

Penkridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Penkridge Parish Council Meeting held On 10th February 2022 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]
"	Ms Gail Balance	
"	John Eastwood	
"	Mrs Isabel G A Ford	
"	Gordon Hawkins	
"	Ms Jacquie Leach	
"	Andrew Lenz	
"	Anthony Minshall	
"	Mrs Vivienne Smith	
"	Calvert Stonehouse	
"	Alan Smallwood	

Also in Attendance Ms L Hough
SCC Officer Mark Keeling, Two Police Community Support Officers
There were 11 members of the Public in attendance

Part I - Public Session

5297. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Andrew Adams and David Oldfield.

5298. PERSONALIA AND EVENTS

[a] The above was received for February 2022.

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

[c] I was noted the SSC Monitoring Officer would present a Code of Conduct and Nolan Principle training at the Haling Dene on 24th February at 6.30 pm and all Councillors are required to attend, details to follow.

5299. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5300. DISCLOSABLE PECUNINARY INTEREST [DPI]

There were no Disposable Pecuniary Interests received.

5301. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Jayne Smith of Whittamoor Lane gave information to Councillors in relations to Agenda Item 18 – Grant Application – Speed Reduction Whittamoor Lane/Levedale Road. She advised Councillors that the petition submitted had over 80 signatures in support of the speed reduction.

Mrs Chris Fellowes from Levedale Road/Whittamoor Lane also spoke on the speed reduction.

Mr Parker, ST19 5DP, thanked Councillors for their support with regard to the parking on the grass verge along the A449 and following letters distributed to residents by Cllr David Williams the parking was still continuing.

The Chairman advised that options to stop the parking on the verge had been presented to Staffordshire County Council and these were currently being considered.

Cllr Mrs Ford entered the meeting at 7.40 pm.

5301. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION [Cont'd]

Mr Peter Jones of the Saplings said the footpaths looked better following the re-surfacing but now the roads and pot holes needed to be addressed.

The Chairman said they would revert back to the meeting and due to the many Parishioners who had attended with an interest in agenda Item 18 this would be brought forward to the next agenda item.

5302. GRANT APPLICATIONS

- [a] An email was received dated 11th January from SCC Cllr Mark Sutton. SCC Officer Mr Mark Keeling gave information on the proposed speed reduction.
- [b] A petition was received from residents of Levedale Road and Whittamoor Lane supporting the SCC proposals to reduce the speed, as per the attached map, from 60 mph to 40 mph.
- [c] Consideration was given to a grant application from SCC Cllr Mark Sutton for £1,500 to part fund the speed reduction scheme in the Levedale Area, Penkridge.
- Resolved** that a contribution be made of £1,500 towards the cost of the speed reduction to come from the Recreation and Amenities Community Development budget.

5303. POLICE MATTERS

- [a] A Police Report was received for January 2022 and two PCSOs were in attendance at the meeting to answer Councillors' questions.

5304. SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE & STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Cllr Mrs Ford gave an update on the South Staffordshire Council's Locality Forum that had been held earlier that evening. She said amongst the subjects discussed were Flood Issues, Grants of upto £1,00 for Climate Change and Staffordshire are looking for a suitable person to carry the baton for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee relay.

5305. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the meetings be approved for:

- [a] Full Council meeting of the 13th January 2022
- [b] The Follow Up sheets for Full Council, Planning, Haling Dene Management and Recreation and Amenities were received.

5306. COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes were noted for the:

- [a] Planning Minutes for 13th January 2022
- [b] Recreation and Amenities meeting of 27th January 2022
- [c] Haling Dene Management meeting of 27th January 2022

5307. WORKING GROUP MINUTES

The Highway Liaison minutes was received dated 14th December 2021.

The Chairman of the Highway Liaison Group, Cllr Lenz, advised that there had still not been a response from Cllr Williams to the December minutes and it was coming up to two months.

Resolved that a letter be sent to the Staffordshire County Council Chief Engineer advising that the Parish Council were not receiving responses to the items raised in their Highway Liaison minutes.

5308. OUTSIDE GROUPS WITH PC REPRESENTATION

The minutes were received for the Peace Memorial Hall meeting of 7th December 2021.

5309. ACCOUNTS

- [a] Approval was given to the accounts for payment for the month of January 2022.
[b] The expenditure summary print outs for January 2022 were received
[c] The following accounting details were noted:

Current Account Balance	£ 44,341
Business Saver Balance	£314,757

Expenditure for the Month of January:

Full Council	£ 69,093
Haling Dene Mgt	£ 90,449
Recreation and Amenities	£ 65,090
Burial Ground	£ 34,621

5309. ACCOUNTS[Cont'd]

Total Income for the Month of January:

Full Council	£ 1,273
Haling Dene Mgt	£ 55,530
Recreation and Amenities	£ 5,363
Burial Ground	£ 22,943

5310. SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

- [a] A letter was received dated 13th January from SSC Chief Executive regarding the Community Infrastructure Levy.

Resolved that:

- [i] A reply letter be sent thanking them for the information and asking that they keep the Parish Council up to date on what Government propose and ask that they look at the situation from a Parish Council perspective.
[ii] The letter be forwarded to NALC and ask for information of what other CILs provide for Parish Councils and the reply be forwarded to South Staffordshire Council.

- [b] An email was received and considered from the Corporate Director Infrastructure and Business Growth with regards to EV Charging Points in Parishes.

Resolved that a reply be sent suggesting locations for EV Charging Points in the village of Methodist Church and Clay Street Car Park, Haling Dene Centre, Bridge House and Monckton Car Park adjacent to the Railway Station.

5311. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- [a] The Chairman's update on the above was received.

- A letter of Application for the Designation of a Neighbourhood Area for Penkridge Parish had been submitted to South Staffordshire Council, which had been accepted.
- A Zoom meeting was held with Hanna Barton from Urban vision on Friday 21st January which gave initial guidance
- A grant application for initial funding was submitted on Friday 28th January
- A centre double page advert had been booked in the March edition of the Penkridge Advertiser.
- Details had been placed in the March PPC News with initial questions and this would be distributed with the Penkridge Advertiser in March
- Approval of the Grant application will be notified by end of next week and the grant has to be spent by 31st March 2022
- A Teams meeting had been arranged with the Urban Planner at AECOM, to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan Technical Support, on Thursday 17th February

5312. HALING DENE CENTRE

- [a] The Haling Dene Chairman's update on the Boundary Wall was received. It was agreed that all quotations would be placed on the 10th March Full Council agenda with recommendations of how to take this forward.
- [b] Consider was given to a quotation from NTJ to supply and install five aluminium dog signs in the grounds of the Haling Dene at a cost of £479.95.
Resolved that the quotation be approved
- [c] It was noted that Councillors were requested to take part and help with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee events by placing their names against at least two sections of the Programme.

5313. WEBSITE

- [a] It was noted that the new Website and Email system was currently being drafted and once complete all Councillors will be sent the link to review the draft and make comments before it goes live.

5314. REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES

- [a] Consideration was given to appointing a member of the Council to attend the Penkridge Community Library Volunteer meetings and report back to the Recreation and Amenities Committee.
Resolved that Cllr Eastwood be the Council's Representative with Cllr Kelly as the reserve.

5315. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 10th March 2022 at 7.30 pm.

5316. 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 9.15 pm

Chairman: _____

Date: _____