

Penkridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Penkridge Parish Council Meeting held On 6th October 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]
"	John Eastwood	
"	Sam Harper-Wallis	
"	Andrew Lenz	
"	Anthony Minshall	
"	Mrs Vivienne Smith	
"	Calvert Stonehouse	

Also in Attendance Ms L Hough
There were four members of the Public in attendance

Part I - Public Session

5418. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Andrew Adams, Mrs Helen Adams, Ms Gail Balance, Gordon Hawkins, Mrs Petula Hughes, David Oldfield and Alan Smallwood.

5419. PERSONALIA AND EVENTS

[a] The above was received for September 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.

5420. WELCOME NEW ELECTED COUNCILOR

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Sam Harper-Wallis and presented him with his badge of office.

5421. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

5422. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST [DPI]

There were no Disposable Pecuniary Interests received.

5423. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Claire Holden, Chair of Dunston and Coppenhall Parish Council, introduced herself. She thanked the Chair for attending their Parish Council meeting and asked that the two Parish Councils keep in contact and involve each other in matters of concern. She advised that they had recently received details of an application in the Dunston Parish and understand that details have also been circulated to Parish Councillors in Penkridge.

Mr Gary Poston of Croydon Drive said now a date had been set for the Horsefair Play Area re-opening had the Parish Council purchased a plaque to thank Veolia and had they invited a representative.

The Chairman advised that both items had already been arranged.

Mr Poston also asked when was the new website going to be up and running.

5424. SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE & STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Cllr David Williams gave his report to Council:

Pottal Pool Road PTTRO notices had been published for pre patching this year and Surface Dressing 2023/2024 financial year.

Cllr William's DHP monies for utilising the velocity Patcher to mend Cat 3 potholes in Penkridge had been identified but the start date was still to be confirmed. The areas had been identified where there were a noted number of Cat 3 defects already reported. The residents would be notified for vehicle removal and information as and when the repairs were to take place.

5424. SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE & STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL [Cont'd]

South Staffs had, with increased funding from SCC, identified areas where pathways and hedges would be tidied and trimmed.

All Parish Councils can assist with this by identifying land owners, both residential and larger, and encourage them to tidy and remove hedges encroaching the highway which includes the Paths and liaise through the local member where these actions have been unsuccessful and further help is required. Any help from Parish Councils to accentuate this work would be welcomed and District officers would be very willing to liaise with the Council to arrange and co-ordinate this.

Homes for Ukraine Stakeholder Update 24 August 2022 Summary – Staffordshire Position

- Today is Ukraine's National Day and marks 31 years since Ukraine achieved independence from the former Soviet Union.
- This week's update includes a good news story about a Ukrainian family who has made Staffordshire their temporary home and has praised the kindness and generosity of the county.
- The county council and its partners are continuing to work hard to ensure everything is in place to welcome refugees from Ukraine across Staffordshire and to support them when they are here.
- Since the start of hostilities, now more than six months ago, more than 115,000 people from Ukraine have now arrived in the UK under the Ukraine Family Scheme and Homes for Ukraine Scheme.
- As of 23 August 2022, 395 Staffordshire sponsors who had come forward and agreed to accommodate a total of 966 Ukrainian refugees. Of this number, 647 refugees have now arrived in Staffordshire.
- The County Council and its partners are continuing to press the Government for further information about how the schemes will operate for the rest of the year. We will include information in our Stakeholder Updates as and when this becomes available.

Cllr Len Bates gave his report on South Staffordshire Council's Local Plan. He advised that the Local Plan would be presented to the Planning Committee on 8th November which would then follow a Public Consultation between 11th November and 23rd December. The Plan would then be submitted to Local Government who would give a decision mid 2023.

Cllr Bates also reminded Councillors to attend the Parish Summit on 20th October.

5425. POLICE MATTERS

[a] There had been no Police report received.

5426. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting be approved for:

[a] Full Council meeting of the 7th July 2022

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

5427. COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes were noted for the:

[a] Planning Minutes for 7th July 2022.

[b] August 2022 Planning Submission

[c] September 2022 Planning Submission

[c0] Haling Dene Management meeting of 28th July 2022

[d] Recreation and Amenities meeting of 28th July 2022

5428. WORKING GROUP MINUTES

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

5429. OUTSIDE GROUPS WITH PC REPRESENTATION

[a] The minutes were received for the Penkridge Sports and Recreation Centre minutes of the 11th April, 16th May, 20th June and 25th July 2022.

[b] Peace Memorial Hall minutes of the 1st June 2022.

5430. ACCOUNTS

Resolved that:

- [a] The accounts for payment for the months of July and August 2022 be approved.
- [b] The expenditure summary print outs for July and August were received.
- [c] The signed Audit Commission Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2022 was received.
- [d] It was noted the June, July and August Monthly Summary of Accounts and Pie Chart for the website.
- [e] The following accounting details were noted:

Current Account Balance	£ 62,716
Business Saver Balance	£339,790

Expenditure for the Month of August:

Full Council	£ 31,413
Haling Dene Mgt	£ 47,321
Recreation and Amenities	£ 35,914
Burial Ground	£ 15,995

Total Income for the Month of August:

Full Council	£ 637
Haling Dene Mgt	£ 26,017
Recreation and Amenities	£ 40,181
Burial Ground	£ 5,705

5431. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- [a] Consideration was given to implementing the Councillors' Apologies procedure.

Resolved that the above procedure be approved and adopted

5432. CASUAL VACANCIES

- [a] Consideration was given to applications received for Co-Option to the Levedale Ward.

There was a paper voted for all five applicants.

First Vote – One Vote for Mr Croomer, three votes for Mrs Warrington and three votes for Mr Kenyon

Second Vote – Four Votes for Mrs Warrington and three Votes for Mr Kenyon

Resolved that Mrs Katie Warrington be co-opted on to the Parish Council.

5433. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- [a] An update was received for the above from Council representatives.

- [b] Following the cancellation of the meeting with South Staffordshire Council and Staffordshire County Council Officers and Councillors consideration was given to if the meeting should be re-arranged.

Resolved that the meeting be re-arranged.

5434. WEST MIDLAND INTERCHANGE

- [a] The notes were received from the PLG Meeting of 5th July 2022.

- [b] The notes were received from the CLG Meeting of 6th July 2022.

5435. NOTICE OF MOTION

To receive and Consider a Notice of Motion from Cllr Sam Harper-Wallis:

The Council to acknowledge that "current levels of global warming and future warming already committed constitute nothing less than an emergency for most life on this planet, requiring an emergency response by all levels of government, including local government."

In line with this acknowledgement the council will also commit to the following actions:

- a. The Council to commit to a net zero carbon emissions target by 2030
- b. The Council to create a climate committee. This committee is to be responsible for the implementation of the Net Zero 2030 commitment. This Committee will use the "ARUP You've declared a Climate Emergency... what next? - Guidance for local authorities" report as a starting point for the plan.
- c. The Council to write to South Staffordshire Council encouraging them to also adopt a 2030 Net Zero Target.
- d. The Council to write to and encourage nearby local parish councils to implement their own Net Zero Targets.

The motion was seconded by Cllr John Eastwood.

Resolved that the Council agreed to set up a Working Group for interested individuals and they would report back to the Parish Council in the first instance.

Standing Orders were suspended at 10.00 pm

5436. STAFFORDSHIRE PARISH COUNCIL ASSOCIATION

- [a] Consideration was given to nominating a representative to the SPCA Executive Committee when Cllr Kelly's term ends at the end of 2022.

Resolved that Cllr Kelly be re-elected.

- [b] Consideration was given to if the Council wished to submit a Motion for Debate at the Annual General Meeting on 5th December and if so which Parish Council they wished to approach to second their Motion.

Resolved that Cllrs Kelly and Minshall to forward wording for a Motion to the PA and Codsall Parish Council be asked if they would second the Motion.

5436. HALING DENE CENTRE

- [a] Quotations were received and considered to replace the kitchen door and glass panel to comply with the Fire Audit.

Resolved that the quotation from Paul Wright at a cost of £1,240 plus VAT be accepted.

5437. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 10th November 2022 at 7.30 pm.

- 5438. 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 10.10 pm

Chairman Dated