

Penkridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Penkridge Parish Council Meeting held On 9th February 2023 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 Petula M C Hughes	[Vice Chairman]
"	Andrew Adams	
"	Mrs Helen Adams	
"	John Eastwood	
"	Sam Harper-Wallis	
"	Ron Kenyon	
"	Andrew Lenz	
"	Mrs Vivienne Smith	
"	Alan Smallwood	

Ms L Hough [Parish Administrator]

Also in Attendance
SSC Cllr Len Bates
SCC Cllr David Williams

There were two members of the Public in attendance

Part I - Public Session

5504. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Anthony Minshall and David Oldfield.

5505. PERSONALIA AND EVENTS

[a] The above was received for February 2023.

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

[c] Councillors would undertake the S106 training from SSC via Teams on Thursday 2nd March at the Haling Dene Centre. Cllr Harper-Wallis would not be able to attend and will attend the 15th March Session via Teams.

5506. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

5507. DISCLOSABLE PECUNINARY INTEREST [DPI]

There were no Disclosable Pecuniary Interests received.

5508. WELCOME NEW ELECTED COUNCILLOR

The Chairman welcomed the new Co-Opted Councillor, Cllr Ron Kenyon, and present his badge of office.

5509. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Gary Poston, Croydon Drive, asked if the Parish Council were publishing details of the Elections with regard to change of Wards, Polling Stations etc.

The PA advised that the Parish Council was receiving the information from South Staffordshire Council and this would be publicised when received.

5510. SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE & STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Cllr Len Bates gave his update on Waste and Recycling – the Deposit and Return Scheme – which would be implemented on 1st October 2025 and details would be released once agreed. South Staffordshire Council have received money from Central Government for Schemes within the District under the UK Shared Prosperity Fund which mostly related to Climate Change and included the installation of EV Charging Points.

There were also grants for residents under the Partnership Beat The Cold Scheme.

The Environment Agency had undertaken a survey for the drainage in Penkridge and a meeting would take place to present the report at which the Chair of Council was invited.

Cllr Adams said that SSC were to update their laptops and go digital to save the 31,000 sheets of paper they produced and he would enquire if the Parish Council could have 15 laptops for Parish Councillors.

SCC Cllr David Williams advised that the Medium Term Financial Strategy [MTF] had been passed. The EV Strategy had now been produced and SCC and SBC were to identify what charges are required.

There are 600 plus Ukraine Refugees in Staffordshire and the Government have extended the time and funding for residents housing the Refugees to three years.

The Velocity Capacity used to undertake Category Three road repairs had proved not to cope well in the lower weather temperatures. The Thermo Patching proved more financially viable and used less materials. SCC were looking at a Business Case to take this forward.

5511. POLICE MATTERS

[a] The Police report for January was received.

5512. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting be approved for:

[a] Full Council Meeting of 12th January 2023

[b] The Follow Up Sheets were received for the Full Council, Haling Dene Management and Recreation and Amenities.

5513. COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes were noted for the:

[a] Planning Minutes for the 12th January 2023.

[b] Haling Dene Management Minutes for 26th January 2023

[c] Recreation and Amenities Minutes for 26th January 2023

5514. WORKING GROUP MINUTES

[a] It was noted that no minutes had been received.

5515. OUTSIDE GROUPS WITH PC REPRESENTATION

[a] The minutes were received for the Peace Memorial Hall meeting for 16th November 2022

[b] The minutes were received from the Penkridge Sports and Recreation Centre [Monckton] meetings of 17th October and 21st November 2022.

5516. ACCOUNTS

Resolved that:

[a] The accounts for payment for the month January be approved.

[b] The expenditure summary print outs for January were received.

[c] The January Monthly Summary of Accounts and Pie Chart for the website were noted.

[d] It was noted there had been a spend of £282.03 for advertisement/publication documentation for the first Public Workshops for the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.

5516. ACCOUNTS [Cont'd]

[e] The following accounting details were noted:

Current Account Balance	£ 73,197
Business Saver Balance	£275,086

Expenditure for the Month of January:

Full Council	£ 65,330
Haling Dene Mgt	£104,614
Recreation and Amenities	£159,314
Burial Ground	£ 33,596

Total Income for the Month of January

Full Council	£ 2,699
Haling Dene Mgt	£ 58,695
Recreation and Amenities	£ 62,936
Burial Ground	£ 11,047

5517. FULL COUNCIL DATE CHANGE

Consideration was given to changing the Full Council date from 11th May to 18th May following the Election and Kings Coronation the Parish Council may not be undertaken until Monday 8th or Tuesday 9th May.

Resolved that the Full Council meeting date be changed to Thursday 18th May.

5518. COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION

[a] It was noted that Cllr Calvert Stonehouse had submitted his resignation to the Chairman with effect from 1st February 2023.

[b] South Staffordshire Council had been advised of the vacancy and the Parish Council did not have to fill the vacancy due to the Elections in May 2023.

A proposal was put forward that the Council Co-Opt to fill the vacancy.

There were five votes for the proposal and five votes against the proposal.

The Chairman had casting vote and voted to not fill the vacancy by Co-option.

Resolved that the Casula Vacancy not be filled by Co-Option due to the impending Elections.

5519. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

[a] An update on the above from Council representatives.

Resolved that Cllr Lenz replace Cllr Stonehouse as a Council representative on the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.

[b] An invitation was received invitation to all Parish Councillors to attend the Neighbourhood Plan Pubic Workshops on Saturday 11th February 9.00 am - 12 noon and Saturday 4th March 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

5520. KINGS CORONATION

[a] An update for the above was received.

[b] Consideration was given to:

[i] A quotation to purchase commemoration mugs for First School children from the Prince William Pottery at a cost of £1,188 for 645 mugs.

Resolved that the quotation be approved.

[ii] A quotation from ABC Leisure for a Bouncy Castle, Giant Slide and Sumo Kangaroo Suits at a cost of £700 plus VAT.

Resolved that the quotation be approved.

5521. SUPPORT STAFFORDSHIRE

[a] Consideration was given to inviting the Support Staffordshire Locality Officer to speak to Council with regard to holding an exhibition of the volunteer organisations and charities that exist in the neighbourhood, following Cllr Eastwood's Notice of Motion considered at the January meeting.

Resolved that Support Staffordshire be invited to attend the March Full Council meeting.

5522. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING
Thursday 9th March 2023 at 7.30 pm.

5523. 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 9.35 pm

Chairman Dated