

# Penkridge Parish Council

## Minutes of the Penkridge Parish Council Virtual Zoom Meeting held On 8th April 2021 at 7.00 pm at the Haling Dene Centre

Audio recordings will be made of all Ordinary and Special Council meetings and Committee meetings, with the inclusion of confidential matters.

### PRESENT

Councillor	Mrs Petula M C Hughes	[Chairman]
"	Calvert Stonehouse	[Vice Chairman]
"	Andrew Adams	
"	John L 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 were 8 members of the Public in attendance

### Part I - Public Session

#### 5117. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies received.

#### 5118. PERSONALIA AND EVENTS

[a] The above was received for April 2021.

[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.

#### 5119. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 5120. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (DPI)

[a] There was no DPI s received.

#### 5121. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Neil Hawkins of Templars Way thanked Councillors for allowing the Defib Cabinet on Stone Cross to be upgraded he advised the modern cabinets were illuminated at night. The cabinet at the Fire Station had also been upgraded and a new unit had been installed at Penkridge Middle School. Cllr Eastwood said he had been contacted by Howard Blake who was a voluntary lock keeper between Gailey and Great Haywood, they wished to have two benches placed by the Wharf Lock and enquired if the Parish Council would pay and they would install the benches. He said he had tried to contact the PA with regard to help repair the boundary wall, Cllr Eastwood gave the PA Mr Blakes's contact telephone number.

Cllr Eastwood also said he had spoken with the lady who started the Food Bank at the Methodist Church and after lock down he thought the Parish could contact her to get an update and find out if they required any further help.

5122. POLICE MATTERS  
There had not been a Police report received but an email update from Mr David Wain on Policing in Penkridge.
5123. MINUTES  
**Resolved** that:  
The Minutes of the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 be confirmed and signed as a true and correct record.
5124. COMMITTEE MINUTES  
The minutes were noted for the:-  
[a] Planning Submissions of March 2021  
[b] Haling Dene Management meeting 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
[c] Recreation and Amenities meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021
5125. WORKING GROUP MINUTES  
The Highway Liaison notes in consultation with Staffordshire County Council were received.
5126. OUTSIDE GROUPS WITH PC REPRESENTATION  
It was noted that no minutes had been received.
5127. ACCOUNTS  
[a] It was noted that the accounts for payment and the expenditure summary printouts for the month of March 2021 would be included on the May 2021 Agenda due to year end close down.  
[b] It was noted that the Internal Audit for year end would be undertaken week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021.  
[c] Approval was given to reinvesting the Council's Bond with Nationwide for a further 12 months.
5128. HALING DENE CENTRE  
[a] The PA advised that one quotation had been received to have the flat roof repaired and vents installed.  
[b] An email was received from the Entrust Structural Engineer giving a brief update on the boundary wall and a detailed report would follow in the next week.  
**Resolved** that there be an additional Full Council meeting to consider the above two items once received.  
[c] There had been no report received from the Canal and Riverway Trust with regard to the culvert within the Haling Dene grounds.
5129. GOVERNEMENT GUIDELINES COVID-19 UPDTE  
[a] The PA advised that all staff would be back to working full time with effect from 13<sup>th</sup> April and the Exclusive Users would be working from the Centre together with Dene Dance meeting on Wednesday evenings.  
[b] Consideration was given to holding the Full Council meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> May, one week earlier, due to the Government's decision to not extend the powers to hold virtual meetings after 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021.  
**Resolved** that a face to face meeting be held as scheduled on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and the PA circulate the meeting procedures for Councillors.
5130. TFM  
The Chairman's Resume on the meeting with representatives from the above on 19<sup>th</sup> March was received.
5131. GRANTS  
[a] Consideration was given to a Grant Application received from the Penkridge Litter Pickers for £200 towards the cost of Hi-vis vests, litter pickers, gloves and plastic sacks.  
Cllr Kelly advised that the new McDonalds at Acton Gate had also agreed to provide equipment for the Group.  
**Resolved** that the grant of £200 be awarded to the Group and they be asked to forward receipts/invoices to show what the grant was used for.

5132. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.00 pm.

5133. 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 8.00 pm

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_