

Penketh Parish Council

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FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held on Monday 10th July 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 19:40

PART ONE

C039 Present; Cllrs G Fellows, L Fox, K Harkin, L Jones, S Jones, K Layfield, M Potts & E Peters.

C040 Apologies for absence; Cllrs N Farrell, A Haywood & C Lenihan

C041 Declarations of Interest

C041a 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.

C041b 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

C042 Public Question Time

Questions asked from a group of residents about the children's home on Farnworth Road, residents had concerns that have been ongoing for several years including damage to personal property, threatening behaviour, noise complaints and violence. One of the issues brought up was parking as there is very limited space to park and there would be numerous staff visiting the house at all times of day and night. No space for the children to play as there is no garden, nearest green space is Withinshaw park which is across a busy dual carriage way. Penketh Court has been built since the property was last licensed. Clerk to send a letter to WBC regarding this matter, GF to email licencing, planning and safeguard officers. The Clerk and Deputy Clerk to help any residents with posting on to WBC about their issues.

Sound was muted to protect vulnerable children and protect people from harm.

C043 Community Policing Report

In the last four weeks a White Ford Transit high top van being driven by two Asian males has been stealing scrap metal as well as pedal cycles. The vehicle has been between Manchester, Cheshire and Liverpool stealing scrap. The vehicle has an ANPR marker placed on it and hopefully will be stopped and dealt with.

Youths have been setting fires on Withinshaw rec, Cheshire fire and rescue have attended and extinguished the fires. There has also been reports of fires being set in the woods off Station Road but yet to be confirmed.

Anti-Social Behavior.

Penketh. 4 reports of ASB.

Cuerdley. 0

Speed Enforcement TruCam device was deployed on both Farnworth Road and Warrington Road with a total of 76 activations.

Other Incidents Penketh High school, Two males on a moped with no VRM and faces covered have ridden into the school at pick up time and attempted to take/steal a mountain bike.

One male caught on Moore nature reserve with a quantity of cannabis in his vehicle.

Due to the number of fires being started in the wooded areas around Warrington West, I will be approaching the schools in my ward of Penketh and Cuardley and offering fire safety talks in hopes of preventing any future fires over the summer season.

EP – found a large amount of suspected drugs whilst out litter picking. Had issues with trying to get a police presence to deal with.

MP – Fires have been set around near the brook close to Eagle Sports field.

GF – The councillors have been invited to attend the Police & Crime Commissioners annual meeting which is due to be held at Warrington Town Hall on Tuesday 18th July 2023.

EP – queried an outreach programme to speak to youths that have been starting fires.

KH - brought up the use of kids zone in Warrington town centre.

EP – asked if the churches did an outreach programme.

MP- asked if when the Chair and Clerk goes to the Police & Crime Commissioners meeting to ask about the £5,000 match £5,000 to see if we can get some funding.

C044 To sign as a correct record the minutes from the last meeting held on Monday 12th June 2023.

Proposed: KL

Seconded: KH

Vote: 7:1 in favour

C045 Matters arising from the minutes – none.

C046 Committee reports & Recommendations – Open Spaces Committee have met and will be meeting again on the 25th July 2023. Building stronger communities committee have met and will be meeting again on 17th July 2023. Business management committee will be meeting on 11th July 2023. Finance management to meet on 27th July 2023. People and Governance date to be confirmed to meet to discuss and review policies.

C047 Chairmans report - none

C048 Clerks Report – This is my second month in the role, will be completing an online course. The council has been invited to attend the spreading of ashes on Greystone rec. I have also spent time on the local parks sorting maintenance on the equipment.

C049 Report from Parish surgery – Cllrs Farrell and Lenihan attended, no report back as yet.

C050 Planning

Application Reference	Application Type	Location Details	Proposal	Ward	Parish	Consultation Closes
2023/00768/CLDE	Section 191 Certificate	23 Lapwing Lane, Penketh, Warrington, WA4 6XB	Retention of Garden room	Penketh and Cuerdley	Cuerdley	14-07-2023
2023/00759/TPO	TPO	65 The Park, Penketh, Warrington, WA5 2SG	Proposed remedial works to x1 tree	Penketh and Cuerdley	Penketh	11-07-2023
2023/00744/FULH	Full Planning - Householder	8 South Dale, Penketh, Warrington, WA5 2AD	Single Storey Side Extension	Penketh and Cuerdley	Penketh	13-07-2023
2023/00685/FULH	Full Planning - Householder	19 Cuerdley Road, Warrington, WA5 2UB	proposed single storey front extension	Penketh and Cuerdley	Penketh	05-07-2023
2023/00682/FULH	Full Planning - Householder	19a Cuerdley Road, Warrington, WA5 2UB	proposed single storey front extension	Penketh and Cuerdley	Penketh	05-07-2023

C051 Finance - Latest Bank statements shared with all councillors, as well as the reconciled monthly accounts

Ad-hoc Expenditure	PPC Account		
EP Litter picker		01/06/23	£10.74
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Barricade	New bench to be paid back by donation	02/06/23	£1315.20
New Radios		02/06/23	£359.99
EPOS Stand		06/06/23	£468.50
Amazon	Toilet rolls	09/06/23	£59.80
NW Heating inv 1857		14/06/23	£608.69
Amazon		16/06/23	£139.77
A&B Services		28/06/23	£102.00
Wickstead		28/06/23	£64.19

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Total Ad -hoc Expenditure			£3212.76

Ad-hoc Expenditure	Pool Account		
Amazon		01/06/23	£76.70
Amazon		02/06/23	£67.20
Total Ad -hoc Expenditure			£143.90

LF – queried what Barricade was, this is to replace the bench that was vandalised on Greystone rec.

MP – a mobile card reader is to be sent to us as back up if any issues with the current till occur. There is no charge when using it.

MP – Talk Talk has now been cancelled.

There were no applications for funding.

Proposed: MP

Seconded: LF

Vote unanimous

KH – left the meeting at 20:35

C052 – Date of next meeting to be to be proposed as Monday 11th September 2023 at 19:30 at

Penketh Parish Pool & Community Centre Committee Meeting room – agreed. A Discussion was had as to whether a meeting will be held in August. It was decided only an extraordinary meeting would be held if anything arose that needed discussing.

C053 – Matters for further discussion.

KL – St Pauls church have today started The Ark experience open in the afternoons and Saturday's to the public. This is free of charge and all are welcome.

GF – WBC have sent updates regarding repairs to roads and pavements in Penketh, PPC can make recommendations to WBC on what the residents feel needs prioritising.

MP – Norton Avenue is particularly bad.

GF – Document from WBC to be sent to all councillors. Station road has a flooding issue and Coronation drive. GF to speak to WBC.

PART TWO

EP – has a meeting arranged with volunteers to apply for funding for Greystone rec for equipment for the residents, met with some children on the rec to ask what they would like for them to use.

LJ – suggested implementing rates for renting the land at Greystone rec, research about other local authority's rents.

The pool carpark was discussed regarding the possibility of ANPR technology so that the pool customers have somewhere to park when attending lessons or pool parties. The Clerk will write to find out who owns the Youth Club so they can be informed.

MEETING CLOSE - 21:44

Clerk to the Council *Miss J Locke*

**Cllrs are kindly requested to raise questions with content of the agenda prior to the meeting and to notify of unavoidable absence to the clerk no later than 17:00 on the day of the meeting where possible **Questions from the public may be emailed to the Council clerk no later than 17:00 on the day of the meeting to be read or taken as read in order for a response to be prepared for reply in the meeting under correspondence. At the discretion of the Chairman replies may be returned via email only depending upon the nature and content.*