confidential matters.

Present

Councillor Mrs Vivienne Smith [Chairman]
“ Victor Kelly [Vice-Chairman]
“ Andrew Adams
“ John Eastwood
“ Mrs Petula M C Hughes
“ Andrew Lenz
“ Calvert Stonehouse

In attendance were Cllrs Mrs Isabel Ford, Gordon Hawkins, Antony Minshall, David Oldfield,
and Alan Smallwood

Also in Attendance Ms L Hough

Part I Public Session

1416. APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Cllr Bevan Craddock.

1417. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

1418. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (DPI)

There had been no DPI requests received.

1419. MINUTES

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of 5th March be approved as a true and correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

1420. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the minutes.

1421. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

[a] The Recreation and Amenities printouts for the year to date were received.

[b] The Burial Ground printouts for the year to date were received.

1422. COMMITTEE BUDGET 2021/2022

Recreation & Amenities

[a] Consideration was given to any items of improvements/projects the Committee wished to put forward.

Resolved that the following items be put forward:

River Park on Teddesley Road be considered as a project

The wetpour surface under the Horsefair Gazebo be replaced.

Additional Swings at the Horsefair Play Area be considered

Skips for the Two Allotments Sites in Spring

The drain covers on the Horsefair Play Area be repaired

The missing Flower Troughs be replaced on Bull Bridge railing

1422. COMMITTEE BUDGET 2021/2022 [Cont'd]

Burial Ground

- [b] Consideration was given to any items of improvements/projects the Committee wished to put forward.

Resolved that the following item be put forward:

Additional trees along the pathway as per the Burial Ground Plan.

Recreation & Amenities

1423. ALLOTMENTS

- [a] Consideration was given to increasing the Allotment Rental for 2022.

Resolved that the charge remain at £35 per full plot.

1424. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

- [a] Consideration was given to if the Council wished to provide Hanging Baskets for the Village for 2021.

Resolved that hanging baskets are provided for the village in 2021.

- [b] Consideration was given to the cost of the hanging baskets for 2021.

Resolved that the cost per basket be the same as the previous year at £30.00

- [c] Consideration was given to if the Committee wished to have a Noticeboard on the Lynehill Development.

Resolved that:

[i] Persimmon Homes be asked if they would give permission to a Parish Noticeboard located by the Play Area and if they would contribute to the cost.

[ii] This item be placed on the January agenda for an update.

1425. PLAY AREA INSPECTIONS

- [a] It was noted that the RoSPA Play Area Inspections had now been undertaken and there was only low risk items raised apart from the Heron Play Area Zip wire.

- [b] It was noted due to the high-risk points raised with regard to the Heron Play Area zip wire the vandalised frame and wire have been removed.

- [c] Consideration was given to if the Committee wished to replace the zip wire and it was noted that a quotation had been submitted to replace the vandalised frame and wire at a cost of £7,590 plus VAT.

Resolved that South Staffordshire Council be asked if they would contribute towards the cost of a replacement zip wire.

1426. TEDDESLEY ROAD OPEN SPACE

- [a] Following the discussion at the March meeting it was noted the above piece of land belonged to Persimmon Homes.

- [b] Consideration was given to if/how the Committee wished to take the above forward.

Resolved that the Parish Council did not wish to take any further action.

Cllr Kelly asked that his name be recorded as voting against the resolution.

1427. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

- [a] Following the points raised in Public Participation at the September Full Council Meeting consideration was given to if the Committee wished to organise:

[i] Best Dressed House/Street with Christmas Lights

[ii] Christmas Scarecrow Competition

Resolved that an editorial be placed in the Penkridge Advertiser encouraging Parishioners to get into the Christmas Spirit and decorate their homes with lights for Christmas.

1428. TRADITIONAL VICTORIAN FAYRE

- [a] It was noted the above would not be held this year due to COVID-19.

- [b] It was noted that the Traditional Fayre had been provisionally booked for Saturday 4th December 2021.

1429. LAND NORTH OF PENKRIDGE

Consideration was given to if the Council wished to formally ask SSC for an update following their 'member led' Local Plan and the meeting held in February with SSC Lead Planning Manager.

Resolved that a letter be sent to South Staffordshire Council.

Burial Ground

1430. TABLE OF FEES

[a] It was noted that the Grave Digger was increasing his fees for 2021/2022 by £10 per full coffin interment.

[b] Consideration was given to if the Committee wished to increase the table of fees for the coming financial year to commence April 2021.

Resolved that the Table of Fees increase by 2% and to commence April 2021.

Cllr Mrs Petula Hughes asked that her name be recorded as voting against the resolution.

[c] A quotation was received and considered from M Bissell Trees and Hedges to raise the trees in the Burial Ground and around the Pond Area at a cost of £375 plus VAT.

Resolved that the above quotation be approved.

1431. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 28th January 2021 at 8.30 pm.

1432. 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 8.40 pm

Chair: _____

Date: _____