

Penkridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Penkridge Parish Council Meeting held On 14th October 2021 at 7.30 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 Petula M C Hughes	
"	Ms Jacquie Leach	
"	Andrew Lenz	
"	Anthony Minshall	
"	David Oldfield	
"	Alan Smallwood	
"	Mrs Vivienne Smith	
"	Calvert Stonehouse	

Also in Attendance Ms L Hough

There were five members of the Public in attendance

Part I - Public Session

5216. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Isabel Ford and Gordon Hawkins.

5217. PERSONALIA AND EVENTS

[a] The above was received for October 2021.

The Chairman advised the Council had received a letter of thanks from the Penkridge Litter Pickers for the Civic Service invitation and they thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

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

5218. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5219. DISCLOSABLE PECUNINARY INTEREST [DPI]

There were no Disposable Pecuniary Interests received.

5220. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Alan Stevens of Haling Road advised that the speed hump sign was obscured by trees on the Cannock Road.

Mrs Dorothy Briggs of Cannock Road thanked Cllr Lenz for all his work.

Mr Kenyon said the white road lines by Mansty Lane and Cannock Road were non existent. He also said pupils were crossing Wolgarston Way without a Crossing Patrol. Lastly since the new island had been installed at Cannock Road it seemed youngsters were using the road as a race track.

Cllr Ms Leach advised that she had set up a Community Speed Watch Scheme as a resident not a Councillor. She said they have all the equipment and advertisements for Volunteers would be displayed next week and training was being arranged too.

Cllr Eastwood said whilst taking his grand daughter to Penkridge Middle School the Headmistress remarked, whilst acting as a crossing patrol, how busy the traffic was around the village and someone should be in touch with Highways. Cllr Eastwood said if they needed help to contact the Clerk at the Parish Council.

5220. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION [Cont'd]

Councillors were then informed that a letter had been received from Penk Valley, via Mr Davenport, with regard to pedestrian access for pupils walking to school.

Cllr Gail Ballance left the meeting at 8.00 pm.

Cllr Minshall passed on Mrs Craddock's thanks for the new bench in memory of her late husband, Cllr Bevan Craddock, she said it was in the perfect position.

Cllr Adams said there was an on-going problem in the village with tractors using New Road and Cannock Road as a cut through. He had stopped one tractor and advised there was a weight limit of 7.5 tonnes but the driver said 'he was not from around here'. Cllr Adams had spoken to the Transport Manager of the company who apologised and advised he would put a note on the system for drivers.

5221. POLICE MATTERS

[a] It was noted that a Police report had not been received. The Chairman advised CI David Wain had informed him he would attend the meeting but he was not in attendance.

Resolved that CI Wain be asked to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council.

5222. SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE & STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILS

South Staffordshire Cllr Jo Chapman thanked the Chair for allowing her to speak. She said she was concerned with what she had heard regarding the traffic on the Cannock Road. She would speak to South Staffordshire Council's Legal Team and see what could be put in place so the matter of vehicle use on the Cannock Road would be policed. She also agreed with Council that there should be a bigger Police presence in Penkridge and she would take this up too.

5223. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting be approved for:

[a] Full Council meeting of the 9th September July 2021.

Councillor Stonehouse asked if he could raise one item from the minutes but was advised that there were no Matters Arising from the minutes only for accuracy.

The Chairman allowed Cllr Stonehouse to ask his question, and the matter of matters arising be considered at the Finance and Resources meeting in November.

Cllr Stonehouse asked if the points under Item 5209 – Outside Groups with PC Representatives – Penkridge Sports and Recreation Centre – had the minutes been amended as per the Resolution. Cllr Mrs Adams assured the Council that the amendments to the minutes had been made by the PSRC and that the Council would receive an amended copy without the redactions.

Resolved that Finance and Resource Committee consider the Matters Arising subject at their November meeting.

5224. COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes were noted for the:

[a] Planning submission for September 2021

[b] Resume of the Play Area Public Meeting of 9th September 2021

5225. WORKING GROUP MINUTES

The Highway Liaison meeting notes from the 14th September meeting were received.

5226. OUTSIDE GROUPS WITH PC REPRESENTATION

It was noted that no minutes had been received.

5227. ACCOUNTS

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

[b] The expenditure summary print outs for August and September 2021 were received.

[c] The signed Audit Commission Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2021 was received.

[d] It was noted that the Internal Auditor, Mrs Vivien Evans, would under the half year audit week commencing 8th November.

5227. ACCOUNTS [Cont'd]

[e] The following accounting details were noted:

Current Account Balance	£ 35,048
Business Saver Balance	£404,748

Expenditure for the Month of September:

Full Council	£ 43,358
Haling Dene Mgt	£ 55,865
Recreation and Amenities	£ 36,125
Burial Ground	£ 21,951

Total Income for the Month of September:

Full Council	£ 0
Haling Dene Mgt	£ 27,039
Recreation and Amenities	£ 2,463
Burial Ground	£ 15,659

5228. SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

The Chairman's verbal update following the site meeting for the Lynehill Railway Corridor was received.

The Chairman advised that Cllrs Mrs Adams and himself had meet with SCC Cllr David Williams and Officers from South Staffs Council Catherine Guttridge and Ryan Taylor. They looked at the whole site together with the Balancing Ponds, Section 106, the Pathway and work that was still required to be undertaken. Catherine Guttridge would go away and look at the Plan and Section 106 and Councillors would be advised of the outcome at their meeting on 5th November.

5229. WEST MIDLAND INTERCHANGE

Verbal updates were received from the Chairman who attended:

[a] The Community Liaison Group, apologies submitted by Cllr Stonehouse.

[b] The Public Liaison Group

The Chairman said the first meeting was an introduction and there was a requirement to select an independent Chairman.

They were advised that the first three units would be on an area adjacent to the Straight Mile.

Cllr Eastwood said he had raised a question with the representatives, at the September Full Council meeting, the problems with lorries parking and when they started the work on the Neolithic site they could advise the Parish Council so photographs could be taken for evidence and record keeping. He asked if the representatives could raise these points at a future meeting.

[c] It was noted the PowerPoint presentation for both Groups had been circulated to all Councillors by email.

5230. COUNCIL MEETING DOCUMENTATION

Consideration was given for all future agendas and associated paperwork for meetings be emailed to all Councillors rather than receiving agenda and associated documentation in paper format.

A number of Councillors advised that they would prefer to continue receiving their agendas and attachments in paper format – Cllrs Mrs Ford, Mrs Petula Hughes, Gordon Hawkins, Victor Kelly, Anthony Minshall and Alan Smallwood.

Resolved that from December the agendas and associated documentation be emailed to all Councillors apart from Councillors named above.

5231. STAFORDSHIRE PARISH COUNCIL ASSOCIATION

[a] Consideration was given to nominating a representative to the SPCA Executive Committee when Cllr Minshall's term ends at the end of 2021.

Resolved that Cllr Minshall be nominated to the SPCA Executive Committee.

5231. STAFORDSHIRE PARISH COUNCIL ASSOCIATION [Cont'd]

[b] Consideration was given to if the Council wished to submit a Motion for Debate at the Annual General Meeting on 6th December and if so which Parish Council they wished to approach to second their Motion.

Resolved that the Motion be:

- [i] To debate the possible use of the CIL statement to the lowest tier of Parish Councils for Section 106.
- [ii] Codsall Parish Council be asked to second the above Motion.
- [iii] Cllr Kelly to attend the AGM and speak on behalf of the Parish Council.

5232. BIO DIGESTER PLANT – LOWER DRAYTON LANE

An email dated 1st October was received and considered voicing concerns of residents of Lower Drayton Lane following the commencement of operation for the above, even though the road and junction improvements have not been completed.

Resolved that a letter be sent to SSC requesting that works be undertaken as soon as possible and that limited capacity be allowed until road works had been completed and Cllr Williams be copied into the letter.

5233. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 11th November 2021 at 7.30 pm.

5234. 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 10.05 pm

Chairman: _____

Date: _____