

Penkrige Parish Council

Minutes of the Haling Dene Management Committee Meeting
Held on 25th March 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	
"	Alan Smallwood	

Non Committee Members in Attendance were Cllrs Andrew Adams, Andrew Lenz and Mrs Vivienne Smith

Also in Attendance Ms L Hough

Part I - Public Session

389. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs John Eastwood and Victor Kelly.

390. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

391. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (DPI)

There had been no DPI requests received.

392. MINUTES

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting for the 28th January 2021 be approved as a true and correct record

393. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters rising.

394. INCOME & EXPENDITURE/BAR TAKINGS

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

[b] The PA advised that the Parish Council had received a grant through the 'Closed Business Grant' Scheme of £16,500 and a refund of £4,140 for the electricity.

395. HALING DENE CENTRE

[a] A report and quotations were received from TJB following their survey of the building and the Rentokil report on damp.

Resolved that:

[i] The outside works be undertaken and the scaffold be removed.

[ii] The internal works be placed on the April Full Council agenda for further consideration.

[b] To PA advised the Committee that the report from the Structural Engineer for the Boundary Wall adjacent to the Canal towpath had not been received even though it had been chased up several times. She had enquired with SCC Property Services if they have a Structural Engineer who could help and she is waiting for a reply.

395. HALING DENE CENTRE [Cont'd]

[b] **Resolved** that:

- [i] A 'Keep Out' sign be placed on the Culvert railing.
- [ii] If when in receipt of the SCC Structural Engineer's report it shows sections of the perimeter wall are unstable Council should consider erecting a fence for public safety.
- [iii] A letter be sent to the Canal and Riverway Trust asking that they have a site visit to review the wall.

[c] It was noted following the application for a grant under the Community Climate Action fund to upgrade the remaining lighting in the building, the Council had been unsuccessful.

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

Resolved that:

- [i] Where necessary the Handyman replace the window locks.
- [ii] A yearly maintenance programme to clean the gutters be considered at the May meeting.

[e] Haling Dene Grounds maintenance.

Resolved that the ivy in the compost bin be removed and disposed of.

[f] Consideration was given to having an Electric Car Charging Point at the Haling Dene Centre.

Resolved that this be a future consideration and the PA to obtain costings, types and grants available.

396. HALING DENE CENTRE - QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE JUNE 2022

[a] Following the resolution at the January meeting of how the Committee wished to take the above forward.

Resolved that there be a working group Zoom meeting at the end of April consisting of Cllrs Hawkins, Mrs Hughes, Minshall and Mrs Sutton and their ideas to be presented to the May HDM meeting.

397. MEMORIAL BENCH

[a] Quotations were received and considered to have a memorial bench in the Haling Dene Grounds in memory of Cllr Craddock.

Resolved that the Chairman speak to Mrs Craddock for her thoughts on which bench she thought should be purchased and wording for a plaque and this be bought back to the May HDM meeting.

398. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 27th May 2021 at 7.00 pm

399 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.

400. HALING DENE BAR

[a] Following letters sent to Plyvine, Marstons, Jenkinsons and Mrs Alison Heath the PA advised that both Marstons and Plyvine had indicated they would be interested in speaking further to the Council.

[b] The Committee to considered how they wished to take this forward considering there are functions booked from July 2021 onwards which requires a bar facility.

Resolved that:

- [i] The PA speak to Parish Clerks where Bars in their Parish are franchised out and the service provided.
- [ii] The PA to draw up a suggested list of questions and resume of the Haling Dene Centre and its provisions.
- [iii] There be an additional Haling Dene Management meeting at the beginning of May.

401. HALING DENE CENTRE ROOM 1 ROOF

[a] Following the discussion on the above at the March Full Council meeting the PA met with Paul Wright, who advised that the roof had deteriorated because the Council had not approved the fitting of vents which had caused condensation and the wood underneath the felt to rot. In his opinion the section of roof by the Fire Escape would be required to be stripped back and new timber and felt fitted together with vents, the other half of the roof section may only require the roof vents to be fitted but until this work was commenced the Contractor would not know if the wood had suffered.

Resolved that:

- [i] The PA have the roof covered with tarpaulin as the weather forecast for the weekend was raining.
- [ii] Quotations be obtained to have the repair work undertaken and this be included on the April Full Council agenda for consideration.

[b] The PA advised that following the incident with youths gaining access to the Room 1 roof on Saturday she had viewed the CCTV footage and they had caused further damage to the roof by throwing blocks. She had reported this to the Police and also forwarded CCTV images.

[c] The PA had also emailed the Fire Service for their recommendations on how to stop the youths climbing the Fire Escape and gaining access to the roof.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Chairman: _____

Date: _____