

Penketh Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of Penketh Parish Council
Held in the Pool & Community Centre on Wednesday 10th July 2019 7:30pm**

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

Also in attendance: Kerry Duffin (Deputising Clerk)

The meeting was opened by Chairman Simm at 7.30pm

C2739 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs T Keane and Lenihan.

C2740 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS

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

C2741 COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT

PCSO Heaps submitted his apologies for not attending the meeting. PCSO Heaps was patrolling the fair however submitted a verbal report of 'nothing to update' via Council.

C2742 ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

1. Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) on Greystone Recreation Area

A member of the public presented 29 letters of objection to the proposal. A discussion took place regarding consultation and the public support of the project. Council clarified and reassured the public that no firm plans have been made for a MUGA or for an alternative on the land. First and foremost, the council needs to receive the hydrological report which will ascertain what the ground can and cannot

be used for, presenting a set of options. Warrington Borough Council and The Environment Agency are also involved in ascertaining the issues with the land. Members of the public raised their concerns regarding anti-social behaviour and future increases with lighting the area. In addition, a member of the public raised whether young people who will be using the facility have been consulted. A timetable of the project was requested so the public are aware of the timescales involved.

2. A member of the public has sent photographs of the planters to the Council stating that they have been insufficiently maintained and are an eye sore, proposing that there is a program of three visits per year to maintain them appropriately. It was raised that the planters were showing rust. The Council responded that they have already received a quote for the work and are seeking a further two, and that the lifespan of the planters will also be reviewed.
3. Removal of no 32 Bus Service - an update from Council. Since the last meeting, Penketh Council has met with Ben Wakerley from Warrington's Own Buses along with representatives of the user and engagement groups. The 32 service will not be reinstated due to financial losses. However, an alternative circular service will be trialled around Penketh on weekdays but not evenings or weekends. Penketh Parish Council reassured the residents that there is an open dialogue with the necessary partners and the Parish Council is doing all it can. Austerity is having an impact and vital services are being effected across the whole borough.

Residents queried whether the return on the £12,000 investment is proportionate and that getting into Warrington will require two separate buses.

C2743 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED: Minutes from meetings held on 8th May 2019 were approved as an accurate record. All those present at the May meeting were in agreement.

Minutes from the meeting held on 12th June 2019 had two typographical amendments.

RESOLVED: The minutes were otherwise approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

Minutes were proposed and seconded by Cllrs Dirir and Fellows.

C2744 MATTERS ARISING

1. Removal of Planters

Penketh Parish Council provided an update. Police are happy to remove the planters but are awaiting approval from Warrington Borough Council officers. PCSO Heaps is also liaising with Warrington Borough Council, assuring that once the changes have

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been made, the new sightline will be satisfactory.

Some residential complaints are possibly linked to different planters – Warrington Road/Clifford Road.

Council requests that the planters are not completely removed from Penketh but are utilised in more appropriate areas.

2. Speed Indicator Device (SID) position

No decisions have been made regarding the locations of the device however discussions are underway.

3. Hydrological Report

This item was addressed in the Public Forum.

4. To change Standing Order 8.2d to reduce speech time for Councillors from 5 minutes to 3 minutes

The motion was presented by Cllr Heaver, adding that it is important that meetings start and end in good time. A Point of Order from Cllr Dirir was raised, querying whether the motion was valid, and was instead an issue for Matters Arising.

ACTION: Clerk to clarify from Standing Orders if the decision approved at the last meeting can be called in by a minimum of three councillors and therefore reviewed.

A second point of Order was raised by Cllr Keane regarding the validity of darts as a legitimate reason for not attending a meeting. It was agreed that the reasons for each Councillor are subjective and therefore must be taken on a case by case, meeting by meeting basis.

Cllr Baker left the meeting at 8.32pm and returned at 8.34pm.

ACTION: Clerk to ascertain to the Council the reasons and process for putting forward a motion and to clarify the Standing Orders. Reasons for councillors giving apologies also to be verified and noted in the minutes.

It was raised that the Parish Council must act legally and constitutionally, despite these discussions detracting from the Parish issues that are being raised.

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Attendance at the management meeting was discussed and that the widening of the membership to include all councillors was having an impact on meetings being quorate.

ACTION: Clerk to remind Councillors of the responsibilities for the management meetings and when apologies are needed.

C2745 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report was noted.

C2746 PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS

Ref no.	Address	Description
13.6 2019/35086	2 Walton Ave	Prpsd sg storey extn to side and rear
18.6 2019/35201	23 Tannery Lane	Prpsd sg storey extn
18.6 2019/35134	201A Warrington Rd	Prpsd change of use of first floor to D! For podiatry clinic

No comments were made on Planning Applications.

C2747 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MANAGEMENT MEETING

There were no recent minutes in the Councillor Pack to note.

C2748 CORRESPONDENCE

Council requests further information regarding correspondence items including a copy of the correspondence in the file and a clearer description on the summary sheet.

C2749 REPORT FROM PARISH SURGERY

The issues raised were all Borough Council matters including:

1. The changes to the bus service and the disenfranchisement of the public in Penketh Court
2. Dead tree removal
3. Speeding on the A562 and the Mersey Gateway which is generating more traffic through Penketh.

Next Parish surgery Cllr L Dirir 1st September

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C2750 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL & INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

No questions arose from Council regarding the accounts.

Cllr Keane proposed that the:

- Accounts for July 2019 and the monthly expenditure of £101.15 and DD KLS £9850.
G H Humphreys 301671 £101.15
- Closing balance of £248,927.78 and unrepresented cheques £110.00 were accurate.

Seconded by Cllr Solan Cooper.

All were in favour.

RESOLVED: The accounts were approved as accurate.

Cheque for the Clerk was signed by the Chairman and Cllr Heaver.

A discussion took place relating to an audit query re: staff costs for training for the leisure centre and whether the costs appear in the leisure budget or training/staff costs. In addition, a plan for changes of personnel is needed as well as the associated costs. This item will be brought to a future meeting by the Clerk.

Cllr Baker left the meeting at 9pm.

C2751 AOB

The AOB items could not be discussed as there were no accompanying papers in the packs. These will be added to the next agenda.

The meeting closed at 9.13pm.

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