

**Penketh Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Penketh Parish Council**

**Held in the Pool & Community Centre on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 7:30pm**

**Present** Cllr D Baker (Chair)  
Cllr D Simm (Vice)  
Cllr L Ashton  
Cllr L Dirir  
Cllr G Fellows  
Cllr A Heaver  
Cllr D Keane  
Cllr C Lenihan  
Cllr R McKay  
Cllr D Solan-Cooper  
Cllr C Wych

**C2667 APOLOGIES**

Apologies Cllr T Keane

**C2668 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS**

None declared.

**C2669 COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT**

PCSO Heaps advised no burglaries, motor vehicle incidents, leasing with highways at Warrington Borough Council regarding signage for road works in Penketh. Trials being done regarding community speedwatch with a new speed gun. Complaints received regarding access along Windmill Road and dog fouling in the Penketh area and are liaising again with Warrington Borough Council regarding more bins and bags. Junction at Chapel Road has now been extended to prevent traffic turning right, however it has been noted this is still happening, plans in place to enforce correct usage of junction.

**C2670 ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

Cllr D Baker advised members of the public , that Mini Masterplan and library, a planning application 2019/34281 and Penketh Carnival were to be discussed further in meeting and asked for any other items to be raised at this point.

A resident asked about the installation of paths around Greystone Recreational Ground and in

particular to the new benches that had recently been installed, it was agreed that these would improve the parks, however when tendered for they were very expensive to install, questions were asked about reserves held, an explanation given on last year funds depleting due to two by elections and costs to remove Travellers from Penketh Parish Land.

Another resident asked about the maintenance of the planters along A562, Clerk advised a price from Warrington Borough Council had now been received and this was to be discussed in Part two as it was of financial sensitivity.

Another resident advised that Penketh Fire station was to be reviewed at the end of the year, and he felt that Penketh needed to fight to keep the station fully open not just on call as he felt if any further loses lives would be lost. Cllr D Baker advised that Penketh Parish Council and Ward Councillors would liaise with parishioners to fight against any loss to the local Fire services.

Another resident asked for a bin to be placed by new bus stop outside Penketh Gardens.

**Resolved: Clerk to ask Warrington Borough Council whether a further bin was possible.**

A resident introduced himself and advised that a letter had been forwarded to introduced Penketh and Cuerdley Residents Association and an invite to Parish Councillors to their next meeting. Cllr C Wych declared an interest at this stage. Clerk confirmed letter had been received.

**Resolved; Email of letter to be sent to Parish Councillors.**

## **C2671 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Clerk advised amendments to draft minutes had been received, as Full Council were not aware of changes it was requested changes were to be circulated before approval.

**Resolved: Clerk to circulate request received.**

## **C2672 MATTERS ARISING**

Clerk advised a change of banking had previously been requested due to the local branch closing and difficulties with banking of cash at local Post Office due to recent changes. A brief discussion on benefits and all in favour of change.

Initials .....

**Resolved: Clerk to instigate.**

A question was raised whether pavements were being repaired in Chapel Road works, works were not planned and prioritization had been done in 2015/16.

**Resolved: Clerk to ask whether when highways were being repaired if associated pavements could also be looked at, so residents were only inconvenienced once for any repair work.**

Cllr G Fellows advised he had recently been walking the area looking at road and pavement conditions, he would update Parish Council accordingly. A further discussion was held it was re enforced that the request for pavements to be looked at along with highway works was a good idea however felt it may not be an option as this would set a precedent for the Borough, it was agreed some areas needed the pavements doing however highways would take priority. Advice was given that they were done on a risk factor basis depending on severity of problem and followed National funding criteria. It was asked whether due to the end of financial year works were done as if budget not used it would be lost, it was advised a lot of work was dependent on weather and catch up was sometimes needed.

#### **C2673 CLERK'S REPORT**

Donation column was added to finance spreadsheet, Precept details had been sent to Warrington Borough Council, Clerk advised of the recent passing of George Warburton Cllr L Dirir then asked for all to stand for a minutes silence in memory of Mr Warburton. A tree had been felled at Heathside, it was advised the tree had an emergency Tree Preservation Order on since 2015 .A report had been sent to the Clerk on 13<sup>th</sup> February from Warrington Borough Council to explain the reasons behind the felling, and as on private land once approved no further notice for felling was required.

#### **C2674 PLANNING DECISIONS**

<b>Ref no.</b>		<b>Description</b>
<b>11.1 2019/341157</b>	90 Heath rd	<b>Prpsd loft conversation with rear dormer</b>
<b>11.1 2019/34147</b>	6 Fenham rd	<b>Prpsd sg storey kitchen/family room extn to rear &amp; side elevations</b>
<b>31.1 2019/34262</b>	Penketh High School Heath Rd	<b>Prpsd removal of existing low level bar metal railings &amp; installation of 2.4m high metal fencing providing improved</b>

Initials .....

		<b>safeguarding to school premises</b>
<b>31.1 2019/34281</b>	Land adj to 5 Hall nook	<b>Prpsd two storey 3 bed detached dwelling</b>
<b>08/01/2019 2018/33895</b>	126, HEATH ROAD, PENKETH, WARRINGTON, WA5 2DB - Proposed Single storey orangery extension to the rear	<b>Approved with Conditions</b>
<b>11/01/2019 2018/33934</b>	33, ST MARYS ROAD, WARRINGTON, WA5 2DT Proposed 1.5 storey side extension (with habitable room in roof space) & single storey rear extension	<b>Approved with Conditions</b>
<b>11/01/2019 2018/33836</b>	Land at Laburnum Farm, Laburnum Lane, Warrington WA5 3LE Proposed erection of a temporary agricultural dwelling (3 years) and associated works	<b>Refused</b>
<b>21/01/2019 2018/33987</b>	6, VICTORIA ROAD, PENKETH, WARRINGTON, WA5 Section 192 (Lawful Development Certificate) -Proposed rear dormer extension	<b>Approved with conds</b>
<b>23/01/2019 2018/33982</b>	4, BROAD OAK AVENUE, PENKETH, WARRINGTON, Householder - Proposed two storey side and rear extension	<b>Approved with conds</b>
<b>ENF/19/07240 04/02/2019</b>	62 Withycombe Rd	<b>Non-compliance with 2018/32304 (building closer to boundary than approved</b>

A show of hands from residents was requested regarding attendance to plans 2018/34281, 12 residents in attendance. Cllr D Keane declared an interest as he sat on Development Control Committee and would not be taking any part of discussion.

A discussion was held on said application, objection to be made proposed by Cllr L Dirir seconded Cllr D Simm, one Councillor not involved in discussion or vote ,one against and rest in favour.

**Resolved: Clerk to make objection on grounds loss of green space, loss of trees, street scene changes, possible terracing, highway safety on entering/exiting property**

Initials .....

Cllr L Dirir advised she would be objecting in her Ward Councillor position. Cllr D Baker stated it was so important for residents also to object to Warrington Borough Council.

## **C2675 MINUTES OF THE LAST MANAGEMENT MEETING**

None held in January.

### **C2676 Correspondence**

Item 1 Room at the Inn certificates had been distributed at end of last month's meeting, and Penketh Parish Council and employees had been thanked for all their hard work and donations received, Cllr C Lenihan had thanked the Towell family for Father Christmas initiative around Penketh. Cllr D Baker formally thanked on behalf of the Parish Council. There had been a house fire and initiative by member of staff praised for raising items for the family.

Item 8 request for placing of recycle bank within Penketh, a discussion was held if this would be a fund raising issue possibly for projects such as pathways, and it was requested

**Resolved: Clerk to enquire if there was an income stream connected.**

Item 9/15 two requests for updates on 'Master Plan'

There was a long discussion around Master Plan led in the first place by Cllr D Keane. Important points covered included: -

- The Parish Council is responsible for the pool and community hall. It is not responsible for the library however they do not want to lose the library.
- Several plans for the library had not come to fruition.
- There is a need for a regeneration plan for the area, this may include the Parish Council borrowing.
- A meeting had been held with Warrington Borough Council, Livewire and Cllr. D Keane over possible investments is the library, Pool and Youth Club and possibly the Local General Practice and Youth Club. The Management Company of Honiton Way Shops had no interest in being involved.
- It was important that all interested parties, including staff should be kept informed and possibly involved with any working group.

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- A Councillor pointed out that it was not a minuted meeting and therefore Cllr D Keane did not have a mandate.

A motion was put forward that Cllr. D Keane continue his discussions, as it had been stated no minutes had been taken when this had been discussed previously, with Warrington Borough Council and Live Wire and to report back in April's meeting. The voting was 6 in favour, 1 against and two abstentions.

**Resolved: - that Cllr D Keane would continue his discussions with Warrington Borough Council and Live Wire and to report back in April's meeting.**

It was further put forward that there should be a public meeting to take place in April. Voting on this was all in favour.

**Resolved: - that a public meeting should be held in April over the Master Plan**

Cllr L Ashton left 9pm.

An email had been received regarding the date being agreed for Penketh Carnival.

A discussion was held

- Cllr L Dirir declared an interest at this stage as a volunteer helper.
- Penketh Events team run the Carnival.
- Insurance, risk assessment, site plans, first aid and road closures applied for/completed.

Item 18 Keep Britain tidy this was an item that Cllr D Solan-Cooper felt could benefit the community

**Resolved: to add as agenda item for discussion at March's meeting.**

### **C2677 Parish Surgery**

No resident attendance

Parish surgery 10:30-11:30 Cllr C Lenihan 2nd March

### **C2678 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS**

Cllr A Heaver proposed that the accounts for February 2019 £18614.89 and the bank reconciliation as of £114,864.83 bank statements with cheques £36.20 unrepresented as of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. Seconded by Cllr D Baker Invoices signed.

Initials .....

Warrington Borough Council	301639	£1539.84
Concept rental	301641	£22.71
Barricade	301642	£6798.00
Warrington Borough Council	301643	£300.00
G Humphreys	301644	£104.34

Standing order KLS February £9850

Total £18,614.89

AOB

**C2679**

Cllr A Heaver had forwarded a request to discuss the Carnival oversight, he stated he had no issue with the Event however as it was on Parish land and handled monies he felt more transparency on the Event was required.

- Cllr L Dirir declared an interest as personal volunteer as did Cllr D Keane, Cllr D Simm, Cllr D Baker, Cllr R McKay and Cllr D Solan Cooper.
- Borough Councillors had not stepped down, Cllr L Dirir did not attend last year due to personal circumstances and Cllr D Keane main responsibility was road closures and parade arrangements and help on the day.
- Accounts for 2017 and 2018 were shared and any surplus to be used the following year.
- no cost to Penketh Parish Council.
- No salaries or benefits taken or donations home or abroad, nor were any monies received from Penketh Parish Council.
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Cllr A Heaver thanked for openness and transparency of accounts.

Cllr D Keane asked for Standing Orders to allow meeting to continue seconded Cllr A Heaver all in favour.

A further discussion between Councillors was held on social media reports, and any malicious accusations of offensive statements to be reported to the Police as a criminal offence. The event was praised as a fantastic free Event for the Community.

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