

Penketh Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 9th March 2026 at 19:00
Held at Penketh Pool and Community Centre

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

MEETING OPENED AT; 19:00

Present:

Cllrs Fellows (Chair), Booth, Cooper, Cunliffe, Eriobuna, Potts, Treanor, White.

Late: Cllr Cunliffe 19:03. Cllr Eriobuna 19:04

Clerk: Mr Stephen McGlynn

Members of the Public: 0

Police: 1

25/26-377. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Dodd, Haywood, Towell.

25/26-378. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Fellows declared interests as Chair of Penketh Swimming Club and private pool hirer.
Cllr Potts declared an interest as residing at the same address as Cllr Fellows.
No further declarations.

25/26-379. Approval of Minutes (9th February 2026)

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 10 November 2025 were approved subject to a minor correction of changing Cllr Dodd to Cllr Potts as arriving late for the start of the meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Booth

Seconded: Cllr Potts

Resolved : Meeting minutes Approved

25/26-380. Matters Arising

No matters raised.

25/26-381. Police Report

Steve Grady attended the meeting and mentioned that the main issues are still regarding Fiddlers Ferry Power station site with stealing and trespass being ongoing concerns. Brief update given on the possibilities on PCSO cover across the region.

Action for the Clerk to send across to Steve dates of Parish council meetings and Surgeries for the rest of the year.

25/26-382. Finance

Payments for Approval – February 2026

Council considered all payments and direct debits for February 2026.

Proposed: Cllr Fellows

Seconded: Cllr Cooper

Resolved: That all payments for February 2026 be approved.

25/26-383. Motion from Councillors

Discussions held to look at approving funding under Section 137 obligation that a total of £9000 is made available to benefit 11 organisations (See briefing document). Each group to have freedom to choose how best they feel funds could make a positive impact on their group and/or the wider community within Penketh. This includes funds for an additional grant for one of the organisations who the council feel has made the best impact in enhancing their group or wider community in Penketh.

Proposed: Cllr Potts

Seconded: Cllr Cooper

Resolved: Council unanimously agreed that this motion is taken forward.

25/26-384. Chairman's Report

Nothing to report at meeting.

25/26-385. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported:

Looking at pool and hall price increases for next financial year.

Pool and hall income continues to remain at consistent levels, with strong demand for hire leading up to Easter period. One

Lifeguard has left to start maternity leave; two additional Lifeguards recruited as replacements for natural wastage over the past few months.

Waiting for further quotes to come in to be able to repair potholes on carpark.

Update given of Election breakdown costs as requested by Councillors at last meeting.

Update given as to delegated spending approvals as requested by Councillors at last meeting.

Contract sent out to Circus who potentially will be visiting last week in May on Greystone recreation ground.

25/26-386. Correspondence

Received Enforcement correspondence relating to 2 cases in Penketh, 1 complaint regarding change of use of residential property to care home and 1 complaint regarding operating a business from a dwelling.

25/26-387. Planning Matters

Planning applications listed within the agenda pack were noted, no objections raised. One further application received relating to building of 33 chalets and car parking at White Moss Nursery and Garden centre. Clerk to submit Objection with help from Cllr Potts.

25/26-388. Parish Surgery Report

No public attended the last surgery session.

25/26-389. Public Question Time

No members of the public were present.

25/26-390. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Full Council will be held on:

Monday 13th April 2026 at 19:00

PART TWO

25/26-391. Architect Cost Community Pool and Hall Refurbishment

Motion around Architect potential costs discussed by Councillors and it was agreed to give delegated powers to the Clerk/Deputy Clerk and Cllr White to select a company to provide detailed plans only.

Proposed: Cllr Cunliffe

Seconded: Cllr Booth

Resolved: Council unanimously agreed that this motion is taken forward.

25/26-392. Staff Pay Review

Motion regarding pay review discussed based on national minimum wage increase set by government that start in April 2026 and based on employment contracts and age. Clerk to action this as RFO. Clerks' pay rates will be raised when announced by CHALC and backdated as is standard practice.

Proposed: Cllr Booth

Seconded: Cllr Cooper

Resolved: Council unanimously agreed that this motion is taken forward.

Meeting closed: 8:40pm