

Penkridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee Meeting
held on 25th March 2021 at 8.30 pm by Virtual Meeting

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with the inclusion of confidential matters.

Present

Councillor Mrs Vivienne Smith [Chairman]
" Andrew Adams
" Mrs Petula M C Hughes
" Andrew Lenz
" Calvert Stonehouse

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

Also in Attendance Ms L Hough

Part I Public Session

1446. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs John Eastwood and Victor Kelly.

1447. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Adams and Lenz declared an interest in Item 6 – Allotments and Cllr Minshall declared an
interest in Item 14 - Monckton Recreation Centre.

1448. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (DPI)

There had been no DPI requests received.

1449. MINUTES

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of 28th January 2021 be approved as a true and correct record and
be signed by the Chairman.

1450. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the minutes.

1451. 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.

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1452. ALLOTMENTS

- [a] It was noted skips had been arranged for the two allotments sites to be delivered on Friday 26th
March and collected on Friday 9th April.
- [b] A request was received and considered from Cllr Lenz that:
'Allotment regulations be amended to allow temporary use of polytunnels during Spring and Winter.'
Resolved that the PA look into uniformity of polytunnels and different sizes for full and half plots and
this item be included on the May agenda for consideration.

1453. VILLAGE MATTERS

- [a] It as noted that Persimmon Homes had agreed to donate an additional £500 towards the cost of a Noticeboard.
- [b] Consideration was given to if the Parish Council wished to contribute the balance and if approved would it be a Parish or Community Noticeboard and who would be responsible for the maintenance.
Resolved that the Parish Council do not provide a Noticeboard.
- [c] It was noted that the planters on the river railings had once again been vandalised and seriously damaged.
- [d] Consideration was given to if the Committee wished to have the remainder of the planters removed from the railings.
Resolved that there be five planters on each side and SCC Highways be asked to inspect the railings for any defects.
- [e] Consideration was given to if the Committee wished to donate £200 towards the cost of litter pickers for the Village Litter Picking Group.
Resolved that:
- [i] The Group to apply for a Grant through the Parish Council's Grant Scheme and the completed form to be included on the April Full Council agenda.
 - [ii] The PA to send the application form to Cllr Adams for completion.
- [f] Consideration was given to if the Committee wished to renew the lease with Staffordshire County Council for the Teddesley Road Open Space.
Resolved that the lease not be renewed.
- [g] A quotation was received and considered from the General Handyman to undertake various items around the village at a cost of £770.
Resolved that the quotation be approved.

1454. PLAY AREAS

- [a] Following the decision made at the January meeting with regard to Heron Play Area it was noted that a reply had been received from SSC advising that there were no grants/funding available for play area maintenance.
- [b] Consideration was given to handing the responsibility of the Heron Play Area to South Staffordshire Council.
Resolved that the responsibility of Heron Play Area to be handed to South Staffordshire Council.
- [c] It was noted that the PA would draw up a plan of options for new equipment for the Horsefair Play Area, taking into account Parishioners requests, and this would be presented to the May meeting for consideration.

1455. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

- [a] The PA advised that Penkridge Round Table had been provided with the costs and procedures for the above and they were currently considering the information given.
Resolved that this item be placed on the May agenda.

1456. VICTORIAN FAYRE 2021

The Committee members considered details of the above.

Resolved that:

- [i] There be a Working Group virtual meeting at the end of April consisting of Cllrs Petula Hughes, Victor Kelly and Viv Smith.
- [ii] The PA contact the Rector to confirm the dates for the Christmas Tree Festival.

1457. AED- VILLAGE CENTRE

- [a] An email was received and considered from Penkridge First Responders with regard to updating the AED on the wall adjacent to the Festival Gardens and the positioning of a memorial plaque.

1458. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 27th May 2021 at 8.30 pm.

1459. 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: _____