

# Penkrige Parish Council

## Minutes of the Penkrige Parish Council Meeting held On 9<sup>th</sup> September 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	Victor Kelly	[Chairman]
"	Mrs Helen Adams	[Vice Chairman]
"	Andrew Adams	
"	Ms Gail Ballance	
"	John L Eastwood	
"	Mrs Isabel G A Ford	
"	Mrs Petula M C Hughes	
"	Ms Jacquie Leach	
"	Andrew Lenz	
"	Anthony Minshall	
"	Alan Smallwood	
"	Mrs Vivienne Smith	
"	Calvert Stonehouse	

Also in Attendance Ms L Hough

There were three members of the Public in attendance

### Part I - Public Session

#### 5198. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Gordon Hawkins and David Oldfield, Staffordshire County Council David Williams also submitted his apologies.

#### 5199. PERSONALIA AND EVENTS

[a] The above was received for September 2021.

[b] Members of the Council and Public in attendance who declared they were video/recording the meeting were Cllrs Andrew Lenz and Calvert Stonehouse.

#### 5200. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 5201. DISCLOSABLE PECUNINARY INTEREST [DPI]

There were no Disposable Pecuniary Interests received.

#### 5202. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Alan Stevens of Haling Road said he wished to talk about Traffic and Speed issues in Penkrige, in particular Cannock Road, Wolgarston Way and the A449. The Council indicated in February 2020 that they would investigate traffic control in the village but since then there had been no further update or action within the minutes. There was still the continuous use of heavy wagons, tractors with trailers on the Cannock Road which were not only big and noisy but a danger to pedestrians. Mrs Dorothy Briggs of Cannock Road advised that the problems on the Cannock Road dated back to 1987. Vehicles in excess of 7.5 tonnes were still using the Cannock Road as a by-pass. Mr Kenyon said the previous week there had been 36 lorries travel down Pottal Pool Road with a weight of 35-40 tonnes and at a speed of approximately 60 mph. Cllr Leach advised that she had previously been involved in a Community Speed Watch Scheme and it proved to make an impact.

5203. WEST MIDLAND INTERCHANGE

- [a] The Council welcomed two representatives from Logistic Capital Partners, Mr Chris White and Mr Mike Kirkland, the new owners of the West Midland Interchange project. Both gentlemen gave a verbal update which included; Logistic Capital and Oxford Properties acquired the WMI Interchange project in July 2021. Once complete it would be the largest logistics site in the UK which would include a 100 acre Country Park. A planning application will be submitted in December 2021. Phase 1 will commence in January 2022 and consist of two structures from Vicarage Road to Calf Heath Wood and be complete by June 2023. Phase 2 will consist of one structure and commence in June 2023 and be complete by July 2024. The rail freight will be delivered by Spring 2025. The representatives advised that they had to adhere to the DCO with no variation possible. As per the DCO there would be a Community Liaison Group which would consist of higher authorities, local authorities and Parish Councils. There would also be a Project Liaison Group which would consist wider Parish Councils and local residents. Both groups would meet quarterly and Penkridge was privileged to have a representative sitting on both Groups. There would be regular 6 monthly newsletters and open meetings held at 6 month intervals. The representatives advised that there was a pot of money which the DCO had stipulated was to be used for local community needs and it would be the Community Liaison Group who would determine where this would be spent. Councillors then held a questions and answer session with the representatives.

- [b] An email was received dated 12<sup>th</sup> August from SSC Corporate Director Planning & Infrastructure in reply to the Council's letter of 29<sup>th</sup> July requesting details and inclusions in the setting up of the Community Steering Group as required in the DCO.

- [c] An email dated 8<sup>th</sup> September from the WMI Community Relations was received which advised of the dates for the first CLP and PLG meetings. Councillor representation on the Groups was agreed with a backup Councillor for both Groups.

**Resolved** that:

CLP representative would be Cllr Stonehouse with Cllr Minshall as a back up

PLG representative would be Cllr Ms Balance with Cllr Kelly as a back up.

5204. POLICE MATTERS

- [a] Police reports were received which contained incidents reported during July/August.

5205. SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE & STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILS

Cllr Mrs Ford, as the Parish Councillor for South Staffordshire Council, advised that there was nothing to report.

5206. MINUTES

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the meeting be approved for:

- [a] Full Council meeting of the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

5207. COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes were noted for the:

- [a] Planning submission for July 2021  
[b] Recreation and Amenities Meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021  
[c] Haling Dene Management Meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021  
[d] Additional Haling Dene Management Meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021

5208. WORKING GROUP MINUTES

It was noted that no minutes had been received.

5209. OUTSIDE GROUPS WITH PC REPRESENTATION

The minutes were received for the Penkridge Sports and Recreation Centre meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

The Chairman requested the following queries, contained within the minutes, be taken back to the next meeting

**Resolved** that the following items be queried at the next Penkridge Sports and Recreation meeting:  
Trustees Present – why were Parish Councillors listed under Other Attendees.

Minutes – the Parish Council had emailed notified of the two Monckton representatives, with their contact details, before the May meeting.

Confidential – why has the information been redacted.

Grants – Mr Andrew Adams is not a Council representative.

5210. ACCOUNTS

[a] Approval was given to the accounts for payment for the months of June and July 2021.

[b] The expenditure summary print outs for June and July 2021 was received.

[c] Councillors were reminded that they should have completed their Bank Mandate Forms and taken these and ID into a Barclays Branch.

[d] The following accounting details were noted:

June – July 2021

Current Account Balance £ 67,229

Business Saver Balance £279,741

Total Expenditure for the Months June – July :

Full Council £ 36,293

Haling Dene Mgt £ 81,766

Recreation and Amenities £ 38,283

Burial Ground £ 25,050

Total Income for the Months June - July:

Full Council £ 0

Haling Dene Mgt £ 34,658

Recreation and Amenities £ 1,657

Burial Ground £ 28,327

5211. HALING DENE CENTRE

[a] To approve appointing TJB Properties as a Council Contractor.

[b] To receive and consider a timetable of when/how the work will be undertaken to the Boundary Wall.

[c] To receive and consider a quotation for the first phase of work to be undertaken on the Boundary Wall.

**Resolved** that the above items be moved into Private Session.

[d] The PA advised that there had been delivery problems with Carpet Right supplying the carpet on time. As a result, other companies had been requested to submit quotations, which she was still awaiting.

5212. SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

An email was received dated 18<sup>th</sup> August from SSC Lead Planning Manager with regard to the Lynehill Railway Corridor and councillors considered if they wished to submit a reply.

**Resolved** that:

[i] The draft letter from Cllr Stonehouse be sent as the Council's response to the above.

[ii] The requested meeting with SSC be chased up.

5213. GRANTS AND DONATIONS

Consideration was given to requests from:

- [a] The Carers Association for a grant towards their room hire cost of £202.50.  
**Resolved** that the grant request be approved of £202.50 towards their room hire costs.
- [b] SCC Cllr Williams for financial support towards the cost for fitting the bollards on the pathway by TFM and the A449 at a cost of £1,500.  
**Resolved** that the grant request is not approved at this moment in time.

5214. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7.30 pm.

5215. 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 10.00 pm

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

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