

# Penketh Parish Council

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## OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 19:00 in

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

Members of the press & public are welcome.

**Committee Members; Cllrs N Farrell, G Fellows, A Haywood, L Jones, K Layfield, C Lenihan, E Peters & M Potts**

**Meeting opened 19:00**

### PART ONE

1. **Present;** N Farrell, A Haywood, K Layfield & E Peters

2. **Apologies for absence;** G Fellows, L Jones, C Lenihan & M Potts

### 3. **Declarations of Interest**

#### 4.1 Code of Conduct – Declaration of Interests

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal or prejudicial interest that they may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when the item is reached - None

#### 4.2 Localism Act 2011 – Dispensations

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

4. **To sign as a correct record of the minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023.**

**Proposed: KL                      Seconded: AH**

**Vote 3 in favour 1 abstention**

5. **Open Spaces Strategy update** – a discussion was had about the three green spaces in Penketh, Greystone rec is very popular for sport and recreation and dog walking, large enough to accommodate circus, fairs, and carnivals. Close to shops, people use it for wellbeing. EP- not many people are aware of Penketh Gardens for a quiet green space. Withinshaw park – issue with trees not being maintained and gets overgrown, public right of way is not very big between the houses. The field floods and the play equipment is not very popular. EP suggested a Multi-Use Games Area. There is also antisocial behaviour due to the park being secluded by trees and bushes. Suggested lighting or cameras. EP & AH took out the damaged fencing. Penketh Gardens – AH & MP got quotes to repair the pathway and replace trees. EP- Parents take children there to learn how to ride their bikes. The goal posts on Greystone rec have been a great success with the community, however we are unable to put nets up as they cannot be managed safely. EP- to contact Steven Marshall's family with the feedback.

6. **Trees Update** - KL to work on a tree policy so it can be put on the PPC website. Some of the trees around the pool have been removed or cut back to decay and becoming a health and safety issue. A discussion was had about what could be put in place – a low hedge was suggested. EP to speak to WBC about a tree survey.

7. **Response to Sankey Strikers Land User request** – this item was brought forward as a member of Sankey Strikers came to the meeting to advise on what they would like user wise from the rec, a discussion was had about using the small posts for their under 11's training sessions on an evening and for a game on a weekend. Once they have secured a ground, they can apply to the FA for funding which can be used to pay for work on the rec. Sankey Strikers have their own equipment and are happy to organise community sessions with no fee. They would be able to marshal the parking issues themselves.

**AH left at 20:00**

**8. Drainage on Greystone Rec Update** – EP has got two new quotes and is awaiting a third, EP to case. KL to look at quotes and information EP has provided.

**9. Action Log Review** – updates were made to the log of any actions that have been done since the last meeting.

**10. Date of next meeting was proposed as Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 19:00 ay Penketh Parish Pool & Community Centre committee meeting room – Due to the room being booked the meeting has now been moved to Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 19:00.**

## **PART TWO**

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Administration of Meetings) Act 1960 it is resolved that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press leave the meeting during consideration of;

**MEETING CLOSE** - 20:48

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 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.*