

# Penketh Parish Council

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## FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023

At Penketh Pool and Community Centre Committee Room, Penketh WA5 2EY

Members of the press & public were welcome; the meeting was recorded.

Meeting opened at 19:38

### PART ONE

Chairman: Cllr Michael Potts – *Meeting moved due to Easter BH Monday.*

**C001 Present; N Farrell, G Fellows, K Harkin, A Haywood, K Layfield, M Potts & E Peters.**

**C002 Apologies for absence; L Fox, L Jones, S Jones & C Lenihan**

**C003 Election of Chairman of the Council**

Cllr Fellows nominated himself, no other nominations received – all agreed in a unanimous vote.

**C004 Election of Vice-Chairman of the Council**

Cllr Haywood and Cllr Peters nominate themselves for Vice Chairman unanimous vote for Cllr Haywood – all agreed.

**C005 Declarations of Interest**

C005 a Code of Conduct – Declaration of Interests

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.

*Cllr Fellows noted as Chair of Penketh Swimming Club/as a customer of the swimming pool – However there was nothing listed that would cause a reason to declare an interest.*

C005 b Localism Act 2011 – Dispensations

Members were reminded of their responsibility to make a request for a dispensation to speak on any matter for which they have declared an interest. – None

**C006 Membership of Committees 2023/24**

**1) Business Management Committee - S Jones, K Layfield & M Potts**

**2) Finance Committee – E Peters, M Potts & K Harkin**

**3) People & Governance – M Potts & A Haywood, N Farrell.**

**4) Open Spaces – E Peters, A Haywood & K Harkin**

**5) Communication & Marketing Committee – TBC**

**6) Building stronger Communities – N Farrell, K Harkin, A Haywood & E Peters**

Cllr Potts to liaise with Cllr Lenihan regarding which committee he is interested in. Committee meeting schedule to be agreed.

**C007 Bank Mandate** – four members nominated to be authorised signatories to the council and Bacs payments namely Cllr Fellows, Cllr Haywood, Clerk, S, Jones, and L Jones to remain as signatories.

**C008 Community Policing Report** – Report from police about another door kicking incident on Beadnell Drive, isolated incident so far. Reports received of male drinking on the park areas leaving smashed glass on play areas, police have yet to find this male in the act. Reports of drugs being smoked on Greystone rec and the small park near Station Road, these areas have been patrolled drugs paraphernalia has been found but no one has been caught anyone smoking drugs at the locations.

Trucam device has been deployed on Farnworth Road and Warrington Road and 15 vehicles were found to be travelling about the prescribed speed limit. Fiddlers Ferry Power Station remains the point of interest to urban explorers and is such the highest repeat location for incidents in Penketh and Cuedley.

The rough sleeping male has moved back to Moore nature reserve – police are currently trying to locate his new wild camping location.

**C009 To sign and as a correct record of the minutes from the last meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023** – E Peters had asked from some amendments which have now been finalised. Unanimous vote to agree on the minutes.

**C010 Matters arising from the minutes** – none.

**C011 Committee reports & Recommendations** – Verbal report – none

**C012 Clerks Report** - Verbal report – Lifeguard course started 12<sup>th</sup> May and recruitment is in place for the pool to reopen, Kings Coronation on Greystone Park was a great success with positive comments from the public who enjoyed the event. Recruitment of Clerk now in place.

**C013 Correspondence** – Freedom of information request regarding the fairground, Cllr Potts to reply

**C014 Report from Parish surgery** – Delayed due to Coronation and Bank Holiday.

**C015 Planning** - Possible issues raised with parking on Farnworth Road, Penketh. Issue with the fence around the Sportsman’s Arms public House, Cllr Lenihan to look into.

**C016 Finance** - Latest Bank statements shared with all councillors, as well as the reconciled monthly accounts

Ad-hoc Expenditure	PPC Account		
Coult Decorators L SLPS/00548		20/04/23	£2580.00
2144 Warrington B		04/23	£21.00
2144 MSFT * E0700N		28/04/23	£5.04
Trinity Joinery &TJC-106		04/04/23	£10,789.20
<b>Total Ad -hoc Expenditure</b>			<b>£13,395.24</b>

Ad-hoc Expenditure	Pool Account		
Apple Store – iPad		17/04/23	£499.00
<b>Total Ad -hoc Expenditure</b>			<b>£499.00</b>

**C017 – Date of next meeting to be to be proposed as Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 19:30 at Penketh Parish Pool & Community Centre Committee Meeting room – agreed.**

**C018 – Public Question Time**

Question regarding the trees at the back of the Sportsman’s Arms encroaching into their garden was not sure who to be speak to, established it was the responsibility of Warrington Brough Council. Issue also with mess around the site. Complaint about litter on Honiton Way and Greystone Rec is an eyesore. Question regarding when the pool will be open, was informed that training was taking place for lifeguards and as soon as possible the pool will be open. Complaint about planters on Warrington Road, also established it was the property of WBC.

**C019 Matters for further discussion - none.**

**MEETING CLOSE** - 20:25

Clerk to the Council *Joanne Locke*

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