

Penkrige Parish Council

Minutes of the Haling Dene Management Committee Meeting
Held on 28th January 2021 at 7.00 pm by Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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Present

Councillor	Anthony Minshall	[Chairman]
"	Gordon Hawkins	[Vice Chairman]
"	Mrs Petula M C Hughes	
"	David Oldfield	
"	Calvert Stonehouse	
"	Mrs Helen Sutton	

Non Committee Members in Attendance were Cllrs Andrew Adams, Ms Gail Ballance, John Eastwood, Victor Kelly, Andrew Lenz and Mrs Vivienne Smith

Also in Attendance Ms L Hough

Part I - Public Session

Cllr Minshall said the Council had received some very sad news that Cllr Craddock had passed away on Saturday 16th January and he had not yet received confirmation of the funeral details.

378. APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Cllr Smallwood.

379. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

380. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (DPI)

There had been no DPI requests received.

381. MINUTES

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting for the 22nd October 2020 be approved as a true and correct record

382. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

383. INCOME & EXPENDITURE/BAR TAKINGS

[a] Income and Expenditure printouts for the year to date were received.

[b] It was noted that the Haling Dene Centre may be eligible to claim a 'Closed Business Grant' between November and February and the PA would complete the appropriate application forms.

384. HALING DENE CENTRE

- [a] It was noted that the Bishops Walk was included in the Stafford Borough Council's horticultural maintenance programme and they had cleared the area and would continue over the term of the Contract.

Resolved that:

- [i] The PA chase up who was responsible for the wall adjacent to the Canal Towpath.
- [ii] The stability of the wall be checked
- [iii] The ivy at the bottom of the wall be removed, if safe to do so.

- [b] The PA advised that she had chased up the Building Inspector report from Central Building Control several times with emails and a follow up telephone call but the report had not yet been received.
- [c] An email dated 24th November from TJB Properties with regard to scaffold being erected to undertake investigation work for the damp within the centre of the building was received and considered in conjunction with [b] above.

Resolved that:

- [i] This item be transferred to the Full Council to make any future decisions.
- [ii] The PA chase up once again the Building Inspector report
- [ii] The PA obtain the split in cost from TJB for the scaffold and survey.
- [iv] This item be placed on the February Full Council agenda for further consideration.

- [d] The HDC Monthly Inspection Report for January was received.

385. HALING DENE CENTRE EVENTS

- [a] It was noted that there are four wedding Receptions provisionally booked in the diary for 2021 between June and September and one confirmed wedding Ceremony and Reception for October.
- [b] It was noted the Christmas Pantomime for this year was Snow White and has been booked for 27th November.
- [c] Consideration was given to if the Committee wished to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which included an additional Bank Holiday between 3rd and 5th June 2022.

Resolved that the Committee members consider how they wish to take this forward and this be placed the March agenda for further consideration.

386. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 25th March 2021 at 7.00 pm

387. 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.

388. HALING DENE BAR

- [a] A draft Franchise Agreement, previously presented to the Parish Council, was received.
- [b] Consideration was given to how the Council wished to take the above forward.
A proposal was put forward and seconded that the PA write to the interested parties and ask if they wish to meet Council and advised how they would take the Bar facility forward and what they could offer the Parish Council.
There were 4 votes for and 2 against. Cllr Hawkins asked that his name be recorded as voting against the proposal.

Resolved that:

- [i] The PA write to the interested parties and ask if they wished to meet Council and advise how they would take the Bar facility forward and what they could offer the Parish Council.
- [ii] The PA circulate a draft letter to all Councillors.

- [c] It was noted that Plyvine and Marstons were interested in the Bar Franchise and wished to be involved in submitting details/costs.

The Chairman of Council asked Councillors if they would consider putting an environmentally friendly memorial bench in the Haling Dene Grounds in memory of Councillor Craddock.
Councillors present all agreed and the PA to obtain quotations for the March meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Chairman: _____

Date: _____