

Penkridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee Meeting
held on 28th October 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 Helen Adams
" John L Eastwood
" Mrs Petula M C Hughes
" Victor Kelly
" Ms Jacquie Leach
" Mrs Vivienne Smith

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

There were no members of the public present

Also in Attendance Ms L Hough

Part I Public Session

1489. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Gordon Hawkins and David Oldfield.

1490. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs Adams Declared an Interest in Item 7 – Allotments and Cllr Mrs Jacquie Leach Declared an Interest in Agenda Item 12c – Community Speed Watch.

1491. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (DPI)

There were no DPIs submitted.

1492. MINUTES

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of 22nd July 2021 be approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

1493. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Eastwood said he was at the meeting but not listed on the attendance.

1494. 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.

1495. COMMITTEE BUDGET 2022/2023

Recreation & Amenities

- [a] It was noted that the item of improvement/project for the 2022/2023 financial year will be the Play Areas.

Recreation & Amenities

1496. ALLOTMENTS

- [a] Consideration was given to increasing the Allotment Rental for 2023.
Resolved that the Allotment Rental increased by £5.00 per full plot with the addition going towards the provision of a skip during the month of March.
- [b] It was noted that the Council were awaiting a quotation to repair the Francis Green Lane gate.
- [c] Consideration was given to if the Committee wished to obtain quotations to have the Francis Green Lane tap extension updated to meet regulations.
Resolved that quotations be obtained and placed on the January 2022 agenda.

1497. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE/MATTERS

- [a] Consideration was given to if the Council wished to provide Hanging Baskets for the Village for 2022.
Resolved that the Council provide hanging baskets for 2022.
- [b] Consideration was given to the cost of the hanging baskets for 2022.
Resolved that the cost remain at £30 for the Jubilee year.
- [c] An email was received dated 30th August from a resident with regard having a Mindful Bench in the Village.
Resolved that the PA reply advising the Council agree in principle to locate a Mindful Bench in the Festival Gardens and request further detail with regard to the provision of funding towards the cost.
- [d] Consideration was given to relocating the three stone planters by The Star Public House within the Village.
Resolved that Councillors to view the locations and this item be included the January Agenda for further consideration.

1498. PLAY AREAS

- [a] It was noted the RoSPA Play Area Inspections had now been undertaken.
- [b] The updated Horsefair Play Area Questionnaire replies was received and considered following the Public Meeting.
Resolved that Councillors have a site meeting at the Horsefair Play Area.
- [c] Consideration was given to how the Committee wished to take forward the refurbishment of the Horsefair Play Area, taking into account points raised at the Public Meeting.
Resolved that Wicksteed be asked to draw up a suggested upgrade with costings, taking into account result from the Questionnaire, and this be presented to the January meeting for consideration.
- [d] The Chairman's update with regard to Heron Play Area was received and the Committee were advised that SSC was still looking into the legal aspects.
Resolved that the PA write to the SSC Head of Legal Services asking for clarification of the ownership of land and equipment and an update be placed on the January Agenda.

Standing Orders were suspended at 10.00 pm.

- [e] Consideration was given to amending the access to the Horsefair Play Area to allow access for people with disabilities.
Resolved that the PA obtain quotations and this item be placed on the January agenda for further consideration.

1499. TRADITIONAL VICTORIAN FAYRE

- [a] The PA's update was received with regard to the above.
She advised that the COVID numbers in Penkridge were rising quickly and the Committee agreed to review if the Fayre go ahead at the November Full Council meeting.
Resolved that the COVID numbers be monitored and this item be placed on the November Full Council agenda to decide if the Fayre go ahead.
- [b] Consideration was given to if the Committee wished to have a Street Organ at a cost of £285 and if so where would it be located.
Resolved that there not be a Street Organ at the Fayre.
- [c] Councillors to put their name forward who will help on the day/evening.
Resolved that this item be considered at the November Full Council meeting.

1500. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

- [a] It was noted the Christmas Tree had been ordered at Treeway at a cost of £650.
- [b] The PA's update on the installation of the Christmas Lights was received. She advised that the Festive Lighting Application had now been approved and two Columns on Crown Bridge had failed the structural testing. Red and Silver baubles had been ordered to be placed on the Christmas Tree.

1501. 20 PLENTY

- [a] Consideration was given to the contents of the presentation and how the Committee wished to take this forward.
Resolved that the idea in principle was good and the PA to speak to SCC Highways and this item be included on the January Agenda for further consideration.
- [b] The contents of the SCC emails with regard to SID and Flashing Speed signs were received and considered.
Resolved that the PA to speak to SSC to find out if a SID could be allocated to Penkridge.
- [c] It was noted a Community Speed Watch Scheme had been set up by a group of residents.

1502. PENKRIDGE COMMUNITY MANAGED LIBRARY

- [a] The Notes from the Volunteers meetings of 21st July and 15th September were received.
- [b] A quotation was received and considered from the Parish Noticeboard Company to have an Oak Noticeboard placed at the entrance of the above at a cost of £1,680.
Resolved that the quotation be approved.
- [c] It was noted that the SSC Conservation Officer had approved the design and installation of the Noticeboard.
- [d] Two quotations were received and considered from SCC approved Contractor to have shrubs removed from the front of the Library to enable the Noticeboard to be installed and the ivy to the rear of the Cell.
Resolved that the quotation to have the shrubs removed to allow for the Noticeboard installation at a cost of £300 plus VAT be approved.
- [e] Consideration was given to a quotation from SCC approved Contractor to relocate the network points.
Resolved that the quotation be approved at a cost of £810.79 plus VAT.

Burial Ground

1503. TABLE OF FEES

Consideration was given to if the Committee wished to increase the table of fees for the coming financial year to commence April 2022.
Resolved that the fees be increased by 2% from April 2022.

1504. TREE WORK

Consideration was given to a quotation from M Bissell Trees and Hedges to undertake tree work at the Burial Ground at a cost of £1,200.
Resolved that the quotation be approved.

1505. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 27th January 2022 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 10.30 pm

Chair: _____

Date: _____