

Penketh Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDING FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Thursday 21st August 2025 AT 18:00
To discuss BESS Planning Application (Ref 2025/00999/FULM)
Held at Penketh Pool and Community Centre, Sports Hall
Members of the press & public were welcome; the meeting was recorded.

MEETING OPENED AT; 18:10
Minute Ref: 25/26–280 to 25/26–286

41 Members of the public in attendance. *(Register of names taken)*

25/26–280 – Present: Cllr Fellows, Potts & Treanor
In attendance Mr S McGlynn (Clerk) & members of the public.

25/26–281 – Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs E Peters, T Booth, A Haywood & J Dodds.

25/26–282 – Declarations of Interest

Cllr G Fellows as chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and declared that as he is also a member of Warrington Borough Councils Development Management Committee he would step down from chairing the meeting. Cllr Fellows remained present in a non-participatory capacity but did not contribute further to the discussion or decisions relating to the application. This was to protect his ability to represent the community fairly at Warrington Borough level.

25/26–283 – Chairing of Meeting

Due to the limited number of Councillors present Cllr Potts then chaired meeting informing attendees that the Parish Council had already submitted an Objection at the screening option stage specifically calling for a full Environmental Impact Assessment.

25/26–284 – Draft Parish Council Objection Letter

Cllr Potts then read out Draft Parish Council response letter which due to limited number of Councillors in attendance could not proceed to a vote and therefor would be submitted by the Parish clerk under delegated Authority.

Action: Parish Clerk to submit via email Letter of Objection by 26/08/2025.

25/26–285 – Meeting Discussions

A range of residents gave their views on the issues this Application would cause if approved and all were advised to submit individual objections listing all the valid reasons why the application must be rejected. A group of residents and Cllr Peters had held a session at Penketh community centre that morning to help residents' complete Objection letters which the clerk had printed over 100 off for this session. It was also recommended that this action group continue meeting to provide further actions as required and would if possible be supported by the Parish council. Further Objection letters were also completed at the end of this meeting for submission.

25/26–286 – Close of Meeting

Meeting closed at 19:05

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