



Penketh Parish Council

Annual Parish Council Meeting APCM

Minutes

meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 9th May 2022

At Penketh Pool & Community Centre

PART 1

Opening

- 1. In attendance: Cllrs Beddows, Fellows, Fox, Haywood, Heaver, L Jones, S Jones, Layfield, Lenihan, Potts, Solan-Cooper**
- 2. To receive member's apologies for unavoidable absence - None**
- 3. 3.1 Code Of Conduct – Declaration of Interests
3.2 Localism Act 2011 - Dispensations**

4 To Elect a Chairman for 2022/2023

Nomination – Cllr Solan-Cooper	Cllr Potts
Proposer - Cllr Beddows	Cllr Fellows
Seconder - Cllr S Jones	Cllr Fox
Show of hands 3	6

Resolved that Councillor Michael Potts be elected as Chairman of Penketh Parish Council

[ii] Declaration of acceptance of office – signed by Cllr Potts at the meeting

5 To Elect a Deputy Chairman for 2022/2023

Nomination – Cllr Fellows	Cllr L Jones
Proposer - Cllr L Jones	Cllr Layfield
Seconder - Cllr Fox	Cllr Haywood
Show of hands 2	7

Resolved that Councillor Leigh Jones be elected as Vice Chairman of Penketh Parish Council

[ii] Declaration of acceptance of office – signed by Cllr L Jones at the meeting

6 Declarations of Acceptance of Office and Register of Interests

Signed at the meeting

At this point the new Chairman advised that he was deferring the co-option item agenda to a future meeting. Two applicants had advised they were unable to attend due to being unwell and given the council were going to be renewing committee membership with the existing councillors. Taking both of these factors into account, he felt it more appropriate to defer.

Cllr Heaver asked the Chairman if he could read out a statement, as he announced he was resigning from his role as parish councillor. His request was refused on the basis of a full agenda, with Cllr Potts then changing his decision. Cllr Heaver did not wish to proceed and left the meeting.

7 To appoint members to the Finance Management Committee

Councillors: Fellows, Layfield, Lenihan, Potts, L Jones

Cllr Layfield suggested that a chair of this committee could be voted in once co-option has taken place

Cllr Lenihan has some concerns over the membership of the two committees and suggests combining the two

8 To appoint members to the Business Management Committee

Councillors: Haywood, Layfield, Fellows, L Jones, Lenihan, Potts

9 To appoint members to the Planning, Licencing & Development Committee

A proposal was made to dissolve this committee and put back to full council

Proposed Cllr Fellows Seconded Cllr Haywood – all in favour

10 To appoint members to the People & Scrutiny Committee – comments on changing this to People & Governance, this covers staffing, health, safety & well-being, GDPR and data protection, compliance, audit & risk

Proposed Cllr Potts Seconded Cllr Beddows – all in favour

Membership – Councillors: Lenihan, L Jones, Fellows, Potts

11 To appoint members to the Open Spaces Committee

Councillors: Beddows, Lenihan, Haywood, Fellows, Potts

12 To appoint members to the Building Stronger Communities Committee

Councillors: Lenihan, Fellows, Beddows, Haywood, Fox, L Jones

13 To appoint members to the Communication & Marketing Committee

Councillors: Potts, Lenihan, Fellows, L Jones, Haywood

14 To approve the Minutes of the previous Meeting – April 2022

Cllr Fellows gave apologies as he had not read the minutes prior to the meeting, he feels they are quite weighty and some issues have commercial sensitivity around them, Cllr Potts shares concerns and will defer to a future meeting.

Comments made about ease of public viewing

15 Matters Arising – N/A

16 To receive updates from Committee Meetings

Cllr Layfield advised a lot of time is being spent talking about the pool and the Business Management Committee, with the fortnightly meetings. He will talk a bit further in the Pool update item.

Cllr S Jones updated that the Finance Committee had started to meet fortnightly to support the Business Management Committee and looking at financial performance.

17 Consideration of Planning Applications

JW advised that information on planning applications had been sent in the Cllr pack ahead of the meeting

Cllr Beddows advised one of the apps is about fencing and he has had contact with the two parties involved and was looking to support from WBC colleagues if needed?

Halton Borough Council have also submitted a proposal to build 400+ houses on a site in the authority area. As a neighbouring borough we have been notified.

Cllr Lenihan advised there are a number of sites put forward, by White Moss and the Everglades hotel. We can comment but it doesn't hold much weight. Cllr Potts, any issues that might impact residents of Penketh? Cllr Lenihan, no, there is a compound that is off the existing road and shouldn't impact public rights of way. Reference to it being greenbelt land.

Cllr Lenihan also advised about the appeal against the refusal of the LED sign to the side of Warrington Road.

18 Finance

18.1 Applications for Financial Assistance None

18.2 To approve accounts for April 2022

Proposed Cllr Solan-Cooper Seconded Cllr L Jones – 6 in favour, 1 abstain

18.3 To approve regular and ad-hoc spend for May 2022

Proposed Cllr Solan-Cooper Seconded Cllr Potts – all in favour

Cllr Fellows has asked for info on the spend to be incorporated within the minutes

Cllr L Jones has suggested there needs to be discussion about the repair costs of roller shutter over the front door at BM Committee. Cllr Solan-Cooper advised that it hasn't been repaired as it is more cost effective to get it replaced.

19 End of Year Accounts [Statement of Accounts] 2021/2022 – deferred to June meeting to being AGAR information

20 Queens Platinum Jubilee – update

Cllr Solan-Cooper gave an update about the beacon, which will arrive in the next few days. He has been working through the logistics of events night, regarding qualification of tickets.

There will be a bugler, which is the call to attention prior to the ceremony and support from the scouts who will be providing light refreshments, the beacon will be a permanent structure in Penketh Gardens and will fit into some long term ideas for Penketh Gardens.

Cllr Potts offered the support of others around the table and thanked those involved.

Cllr Fellows asked for the minutes to reflect his thanks to Cllr Solan-Cooper and those involved.

A member of the public was allowed to ask a question about the numbers allowed to attend, Cllr Potts advised that they were looking at the event management and updates would be sent out.

21 Individual Councillor Reports / Questions

Cllr Potts has spoken to the landlord of Honiton Square shops about the litter and he will be getting out to all shops to gauge how they're feeling about the condition of the square.

Cllr Lenihan confirmed that WBC are starting to process the council tax rebates for DD payers, it can't be taken off the monthly payments as it is for fuel costs. He thinks there is a form on the website for non DD payers.

Cllr Lenihan hasn't heard back from WBC about the lighting in the alley near Latham Hall.

Cllr Lenihan – has managed to get agreement from WBC to do some work to the planters. Cllr Potts has asked if there was any discussion about their degradation, Cllr Beddows confirmed that when he had spoken to the company who made them and they visited site, it was confirmed that they are structurally sound.

Woolston have had some of their planters removed, Cllr Potts asked to link in with them so we can find out how.

Cllr Solan-Cooper has had some complaints about parking on Honiton Way, contractors are causing obstructions on Honiton Way and Greystone Road. Has asked a WBC cllr to pick up a request to renew the yellow lines. There are also a lot of them parking at the back of shops, as they work on a local development. Cllr Fellows advised a similar development near Chevy's (Manchester Road) have applied for use of/parking on double yellow lines to alleviate some of the issues.

Cllr Solan-Cooper has had complaints from service users, with only the dry side open, has noticed a lot of non-users parking and is concerned how this will work once the pool reopens and users can't park there.

Cllr Potts has had some contact regarding the cemetery and the cut throughs need clearing. Cllr Beddows suggest that Penketh High need to be contacted about the hedges growing onto the pathway.

22 Parish /Borough Council Surgery Report – May 2022

Two people attended, with the same issues as the last surgery. Details to be passed to JW to pick up.

23 PCSO Update – April/May 2022

Sent with the Cllr Pack

Parish Council Meeting Police Report for March/April 2022.

Sergeant Neil Bradley neil.bradley@cheshire.police.uk

PC Peter White peter.white@cheshire.police.uk

PCSO Roger Stevens roger.stevens@cheshire.police.uk

Summary for Penketh and Cuerdley.

The main issue is commercial, Fiddlers Ferry has been reporting a huge increase in urban explorer's gaining entry into the power stations grounds by damaging the fence then once within the grounds they are braking into buildings again causing damage.

A moped was stolen from Newlyn gardens in what we believe was targeted by a criminal gang who ride in tandem with pillion riders and target and steel mopeds.

In an unrelated incident to the above three males went on a stupid spree on pushbikes cycling in the middle of Warrington road and we believe they may of attempted to steal a large motorcycle that was a none runner left on the driveway of a property, but since it was a none runner it could not be started.

Anti Social Behaviour.

Penketh. 3.

Cuerdley. 0

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Theft of motor vehicle

Penketh. 1

Cuerdley. 0.

OTHER INCIDENTS

We are receiving complaints about commercial vehicles parked on either Greystone road or Honiton way causing obstructions, these vehicles are generally waiting to unload goods to the new build and each time an officer has attended there has been no obstruction.

A third party has been to the police station complaining on behalf of the crossing attendants on Warrington Rd, apparently a vehicle/vehicles have been parked on the crossing, however there is no official crossing and no parking restrictions in the location.

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TRUCAM SPEED ENFORCMEENT

TruCam speed enforcement has been carried out on Farnworth Rd and Warrington Rd, several vehicles have been found to be travelling above the prescribed speed limit.

Other matters –

We are looking at reports of off road motorcycle ASB, reason for this is that we have vastly increased our off road motorcycle unit, the more reports of this sort of anti-social behavior we get the more chance of getting the unit over to Warrington, I am very much aware of the motorcycle ASB on the Trans pennine trail, Moore nature reserve and not on Warrington but affects us is Daresbury firs where PLEV's offences destroy the environment.

24 Correspondence for April/May 2022

Sent in Cllr pack, update at meeting.

Tree issue picked up on, Greystone/backing on to Cherry Tree Avenue – JW has visited and been communicating with resident, needs to be looked at after nesting season.

Cllr Potts has asked for this to be deferred to Open Spaces Committee

25 Clerk's Report for April/May 2022

Business as usual, preparing for the year end internal audit and AGAR completion

26 Co-option – Cllr Solan-Cooper

Deferred

27 Swimming Pool Update – Cllr Layfield

Cllr Potts advised that work had started on to the sumps today and work will soon start on filling and commissioning the pool.

There are still some issues being worked on, one key issue is lighting.

Thanks were given to all of the Cllrs who have worked on the changing rooms, giving their own time to clean and paint and save some money

Cllr Solan-Cooper also thanked those who had jet washed outside the entrance to the building

Cllr Layfield updated that we are now looking at phase 2 options for the changing rooms, possible part 2 discussions around hoists as commercially sensitive

28 AOB

Cllr L Jones thanked Cllr Solan-Cooper for all of his hard work over the last 12 months

29 To confirm date and venue of next meeting

Monday 13th June 2022, 7.30pm at the Pool & Community Centre

Cllr Potts confirmed the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Friday 27th May at 7.30pm in the community hall. The reason for it being a Friday, is the hall is in use every night and this is the only day where service users finish early enough to be able to hold a meeting.

Close – 8.45pm

Public Forum

TRS advised that 10 other people had wanted to attend the meeting tonight but didn't want to come to this room. Cllr Potts advised that it was held in this room as it was the annual meeting of the parish council., as we do livestream and can accommodate people in the committee room
Cllr Potts has announced the Annual Parish Meeting in the community hall to accommodate more people.

TRS asked if any grants were made from the fairground donations, Cllr Potts is unsure but thinks the PC got in the region of £600.

TRS has questions from others.

TRS raised an issue that someone claiming to be working on behalf of the parish council had been in to local primary schools asking for money to support the Queen's Jubilee. She has had 2 schools feedback. Councillors disputed this, Cllr Haywood has been to schools in relation to the Queen's Green Canopy and tree planting and Cllr Solan-Cooper has been in contact, with the Beacon trail leaflet.

TRS asked if anything had come through from Harrison's Funfair? An email or phonecall? JW advised no and had communicated directly with them.

TRS asked about former grievance and issues with HR and pay – this will be picked up outside of the meeting.

TRS wanted to complain that she had received something anonymously through the post, with email content that could only have been shared by a Cllr. It has been logged with the police as harassment.
TRS raised an issue with double voting for the Chair and Vice Chair, this has been rectified and the result remains the same

Cllr Fellows asked for confirmation that the donation from Harrison's was £600

Public forum closed at 8.54pm.

Clerk & RFO to Penketh Parish Council