

# Penkridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee Meeting  
held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 8.30 pm at the Haling Dene Centre

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with the inclusion of confidential matters.

## Present

Councillor Andrew Lenz [Chairman]  
" Mrs Petula Hughes [Vice Chairman]  
" Mrs Gail Ballance  
" John Eastwood  
" Victor Kelly  
" Ms Jacquie Leach  
" Mrs Helen Sutton

In attendance were Cllrs Andrew Adams, Mrs Isabel Ford, Anthony Minshall, Calvert Stonehouse and Alan Smallwood

There were 2 members of the public present

Also in Attendance Ms L Hough

## **Part I Public Session**

### 1461. APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Cllr Mrs Vivienne Smith.

### 1462. CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

- [a] There were two nominations put forward and seconded for Chairman: Cllrs Mrs Petula Hughes and Andrew Lenz. There were four votes for Cllr Lenz and three votes for Cllr Mrs Hughes. Cllr Lenz accepted the position of Chairman to the Recreation and Amenities Committee.
- [b] There was one nomination put forward and seconded for Cllr Mrs Petula Hughes to stand as Vice Chairman. Cllr Mrs Hughes accepted the position of Vice Chairman to the Recreation and Amenities Committee.

### 1463. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Adams, Lenz and Mrs Sutton declared an interest in Item 7 – Allotments.

### 1464. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (DPI)

Cllrs Adams, Lenz and Mrs Sutton had submitted DPIs for the Allotments.

### 1465. MINUTES

#### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021 be approved as a true and correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

### 1466. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the minutes.

### 1467. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

- [a] It was noted that the Recreation and Amenities printouts for the year to date would be included on the June Full Council agenda.
- [b] it was noted that the Burial Ground printouts for the year to date would be included on the June Full Council agenda.

## Recreation & Amenities

### 1468. ALLOTMENTS

- [a] Consideration was given to approving the amendments to the Allotment & Leisure Gardens Rules under the header Structures.

**Resolved** that:

Polytunnels may be erected on allotments plot [Clear or Green in colour] between the months of March and May with the maximum sizes:

Full Plot - 1.8m width x 3m length x 1.8 m height

Half Plot - 1.0m width x 1.5m length x 1.8 m height

### 1469. PLAY AREAS

- [a] An email was received dated 20<sup>th</sup> April from SSC with regard to Heron Play Area.

- [b] An email was received dated 26<sup>th</sup> April from a resident with regard to access to the Horsefair Play Area.

Councillors considered two options one that a radar key could open the large gates and another for a gate be installed at the side of the smaller gate in Bellbrook.

**Resolved** that the two options be costed and this item be placed on the July agenda for consideration.

- [c] Consideration was given to what new equipment could be included on the Horsefair Play Area and if the Committee wished to have a Public Consultation or take advice from the Play Area Inspection Company.

**Resolved** that:

[i] The public be consulted at the Annual Parish Meeting

[ii] Wolgarston be approached to undertake a survey at the Horsefair Play Area [under item 13 on the agenda]

[iii] Questionnaires be placed in schools

[iv] The PA to find out if S106 monies would be available to replace the Zip Wire on Heron Play Area.

[v] The PA to find out what grants would be available for inclusive and outdoor gym equipment.

- [d] It was noted the funding available for equipment totalled £15,000.

- [e] It was noted the Play Area Inspections for 2021 are to be undertaken by Morral Play Services during July.

### 1470. VICTORIAN FAYRE

The PA's report was received following the Working Group Meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> May.

**Resolved** that there be a further meeting during July.

### 1471. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

Following the resolution made at the 28<sup>th</sup> January Recreation and Amenities meeting:

**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.

An email was received dated 1<sup>st</sup> April from Penkridge Round Table.

### 1472. PARISH GRANT HIGH STREET

Consideration was given to an email dated 12<sup>th</sup> May from SSC Street Scene regarding a £5,000 High Street Grant.

**Resolved** that a suggestion be put forward for Christmas lights.

### 1473. WOLGARSTON HIGH SCHOOL

An email was received and considered dated 6<sup>th</sup> May from Wolgarston High School regarding their Community Day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

**Resolved** that this item was covered under 1470 [c].

1474. VILLAGE SCHOOLS

Councillors considered a suggestion from Cllr Jacque Leach to visit the local schools and explain about the Parish Council and what we do.

**Resolved** that the Chair of Council and Cllr Mrs Leach visit the schools.

The Council's Standing orders were suspended at 10.00 pm

1475. VILLAGE TOILETS

[a] It was noted that the Non-Domestic Rating [Public Lavatories] Bill had received Royal Assent and the Council had received a refund for April and May 2021 together with 2020-2021 rates.

1476. PENKRIDGE COMMUNITY MANAGED LIBRARY

[a] A quotation was considered from Penkrige Electrical at a cost of £85.00 for additional sockets due to the Public Computers being relocated.

**Resolved** that the quotation be approved.

[b] It was noted the Library Volunteers had been nominated for the Volunteer Star Awards and the presentation will be made on 15<sup>th</sup> June.

[c] The notes were received from the meeting with SCC. Library Volunteers and the PA on 18<sup>th</sup> May.

[d] Consideration was given to if the Committee wished to renew all the Volunteer DBS checks and to note that not this is not mandatory and not all Community Managed Libraries undertake DBS checks.

**Resolved** that the DBS checks be renewed where necessary.

1477. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 at 7.00 m.

The meeting closed at 10.10 pm

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

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