

Penkridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Penkridge Parish Council Virtual Zoom Meeting held On 11th February 2021 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	
"	John Eastwood	
"	Mrs Isabel G A Ford	
"	Gordon Hawkins	
"	Victor Kelly	
"	Andrew Lenz	
"	Anthony Minshall	
"	Alan Smallwood	
"	Mrs Vivienne Smith	
"	Mrs Helen Sutton	

Also in Attendance Ms L Hough

There were 4 members of the Public in attendance

Part I - Public Session

5081. APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Cllr David Oldfield.

5082. PERSONALIA AND EVENTS

[a] The above was received for February 2021.

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

5083. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5084. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (DPI)

[a] There was no DPI s received.

[b] Councillors were reminded to ensure their DPI forms were up to date and where necessary submit amended forms.

5085. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Anita Anderson, Lapley, Stretton and Wheaton Aston Parish Councillor, said her letter was on the agenda for tonight's meeting asking that Councillors once again support the request for a review on the vehicle use of the A5.

Mr Tim Rowlands, Round Table, thanked Cllr Adams for his help with regard to an issue on the A449 where a bollard had been taken out by the turning for Lower Drayton Lane and asked if Staffordshire County Council could replace the bollard as a matter of urgency. He then asked Councillors at their Recreation meeting some Parishioners understood that Council were to no longer fund the play areas at Heron and Bellbrook and look to other groups and residents to take this on, he asked what was the reasons for this.

The Chairman advised that the Parish Council did not discuss points he suggested but that a piece of equipment on the Horsefair Play Area would be removed due to the condition and replaced by other equipment which would be considered at the Committee's meeting in March. The Heron Play Area was also currently under the remit of the Parish Council and they would continue to fund their play areas and not look to outside groups to take this on.

5085. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Rowlands also said he understood the Parish Council no longer had their Play Areas checked. The Chairman advised that all the Play Areas were RoSPA inspected each year.

5086. POLICE MATTERS

A Police Report was received for January 2021
The Vice Chairman advised that the Smart Alerts could be received by text if you registered.

5087. MINUTES

Resolved that:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th January 2021 be confirmed and signed as a true and correct record.

5088. COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes were noted for the:-

- [a] Planning Submissions of January 2021
- [b] Haling Dene Management minutes of 28th January 2021
- [c] Recreation and Amenities minutes of 28th January 2021

5089. WORKING GROUP MINUTES

It was noted that no minutes had been received.

5090. OUTSIDE GROUPS WITH PC REPRESENTATION

It was noted that no minutes had been received.

5091. ACCOUNTS

Resolved that:

- [a] The accounts be approved for payment for the month of January 2021.
- [b] The expenditure summary print outs be received for January 2021.
- [c] The following accounting details were noted:

Current Account Balance	£ 61,852
Business Saver Balance	£254,727

Expenditure upto for the Month of January:

Full Council	£ 54,520
Haling Dene Mgt	£109,663
Recreation and Amenities	£ 61,099
Burial Ground	£ 32,854

Income upto the Month of January :

Full Council	£ 1,269
Haling Dene Mgt	£ 34,869
Recreation and Amenities	£ 1,662
Burial Ground	£ 25,758

5092. SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

- [a] A letter dated 19th January was received from the Parish Council to the above with regard to Air Quality in Penkridge.
- [b] Councillors were advised that there had been no reply from SSC to the above letter, to date.
Resolved that the PA chase this up and include this item on the March Full Council agenda.
- [c] An email was received and considered dated 20th January from the SSC Street Scene Performance & Environment Manager together with a suggested response from Cllr Kelly.

Resolved that:

- [i] Councillors to forward any further additions to the PA and these be submitted to SSC.
- [ii] The Procedures for flooding in the village be obtained and placed on the Parish Council's website.
- [iii] This item be included on the March agenda for an update.

5093. PENKRIDGE PARISH CAUSAL VACANCY

It was noted that the above would be advertised from 19th February.

5094. ROAD TRAFFIC AND SPEDING ISSUES

A letter was received and considered from Lapley, Stretton and Wheaton Aston Parish Council, circulated on 27th January.

5095. HALING DENE CENTRE

Following the items raised at the January Haling Dene Management meeting:

- [a] It was noted that any items relating to the Haling Dene Centre roof and damp conditions would come under the remit of Full Council for the foreseeable future
- [b] It was noted that a report from Central Building Control regarding the above had not been received although the PA had chased a response several times.
- [c] Consideration was given to an email dated 24th November from TJB Properties regarding scaffold being erected to undertake investigation work for the damp within the centre of the building, together with an updated report from the PA.

Resolved that:

- [i] The quotation from TJB to have the scaffold erected to the centre of the building at a cost of £2,400 be approved.
- [ii] The quotation from TJB to undertake a survey of the roof and damp within the building at a cost of £800 be approved.

Cllr Minshall asked that his name be recorded as voting against the resolutions.

- [d] The PA advised that she had still not received a reply from the Canal and Riverway Trust with regard to ownership of the boundary wall between the Canal towpath and Haling Dene Centre.
- [e] Consideration was given to a quotation for a Structural Engineer to undertake an investigation and produce a report for the Haling Dene Centre's Roof, damp in Room 24 and the Boundary Wall between the Haling Dene Grounds and Towpath.

Resolved that the quotation from Central BC Limited at a cost of £750 to undertake the above be approved.

- [f] A draft letter was received and approved in relation to the Bar.

Resolved that the above letter be approved.

5096. HOLIDAY ENTITLEMENT FOR PARISH COUNCIL STAFF

It was noted that due to COVID 19 the above surplus holiday will be carried into the coming two years as per the Government Guidelines dated 13th May 2020.

5097. GRANTS

A grant application was received and considered from the Brownie Guides for a grant towards the cost of their room hire costs.

Resolved that a grant of £632.45 be approved.

5098. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 11th March 2021 at 7.00 pm.

- 5099. 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 8.20 pm

Chairman: _____

Date: _____