

Penketh Parish Council

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OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting held on Tuesday 27th June 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 19:00

PART ONE

Present; N Farrell, L Fox, A Haywood, K Layfield, C Lenihan & E Peters

Apologies for absence; G Fellows, L Jones & M Potts

Election of Chairman of the Council

Cllr Layfield put himself forward as chairperson.

Proposed: A Haywood

Seconded: N Farrell

Unanimous vote

Declarations of Interest

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. None

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

Date of next meeting to be proposed as Tuesday 25th July 2023 at 19:00 at Penketh Parish Pool & Community Centre Committee Meeting room – agreed.

AOB

EP – requested that we have a tree policy, branch's overhanging on play area on Withinshaw park. Need to look at quotes on tree cutting, some quotes are 3 months old and will need to check if still honoured. EP checked with WBC about hedge and tree cutting and they can be cut at any time of the year as long as a bird inspection has been carried out beforehand. EP to send details to KL, AH also has quotes.

The family of a local man have donated a bench and goalposts for Greystone rec. These should be installed around the 22nd July 2023. They will also be donating 2 cups for local football teams. The money for the goalposts has been deposited in the bank. Enquiries made for funding from the FA, two volunteers have offered to assist with funding.

KL – needs to find out options and costs to move forward.

AH – suggested the need to engage with users of the equipment.

CL – to set up a survey online.

KL – Happy to start a project regarding a consultation strategy, will need to get more information on of Open Spaces budget as it is split between the three parks.

AH – suggested consideration of contract of grass and hedge cutting around Greystone rec.

CL – The Trans Pennine Trail which is used by Penketh residents, there is money to be obtained to use, even though we do not own it as a council we could have a say in how it is used. Survey of use to be done when it reopens. **AH** – Suggested a possible remembrance walk from the Ferry to Spike Island.

CL – Planters on Warrington Road, WBC have done a full survey CL to discuss further with Senior WBC officers.

KL – Drainage on Greystone rec will be a priority due to flooding.

MEETING CLOSE - 19:32

Clerk to the Council *J Locke*

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