

Penkridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee Meeting
held on 23rd March 2023 at 7.00 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	Andrew Lenz	[Chairman]
"	Alan Smallwood	[Vice-Chairman]
"	Mrs Petula M C Hughes	
"	Victor Kelly	
"	Ron Kenyon	
"	Mrs Vivienne Smith	

Non-Committee Members in Attendance were Cllrs Andrew Adams, Mrs Helen Adams and Anthony Minshall

Also in Attendance Ms L Hough

There were two members of the Public in attendance

Part I - Public Session

Councilor Lenz declared he was audio recording the meeting.

1590. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies received from Committee Members.

Non-Committee Members apologies Cllrs Gordon Hawkins and David Oldfield

1591. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Andrew Adams, Mrs Helen Adams and Andrew Lenz declared an interest in Item 7 – Allotments.

1592. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (DPI)

DPIs had been submitted from Cllrs Andrew Adams, Mrs Helen Adams and Andrew Lenz for Item 7 – Allotments

1593. MINUTES

Resolved that:

- [a] The minutes of the meeting of 26th January 2023 be approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Vice Chairman.
Cllr Lenz advised that he would not approve the minutes, in particular Item 1584[c], as he had submitted a DPI to speak and vote on Allotments and his vote had not been included in the count. He would take this matter to South Staffordshire Council's Monitoring Officer.
The Vice Chairman asked if all members of the Recreation and Amenities Committee would approve the minutes except Item 1584[c].
All members present agreed that the minutes were a correct record of the meeting.
- [b] The Follow Up sheets from the January meeting were received.

1594. MATTERS ARISING

There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes.

1595. 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.

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1594. PLAY AREAS

- [a] The PA gave an update on the Heron Play Area. South Staffordshire Council's Legal Department had drawn up a draft lease for the land and Councillors went through the lease and approved that the document be submitted to South Staffordshire Council, with their insertions and additions and a copy of which is attached to the official copy of the minutes.
Resolved that the draft Lease be submitted to South Staffordshire Council for the Heron Park land.

1596. ALLOTMENTS

- [a] An email dated 19th February was received from an Allotment holder giving his suggestions for holding bi-annual meetings with members of both sites. The Chairman asked that the PA reply to the allotment holder asking that he attend the 13th April Full Council meeting to advise Councillors of his proposals under the Public Participation section and that the Chairman be copied into the reply.
Resolved that the PA reply to the allotment holder asking that he attend the 13th April Full Council meeting to advise Councillors of his proposals under the Public Participation section and that the Chairman be copied into the reply.
- [b] A quotation was received and considered from M Bissell Trees and Hedges at a cost of £275.00 plus VAT to have work undertaken to the Ash Tree in the FGL allotments following a site meeting with the SSC Tree Officer.
Resolved that the quotation from M Bissell Trees and Hedges be approved.

1597. VILLAGE PARK

- [a] It was noted that following the resolution made at the January meeting regarding the above the PA had sent a letter to Persimmon Homes and spoke to a representative who had advised that at present there are no plans to provide a village park on that piece of land.

1598. WILDLIFE CAMERAS

The PA advised that the Wildlife Cameras were working very well and there had been no issues to report to Council. She advised that a further camera would be purchased in the new financial year.
Resolved that a further Wildlife Camera be purchased in the new financial year.

1599. PENKRIDGE COMMUNITY MANAGED LIBRARY

- [a] The notes were received from the meeting with SCC, Councillors and Library Volunteers on 8th March 2023.

1600. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 25th May 2023 at 8.30 pm

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm

Chair: _____

Date: _____