

Penkridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee Meeting
held on 28th July 2022 at 8.00 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.

<u>Present</u>		
Councillor	Alan Smallwood	[Vice-Chairman]
"	John Eastwood	
"	Mrs Petula M C Hughes	
"	Victor Kelly	
"	Mrs Vivienne Smith	

In attendance were Cllrs Andrew Adams, Sam Harper-Wallis and Anthony Minshall

There was one member of the public present

Also in Attendance Ms L Hough

Part I Public Session

There were no Councillors who declared they were audio recording the meeting.

1544. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Helen Adams, Ms Gail Ballance, Gordon Hawkins, Andrew Lenz, David Oldfield and Calvert Stonehouse.

1545. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declaration of Interest.

1546. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (DPI)

There were no DPIs submitted.

1547. MINUTES

Resolved that:

- [a] The minutes of the meeting of 26th May be approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- [b] The Follow Up sheets from the March and May meetings were received.

1548. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising from the minutes.

1549. 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.

Recreation & Amenities

1550. PLAY AREAS

- [a] It was noted that Veolia had awarded a conditional grant for £56,494 towards the cost of the Horsefair Play Area upgrade and the Financial Agreement had been signed and returned.
- [b] The order had been placed with Kompan subject to the conditional grant.
- [c] The PA advised that there had been a meeting with South Staffordshire Council Officers with regard to Heron Play Area. The Officers were to go away and see if there were any available S106 funding to help with the cost of the remedial work and also setting up a Lease for the land the equipment is located.

1551. MINDFUL BENCH

- [a] It was noted that the paint had now been removed from the bench and a plaque ordered with the official unveiling in early August.

1552. VILLAGE MATTERS

- [a] It was noted that an email had been received from a resident regarding the grass and shrub overgrowth along the brook between Vale Gardens and New Road. The PA advised that South Staffordshire Council have an Inspector who is visiting all the Parishes and reporting back to the Street Scene Team. The PA advised that some work had been undertaken along the brook but would monitor the remainder of the work and chase this up. Councillors asked if the laurel hedge, in the Pencric grounds, could be cut back as it was over grown with nettles and encroaching on the footpath.

Resolved that:

- [i] The PA monitor the remainder of the work and chase this up if not cut back.
 - [ii] The PA to contact Housing Plus and request that the laurel hedge, in the Pencric grounds, be cut back as it was over-grown with nettles and encroaching on the footpath.
- [b] Consideration was given to purchasing two mobile cameras for the Play Areas and Burial Ground following incidents of abuse and theft.

Resolved that the PA obtain costings for the October meeting.

1553. VICTORIAN FAYRE

- [a] The PA advised that everything had been booked for the above and letter would be sent out to residents and shop owners during August together posters for the Noticeboards and Website.

1554. HOLIDAY PLAY SCHEME

- [a] The PA advised that a group of parents had approached the Parish Council to ask if they would fund three separate events for children at the Haling Dene Centre at a cost of £250 per event. The PA advised that the Parish Council no longer contributed towards the Summer SUSSED Scheme and Councillors agreed to cover the cost of three events at a cost of £250 per event plus the room hire cost.

Resolved that the Parish Council cover the cost of three events at a cost of £250 per event, plus the room hire cost, with the company supplying the entertainment to forward invoices and public liability certificates to the Parish Council.

1555. PENKRIDGE COMMUNITY MANAGED LIBRARY

- [a] The notes from the meetings with SCC. Library Volunteers on 18th May 2022 and 18th July were received.

Burial Ground

1556. MEMORIAL BENCH/TREES

- [a] Consideration was given to an email dated 3rd July from a Parishioner requesting to have a memorial tree planted in the Burial Ground.

Resolved that

- [i] The request be approved, and the tree be planted by the Pond Area.
- [ii] South Staffordshire Council be asked if an area of land off Wolgarston Way could be used to plant memorial trees.
- [iii] The Burial Ground Rules and Regulations be reviewed at the October meeting.

1557. BURIAL GROUND POND AREA

[a] Consideration was given to an email dated 13th June from Carnell Group with the offer to undertake work around the Pond area.

Resolved that:

- [i] The PA to clarify that part of the work to be undertaken would include the emptying and dredging of the Pond and what would happen the crested newts and that the water would be placed back into the pond and not fresh water.
- [ii] The PA to obtain clarification from the Environment Agency that the above is undertaken correctly.
- [iii] Councillors are happy to accept the offer of the work to the pond area subject to clarification of the above two items.

1558. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 27th October 2022 at 7.00 pm.

1559. 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 9.20 pm

Chair: _____

Date: _____