

Penkridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee Meeting
held on 28th January 2021 at 8.30 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
“ Ms Gail Ballance
“ John Eastwood
“ Mrs Petula M C Hughes
“ Andrew Lenz
“ Calvert Stonehouse

In attendance were Cllrs Gordon Hawkins, Antony Minshall and David Oldfield,
and Ms Helen Sutton

Also in Attendance Ms L Hough

Part I Public Session

1433. APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Cllr Alan Smallwood.

1434. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Adams and Lenz declared an interest in Item 6 - Allotments.

1435. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (DPI)

There had been no DPI requests received.

1436. MINUTES

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of 29th October 2020 be approved as a true and correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

1437. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the minutes.

1438. 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.

Recreation & Amenities

1439. ALLOTMENTS

[a] Consideration was given to having a skip in March for both allotment sites at a cost of £160 per skip.

Resolved that skip be provided in towards the end of March for both allotment sites.

1440. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

[a] Consideration was given to if the Committee wished to have a Noticeboard on the Lyne hill Development.

Resolved that a letter be sent to Persimmon Homes asking if they would contribute more towards the cost of the Noticeboard.

1440. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE [Cont'd]

[b] An email was received and considered dated 12th January from a resident with regard to the former Littleton Railway line.

Resolved that:

- [i] A reply be sent to the resident advising that the Parish Council are to investigate the content of his email further.
- [ii] A copy of the email be forwarded to South Staffordshire Council and Staffordshire County Council asking that they address the points raised.

1441. PLAY AREAS

[a] Consideration was given to handing the Heron Play Area to South Staffordshire Council.

Resolved that the PA write to South Staffordshire Council and Staffordshire County Council asking if they could give a grant towards the cost of repairing the equipment at the above or if not the Parish council would have to relinquish the park back to South Staffordshire Council.

[b] Consideration was given to removing the Log Walk on Horsefair Play Area and adding two new junior swings.

Resolved that the above be approved.

1442. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

[a] Following the comments made on Social Media and in the Public Participation at the September Full Council Meeting with regard to the above, consideration was given to handing the Christmas Lights and its installation over to the Business Association and the Parish Council giving a grant towards the cost in line with other local Parish Council's.

Resolved that:

- [i] The PA write to the Round Table and ask if they would contribute towards the cost and organisation of the Christmas Lights.
- [ii] Parishioners be asked if they wished organise a Village Group to raise funds towards the cost of the above and help with the organisation.

Burial Ground

1443. GRASS CUTTING

[a] It was noted that the Grass Cutting contractor undertook four additional cuts in 2020 at a cost of £150 per cut [Schedule 14 cuts].

[b] Consideration was given to if the Committee wished to include these for the remainder of the four-year contract or to keep to the original contract.

Resolved that the grass cutting for the year 2021-2022 be 14 cuts per year as per the contract.

1444. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 25th March 2021 at 8.30 pm.

1445. 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 10.10 pm

Chair: _____

Date: _____