



Penketh Parish Council

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Parish Council Meeting

MINUTES

Of the Meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 11th October 2021
at The Manna House, Warrington Road, Penketh.

PART 1

Opening

1 Chairman's welcome

2 In attendance

Chairman Dale Solan-Cooper

Councillors Cllr K Layfield, Cllr A Heaver, Cllr L Beddows, Cllr L Fox, Cllr G Fellows, Cllr C Lenihan, Cllr S Jones, Cllr L Jones,

Clerk & RFO T Rogers-Smith

Public 8 members inc applicants for Co-option.

3 To receive member's apologies for unavoidable absence

Cllr M Potts (Pre planned holiday)

4 4.1 Code of Conduct – Declaration of Interests

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal interest or prejudicial interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda as soon as they become aware of that interest.

None.

Cllr Leigh Jones at item number 12 – listed below

Cllr Geoff Fellows at item number 12 – listed below

Cllr Craig Lenihan at item number 12 – listed below.

Clerk for Penketh Support Group

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.

5 To approve the Minutes of previous Meetings

Three sets of minutes were signed for August, September Full Council, and a September Extraordinary Meeting.

9th August Full Council Meeting – **Proposed by: Dale Solan-Cooper Seconded by: Cllr Layfield**
All in attendance in Favour.

13 Sept - **Proposed by: Cllr Fox Seconded by: Cllr Fellows All attendance in Favour.**

22nd Sept Extraordinary - **Proposed by: Cllr L Jones Seconded by: Cllr Beddows All in attendance in Favour.**

6 Matters arising from the minutes

NA.

7 To receive updates from Committee Meetings

None

8 To receive a Police Report – PSCO Stephen Heaps

I am sorry that I have not been in contact these last couple of months but I have been off on sickness and catching up on everything. Please find my report.

1 report of criminal damage,

2 reports of theft of pedal cycle, 1 of which was returned to their owner using bike register

Number of parking tickets and advisory notices issued in the area for parking on the pavements

I have been attending local primary schools ensuring parking and people dropping off children has been safe and sensible however myself and PC White have had to send emails to schools in relation to people parking on the yellow zigzags during school drop off times.

Attention paid to Wythenshawe Rec as we have reports of youths gathering in the undergrowth drinking alcohol and smoking cannabis previously, I have had asked the parish to cut this back as the same actions were carried out on Sankey Valley and this help reduce ASB and other crime a lot I believe this help reduce matters there as well.

Bike marking events to be held in the month October these will be advertised locally and via social media.

On-going support to the Fiddlers Ferry Power Station this has proved successful with 1 male being charged for going Equipped for theft and more possible arrests to follow.

Speed enforcement carried out on Warrington Road with a number of activations

9 Co-option

Cllr Dale Solan-Cooper opened up the conversations about Cllr Co-option since two vacancies arose.
List of Submissions in alphabetical order:

Andrea Haywood

Martin McManus

Gary Slater

Kate Snape

Each member was given the opportunity to speak for up to 5 minutes.

Members then moved to a vote:

Kate Snape and Andrea Haywood were elected to the Parish Council – Clerk asked them to sign the documentation.

10 Planning

Chair reminded members of the public to add notes to the consultation for the local plan. Cllr Solan-Cooper to add link to PPC website.

Cllr Steve Jones asked if the Cllrs were to add collective comments to the plan and this was resolved to be discussed at the next planning committee meeting.

11 Land Use Agreement

Discussion was had around the definition of the term “group”, Cllr Andy Heaver asked to table an amendment to the motion. Cllr Leigh Jones advised this was to cover any organised activities and to ensure safety and mitigate any liability to the council. Cllr Lenihan and Heaver wanted to defer the motion to a future meeting. Cllr L Jones ensured the members of the public in the room the motion was designed and intended to encourage usage of the recreational ground.

Resolved to defer to another meeting.

Motion

Land under the jurisdiction of Penketh Parish Council can only be used by a ‘group’ with the express permission of the Council, to be agreed at a meeting, and by the submission of required documentation and the signing of a Land Use Agreement. This proposal supersedes any previous agreements made before this day.

Proposer Cllr Solan-Cooper; Seconder Cllr L Jones

Motion failed to gain approval.

12 Finance

12.1 To consider Funding Requests

Cllr L Jones declared an interest in TALE being a friend of the trustees.

Cllr Geoff Fellows declared an interest in being a member of the RBL.

Cllr C Lenihan declared an interest in being a member of the RBL.

a British Legion

Motion

Penketh Parish will continue their longstanding support for the Remembrance Parade this year with a donation of £600 towards the cost of putting the event on. As a council we understand the importance of such an event to the community and recognise the additional difficulties faced this year after the impact Covid-19 has had and the withdrawal of support for these parades by Cheshire Police.

Proposer: Cllr Lenihan; Seconder: Cllr Fox

Resolved: motion passed all in favour. (Cllr G Fellows, Cllr Lenihan Abstained)

b Penketh Lions

Item deferred to November meeting as Cllr Lenihan advised he’d spent all his time on Item A and ESAG and this one hadn’t been completed.

c Penketh Support Group

Discussion was had about the application from Penketh Support Group who used the community hall for a defibrillator fund raiser event (Clerk had already raised declaration of interest as a member of the

group) Cllr C Lenihan advised this has been deferred from a previous committee meeting as they didn't have the required Grant Application form and Cllr C Lenihan pointed out it still wasn't contained in the pack, Clerk advised this had already been circulated to Cllrs and didn't need to be again included in today's pack. Moved to a vote on removing the cost of use of the PPC community hall at Honiton Way.

Proposed by: None stated.

Resolved: All in Favour.

d TALE (The Adam Lewis Effect)

Although no application had yet been received, discussions were had about what the charity is, with Cllr L Jones advising that they complete health screening and raise awareness of Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome (SADS). A heart related issue predominantly effecting young people. Consensus was that the council were happy to support this should an application be received. The Adam Lewis Effect Foundation Registered charity number 1161819.

12.2 To approve Accounts for Payment

Cllr L Beddows asked what JDH was for, Clerk confirmed this was for the Auditor later confirming this was the regular auditor the council has also used in previous years.

Cllr G Fellows asked to confirm what "DBS" was and this was for the sound company which was used for hire of equipment whilst utilising the Manna House as our temp venue.

Cllr C Lenihan questioned the payments and stated he wasn't going to approve a three-letter company he had never heard of (JdH) and stated he wanted to know more about it before approving payment. Cllr Lenihan advised that the Clerk had added a variable to it by stating that its paid twice, clerk advised that its standard practice that the auditor would come in twice throughout the year. Cllr Lenihan stated he could not vote for approving the payments as they were inaccurate to which the Clerk disagreed.

Resolved – two Cllrs in Favour, two against, 5 abstentions. Casting vote went to chair who voted in favour. Payments approved.

12.3 To receive Summary Accounts to date for 2021/2022, including Receipts, Payments, and Bank Reconciliation to the end of September.

Resolved – two Cllrs in Favour, two against, 5 abstentions. Casting vote went to chair who voted in favour. Payments approved.

13 To receive the Internal and External Audit Reports

13.1 - To receive the Internal and External Audit Reports

A copy of the internal audit has been circulated to all councillors. Clerk confirmed they should be online shortly.

13.2 - To agree an action plan for the Internal and External Audit Reports

Cllr L Jones advised that he felt this should be picked up by a committee to work out an action plan and he was more than happy to support with this.

14 Correspondence

To consider responses to correspondence received.

Only issue was average speed question and asked for any feedback which none was received – clerk to deal BAU.

15 Individual Councillor Reports / Questions

Cllr Fellows gave an update on the last Parish and Borough Surgery which he picked up for Cllr Heaver and Cllr M Potts stood in for Cllr L Jones. Cllr Fellows advised that two issues were raised of a personal nature and had been sorted and that he felt the council should be promoting this better to drive attendance and awareness the surgeries were taking place.

Cllr Heaver gave an update on Whitemoss site which was the Garden centre was reduced and the land was bought and allegedly used for trailer storage. We suspect that they were burning tarps and that trailers were being dismantled they were going in and rear axles were coming out. They have also set up a self-storage business and a van was advertising this has been parked on the roundabout at Doe Green. WBC have been contacted to try and get this moved on, but Cllr Heaver said apparently, it's not breaking any laws. Cllr Heaver advised it's a 28-day period before enforcement could begin.

Cllr Layfield – Gave update on 6 items for the pool. **Insurance** – Cllr Layfield gave update that we have sent further details to Zurich re a claim and clerk confirmed this is being picked up. Measured **survey models** have been received and used to look at options. Cllr Layfield and Cllr Fellows visited **Beechwood Leisure Centre, Runcorn** and they have recommended key contacts for refurb and maintenance work going forwards. Cllr Fellows confirmed an email had come in today – which he had forwarded to the clerk. Structural Survey – Quotes sought from a few providers. Optioneering exercise hopeful that Cllrs will receive a high-level update (without costs at present).

16 To confirm date and venue of next meeting

The next **Meeting** will be at 7.30pm on Monday 8th November at Pool and Community Centre Committee room.

Close

Public Forum

No questions from the Public

Tina Rogers-Smith, Clerk to Penketh Parish Council