

Penkridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Penkridge Parish Council Meeting held On 9th December 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	
"	Gordon Hawkins	
"	Mrs Petula M C Hughes	
"	Ms Jacquie Leach	
"	Anthony Minshall	
"	Mrs Vivienne Smith	
"	Calvert Stonehouse	

Also in Attendance Ms L Hough

Cllr Mrs Jo Chapman– South Staffordshire Council
There were six members of the Public in attendance

Part I - Public Session

5259. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Ford, Lenz, Oldfield and Smallwood.

5260. PERSONALIA AND EVENTS

[a] The above was received for December 2021.

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

5261. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5262. DISCLOSABLE PECUNINARY INTEREST [DPI]

There were no Disposable Pecuniary Interests received.

5263. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Alan Stevens, ST19 5BZ, said he would like to thank Cllr Leach for setting up the Community Speed Watch together with Cllrs Lenz and Stonehouse, he had already noticed an improvement. Kate Warrington, ST19 5JD, said she would be interested in the follow up for the Community Speed Watch as she had made previous comments on Wolgarston Way and asked if the Parish Council could lobby Staffordshire County Council to have speed signs placed at both ends of Wolgarston Way and Community Speed Watch camera signs. She asked if the Parish Council could look into the notification of events and maybe set up a mailshot. Also could the Parish Council contact the owner of the Co-operative Store on Wolverhampton Road and ask if the bollards could be replaced as the car park was being used as a cut through. Lastly the Police presence in the village was non existent since PCSO Andy Poxon had left and there was an increase in Anti Social Behaviour and break ins.

Mr Robert Clayton, Brewood, asked that the Parish put down in black and white what is happening to the parks, regarding the Christmas Lights the Parish Council have gone above and beyond but they are not in colour only white and they should be ashamed as it is now a Town.

5263. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Tim Rowlands, Stafford, thanked members for the support and action with regard to the road issues following the opening of the digester and additional traffic in Lower Drayton Lane. He was aware of everything that has gone on and asked if it was a legal requirement to advertise the meeting on 2nd December. Finally, as the ex Chairman of the Round Table, he was disappointed that there was not a Councillor at the Santa Dash to support the Round Table as they had always support the Parish Council.

Cllr Minshall said as Chairman of the Business Association could the no return regulation at the Boscomoor Car Park be removed as it is affecting businesses.

Cllr Ms Balance left the meeting at 8.00 pm.

He also advised he had attended the Staffordshire Parish Council Association AGM and the Motion submitted by the Parish Council was unanimously supported and that letters should be sent to the local planning authorities in Staffordshire which had failed to introduce a CIL charging schedule, reminding them of the effect on local communities of denying local councils the opportunity to exercise some control over spending on infrastructure and community facilities. It was further agreed that similar letters should be sent to selected Staffordshire MPs inviting them to put pressure on the LPAs concerned to introduce CIL regimes as soon as was practicable. they are to write to the Government and local MPs.

He also asked that the PA write to NALC with regard a ruling that it is illegal under the 1893 legislation that Parish Council's cannot give money to Anglian churches.

The Chairman read out a Statement from the Parish Council, copy attached to the official copy of the minutes and be placed on the Council's Website, Facebook page, notice boards and social media sites.

5264. POLICE MATTERS

[a] A Police Report had been received for the previous month.

[b] Cllr Mrs Leach gave a verbal update on the Community Speed Watch. She advised that they had undertaken speed watches at Pillaton and the A449 and there was a high number of cars over the speed limit. They are looking to put speed stickers on bins along Wolgarston Way and various other notable points.

Resolved that future updates from the Community Speed Watch group are made through the Highway Liaison Group minutes.

5265. SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE & STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

There were no reports received.

5266. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the meetings be approved for:

[a] Full Council meeting of the 11th November 2021

[b] Additional Full Council meeting of 2nd December 2021

5267. COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes were noted for the:

[a] Planning Minutes for 11th November 2021.

5268. WORKING GROUP MINUTES

To note no minutes had been received.

5269. OUTSIDE GROUPS WITH PC REPRESENTATION

To note no minutes had been received.

5270. ACCOUNTS

[a] Approval was given to the accounts for payment for the month of November 2021.

[b] The expenditure summary print outs for November 2021 were received

[c] The Internal Auditor's Interim report was received.

5270. ACCOUNTS [Cont'd]

[d] The following accounting details were noted:

Current Account Balance	£ 57,562
Business Saver Balance	£314,748

Expenditure for the Month of November:

Full Council	£ 60,145
Haling Dene Mgt	£ 73,145
Recreation and Amenities	£ 52,107
Burial Ground	£ 27,802

Total Income for the Month of November:

Full Council	£ 1,111
Haling Dene Mgt	£ 41,211
Recreation and Amenities	£ 3,216
Burial Ground	£ 19,851

5271. PRECEPT 2022-2023

It was noted the Precept for 2022/2023 had been set at £270,000.

5272. SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

[a] Consideration was given to submitting the Council's draft response for the Local Plan Consultation. Councillors asked if there be an addition item advising what the Parish Council needs within the village and Councillor were asked to email Cllr Stonehouse for additions under this header. Councillors also discussed the implementation of a Neighbourhood Plan and this be led by a Community Group with the support of the Parish Council. This item to be included on the January agenda for further consideration.

Resolved that:

[i] Councillors to email Cllr Stonehouse their additions under this header 'what Penkridge wants' and the document be submitted to SSC before the deadline of 13th December.

[ii] The consideration of a Neighbourhood Plan be placed on the January Full Council agenda for further consideration.

[b] Cllr Mrs Adam's resume was received from the CPRE SSC Local Plan remote presentation on 9th November.

[c] An email dated 18th November was received and considered from the Community Wellbeing and Partnership Officer in relation to Community Safety.

Resolved that this item be placed on the January Full Council agenda.

[d] An email dated 16th November was received and considered from the Corporate and Member Support with regard to the Code of Conduct.

5273. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

[a] Consideration was given to the implementation of the Policy on Unacceptable Actions and Complainants.

Resolved that the document be sent to the SSC Monitoring Officer and subject to no comments the policy be adopted.

5273. 2022 PANTOMINE

[a] Approval was given to the Panto for 2022 of Beauty and the Beast by M & M Productions at a cost of £1,699.

Resolved that the above be approved and M & M Productions be asked if there would be any additional cost for three performances.

5275. VICTORIAN FAYRE

Councillors to put their name forward who would help on the day/evening for the above event.

Resolved that Cllrs Kelly and Stonehouse volunteered to help with the above.

5276. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 13th January 2022 at 7.30 pm.

5277. 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 9.05 pm

Chairman: _____

Date: _____