

Penketh Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Penketh Parish Council held via Zoom on Wednesday 11th November 2020 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr R McKay (Chair)
Cllr L Ashton
Cllr L Dirir
Cllr G Fellows
Cllr A Heaven
Cllr D Simm
Cllr C Lenihan
Cllr D Keane
Cllr T Keane
Cllr D Solan-Cooper
Cllr C Wych

Also, in attendance: Lois Burey (Clerk)

The meeting was opened by Chairman McKay at 7.30pm

The Council all stood for a 1-minute silence for Remembrance day.

C2908 Apologies

No Apologies were received

C2909 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS

Members were reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal or prejudicial interest that they may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when the item was reached.

Cllr Fellows raised a declaration of interest as a customer of Penketh Pool and Community Centre.

Cllr Lenihan declared an interest regarding the quotes in part 2 as the names were not provided, He was concerned that he may vote for a customer who he worked with.

A discussion between Councillors took place as it was thought other Cllrs should declare an interest.

C2910 Cllr Simm Stepping down as Chair

Cllr McKay read out a statement regarding Cllr Simms help within the wider community and the Hub as a volunteer.

C2911 Election of Chairman

Cllr Dirir proposed Cllr McKay for the new Chairman of the Council

Seconded by Cllr Simm

Resolved:

A vote was taken, and all Councillors were in favour. Cllr McKay was elected as Chairman for Penketh Parish Council.

Chairman McKay accepted the position.

Chairman addressed the Council and thanked them for electing him.

A discussion then took place with Cllrs regarding the shortened meetings and the Chair stated this will continue whilst meetings are conducted over zoom.

C2912 Election of Vice Chair:

Cllr Dirir was proposed for Vice Chair by Cllr Ashton and Seconded by Cllr Simm.

Cllr Ashton was proposed for Vice Chair by Cllr Fellows and seconded by Cllr Solan-Cooper

Cllr Ashton advised she would not like to be put forward for Vice Chair.

A vote took place electing Cllr Dirir as Vice Chair. 6 in Favour, 5 Against.

Cllr Dirir thanked the Council and accepted the role of Vice Chair.

C2913 Motion 1: All Councillors taking part in Zoom calls to be visible.

Proposed by Cllr Wych and seconded by Cllr Heaver.

The Cllr who proposed the above motion explained why it was important to be visible on zoom, the seconder echoed the proposers motion.

A discussion took place between Councillors who were for and against the motion.

Resolved

The motion was lost 5 in favour 6 against.

1. C2914 Motion 2: Penketh Parish Council resolves that all elected members will have a DBS check to be held by the Clerk

Proposed by Cllr Simm and Seconded by Cllr Keane.

The Cllr who proposed the motion explained why it was important to have DBS checks in place, this was echoed by the Cllr who seconded the motion.

A discussion then took place between Cllrs who were for and against the motion. A Cllr mentioned that the DBS checks were not lawful, as the position of local parish councillor is not in itself eligible for enhanced level barring service.

Resolved

A vote took place, and the motion was agreed, 6 for 5 against.

Action:

Clerk to write a policy regarding the DBS check and advise on how it is to be held.

C2915 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS July, August, September, and October

A discussion took place regarding the minutes as a Cllr felt they were inaccurate. Cllr Keane moved to a vote and was seconded by Cllr Simm. A Cllr advised that minutes should be to the

point and succinct. A Cllr advised that 3 amendments had been submitted, the Chairman advised that as these were not on the Agenda they could not be put in the minutes. The chair then moved to the vote.

Resolved

A vote was taken and the minutes were approved 6 for 5 against. The minutes were circulated prior to the meeting and were agreed as being an accurate record of the meeting.