

Penkridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee Meeting
held on 27th July 2023 at 7.20 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 Helen Adams	
"	Ron Kenyon	
"	Gary Poston	

Non-Committee Members in Attendance were Cllrs Andrew Adams, Mrs Petula Hughes and Victor Kelly

Parish Administrator Lesley Hough

There were two members of the Public in attendance

Part I - Public Session

1614. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Committee Members – Cllr Mrs Vivienne Smith

Non Committee Members – Cllrs Mrs Jo Chapman, Sam Harper-Wallis and Anthony Minshall

1615. VIDEO/AUDIO RECORDING

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

1616. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Mrs Helen Adams and Andrew Lenz declared an interest in Item 10 – Allotments.

1617. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (DPI)

DPIs had been submitted from Cllrs Mrs Helen Adams and Andrew Lenz for Item 10 – Allotments

1618. MINUTES

Resolved that:

[a] The minutes of the meeting of 25th May 2023 be approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

[b] The Follow Up Sheets were received for the May meeting.

1619. 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

1620. PENKRIDGE COMMUNITY MANAGED LIBRARY

[a] The Penkridge Community Library Volunteers Meeting minutes were received from their meetings of 10th May and 12th July.

1621. PLAY AREAS

- [a] The PA gave an update on the Heron Play Area upgrade. The draft Lease and signed Section 106 Agreement had been returned to South Staffordshire Council on 14th July but there was no update when the funds would be released. Kompan had been contacted to see if it was too late to place an order for September installation, but the PA had not yet received a reply.

1622. WILDLIFE CAMERAS

- [a] It was noted that there have been no issues found on the above.
[b] It was noted the camera in the Haling Dene Grounds had been removed/stolen.
[c] Consideration was given to alternative locations for the camera currently in the Burial Ground. **Resolved** that the camera remain in the Burial Ground at this moment in time.
[d] Consideration was given to purchasing an additional camera. **Resolved** that an additional camera not be purchased.

1623. SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

- [a] Consideration was given to the PA's report with regard to the grant application for the above and costing for a new unit. The Parish Council were waiting for a decision from Staffordshire County Council if they will award a grant towards the cost of a SID. The PA advised if the Committee wished to purchase more SIDs in the next financial year the cost had to be incorporated into the budgets when they were considered at the November Financial and Resources meeting.

1624. ALLOTMENTS

- Cllrs Mrs Helen Adams, Andrew Adams and Andrew Lenz left the room and the Vice Chairman, Cllr Smallwood, chaired the meeting.
- [a] Consideration was given to the updates to the Allotment Rules and Regulations. **Resolved** that the updates be approved and under the header of Disposal of Waste the wording 'All waste must be taken away' be in bold.
- [b] The allotment holder uncultivated letters sent out following inspections were received.
- [c] It was noted that the boundary hedge to the Wolgarston Way allotments would be cut back following the nesting season.
- [d] The PA advised that the plan for the tap extension upgrade at Francis Green Lane allotments was not available to circulate to all Councillors and this item would be included on the October agenda. **Resolved** that the tap upgrade, together with the map be included on the October agenda for consideration.

Burial Ground

1625. BURIAL GROUND FENCE

The PA advised that she had contacted Carnell for an update on the work to be undertaken to the Burial Ground Pond Fence. If they were unable to undertake the work she would obtain quotations for the work to be carried out and place these on the September Full Council agenda for consideration. Costings could then be obtained to have the whole fence replaced in next financial year.

1626. GRASS CUTTING

Consideration was given to the frequency of cuts and the possibility of rewilding with meadow flowers.

Resolved that the grass cutting remain as it is and there be no rewilding with meadow flowers.

1627. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 26th October 2023 at 8.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.18 pm

Chair: _____

Date: _____