

## Penketh Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting of Penketh Parish Council

Held in the Pool & Community Centre on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019 7:30pm

**Present** Cllr D Simm (Chair)  
Cllr R McKay (Vice)  
Cllr L Ashton  
Cllr L Dirir  
Cllr G Fellows  
Cllr A Heaver  
Cllr D Keane  
Cllr T Keane  
Cllr C Lenihan  
Cllr D Solan-Cooper  
Cllr C Wych

#### **C2724 APOLOGIES**

Cllr D Baker apologises received.

#### **C2725 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS**

Code of Conduct - Declarations of Interest Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal or prejudicial interest that they have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when the item is reached.

#### **C2726 COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT**

PCSO Heaps reported there were no thefts, motor thefts or criminal damage in the last month. Reports of suspicious activity around Walkers Lane/Chapel Road and requested any CCTV footage not to be posted on social media but forward to local police. Speed enforcement had been carried out in May and 195 activations over the speed limit along Warrington Road with highest speed being 60 mph. He advised that 30 mph repeater signs and road markings were unable to be implemented due to nature of the highway that is the width of the lanes are engineered for 60mph, plans being looked on how to engineer road for 30mph, making narrower, possibility of cycle path. Also consideration being looked at further bay positions for speed van as not capturing all traffic due to planters on central reservation. Possible move of planters. Also he asked about the purchase of the speed gun for the speed watch initiative.

**Resolved: possibility of moving planters to use speed van in central reservation.**

Cllr C Lenihan asked for clarity on theft of and theft from vehicles, at a recent Warrington

Borough Council meeting it was discussed about extra volume of traffic using A562 and at Bridgefoot Island and whether WBC could work with the Parish on speed calming and such initiatives. Cllr D Keane thanked PSCO Heaps for his proactive approach in working with partners to solving problems and asked to clarify what was meant about lane changes as felt would lead to further congestion, clarification made only to slightly narrow the lanes not to reduce to one lane , so to conform to 30mph regulations.

PC Deluce. introduced herself and advised the Parish Council and residents about issues that has been brought to police attention, and being investigated monitoring such pages on comments ‘not necessarily’ linked to political matters, but ‘personal insults’ ‘ a hate element’ which officers will be ‘investigating and progressing stringently’ and to contact her if any questions around this subject.

### **C2727 ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

A number of residents in attendance regarding the loss of the number 32 bus service. Questions were asked for an update. Cllr C Wych advised she had attended a Warrington Borough Council meeting and Russ Bowden felt a separate forum would be required.

A future meeting has been arranged with Cllr L Dirir, Cllr D Simm and Warrington Own Buses Managing Director and two residents who utilised the bus service and knew the route to look at possibilities and options, with view to a possible tender situation. A resident also commented that not only the bus services in Penketh have been reduced once the new Chapel ford Warrington West Station is open the train station Sankey for Penketh would be dramatically reduced, and that this had been known for 2 years previously they believed.

Cllr C Lenihan raised this matter had been discussed both 31 and 32 residents on South being cut off, at the recent WBC forum with Council leader Russ Bowden and Cathy Mitchell . Cllr C Lenihan also advised of a recent post from MP F Rashid had stated he was asking for WOB for free travel for under 19 year old, it has been asked for free service for all, and has responded asking for his support in resolving the matter as quickly as possible. Cllr D Keane added that the bus service was a life line for residents and affects their health, both mentally and physical, it was stated this was the result austerity measures used to gain government cuts over the last ten years, a balance was required on spending within the Parish to satisfy all spectrums of the community, as questions asked about recent costs regarding update and new playground equipment, it was explained grants were being sought for this. A resident raised the issue of recent double yellow lines being painted on Chapel Road to prevent cars parking to help the bus access the narrow roads, now the bus had been stopped.

A resident advised that he had sourced lights for Christmas Event on Square free of charge, as

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long as they were securely stored after usage. Councillors applauded this offer and thanked the resident.

**Resolved: Cllr R McKay to liaise with resident.**

A resident asked about SID, she was advised on agenda.

A resident asked for updates on his emails, was advised being dealt with and update would be given to him.

A resident asked for notification of Parish meetings as she did not use Social media she was advised they are held each second Wednesday of the month bar August. It was advised WBC meeting had also only been advised on social media and poor attendance.

**Resolved: Clerk to look at areas to put agendas, dates already held at library and baths.**

### **C2728 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Cllr L Dirir queried recent changes she had made, problem with ink and confirmed changes had been changed, and asked when made public, advised only made when approved and seconded. Cllr D Keane asked for amendment on C2711 and C2715 DBS moved to a future meeting for further investigation and to discuss the point in Part Two for May 8<sup>th</sup> 2019 moved to Part Two.

### **C2729 MATTERS ARISING**

Playground leadership, Cllr D Simm advised he was meeting with three Contractors and hoped for quotes for next meeting. Cllr A Heaver advised he had 4 quotes regarding the Multi Usage Games Area (MGUA), he asked if in a position would be at the next meeting, discussion was held regarding drainage on Greystone and installation would not make a difference as porous base, survey on Greystone Recreational Ground and this would be needed before any new installation, suppliers were not concerned with this and issuing 35 year warranty, Cllr C Lenihan suggested of the possibility of writing a clause into any contract drawn regarding the flooding and possibility of preferred contractor invited to pre meeting before full council meeting to discuss the matter. Chair advised to discuss in part two.

Hub project leadership/milestones Cllr D Simm had attended an initial meeting and a further one to be scheduled in the next two months, it was asked why was the meeting not made aware to full Council, it was stated Prof S Broomhead had called the meeting and a further discussion was then held on who called it, as it had been stated Cllr L Dirir had called it, and questions on attendees of the meeting, it was suggested that others would have liked to attend the working

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group. Management meeting attendance was then discussed as it had been agreed all can attend so, it was asked did the same rules not apply to said meeting, if a Councillor would like to attend, a suggestion to ask Prof S Broomhead if others can attend, explained a working group not a decision making group, report back to Parish Council, representative from each group and come back then part one to be agreed and taking back, no authority given to representative in attendance.. Other groups such as FOPL and Youth Club will be, waiting for suggestions as minutes had not been made available. Cllr D Keane move to have Chair on as the representative, questions then asked about this, seconded Cllr Linda Dirir vote taken 6 for and 5 against , agreed,it was asked for updates to Parish Council.

Speed gun, Cllr D Keane advised although he had no direct interest it could be perceived that he did in his role with the Police so he would not take part in discussion or vote and declared an interest. PCSO Heaps had requested Parish Council help in purchasing a speed gun for the Speedwatch Community Scheme proposed Cllr A Heaver and seconded Cllr L Dirir vote was taken all in favour, with Cllr D Keane not voting.

**Resolved : Clerk to advise PCSO Heaps.**

Cllr A Heaver also raised the issue from last month regarding change of venue for Parish Meetings, health and safety issue. Cllr D Baker had moved to next meeting. Cllr L Dirir advised she felt hall unsuitable and loss of business if used this, it was suggested to remove wall into office. More investigation to make bigger needed, Cllr L Dirir moved and Cllr D Keane seconded all in favour to investigate.

**Motion 1.** Moved Cllr C Lenihan and seconded Cllr D Solan-Cooper

This Council acknowledges that the covenant concerning Greystone Recreation Ground does not restrict groups from using the land if it is for the benefit of the neighbourhood, just that usage cannot be exclusive. As such we welcome applications from suitable groups and organisations and these will be considered on a case by case basis.

A discussion was held on the background, and to encourage use to residents, covenant use states it is free to all the neighbourhood and was suggested each case to be look on its own merits, ethos of community spirit, concerns raised regarding parking and whether consultation required of neighbours in the area. A point of order was raised by Cllr D Keane as it was felt there was no change to position of usage of the Recreational Ground, what was in place and that consultation was needed. Asked for vote on motion, case by case, as Penketh Parish Council publicly refused previous requests by blaming covenant. Motion closed, move an amendment then asked for amendment with consultation of surrounding amendment, Cllr D Keane asked for covenant to be seen. Cllr L Dirir moved an amendment to include consultation with surrounding residents, which was not accepted as the motion was closed, A named vote was requested

Vote for Cllr A Heaver, C Wych, C Lenihan, G Fellows, D Solan -Cooper, R McKay

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Vote against Cllr L Dirir, T Keane, D Simm, L Ashton

Cllr D Keane against due to no consultation with residents. Motion approved

**Motion 2** Moved Cllr A Heaver and seconded Cllr C Lenihan

As a guideline, Warrington Borough normally allow three minutes for people to get their points across. In the case of debate, “five minutes shall apply per question to cover the asking of the question, the response and any supplementary question and response”. On the basis that our meetings are going far too long and that a competent speaker should be able to get a prepared point across in under two minutes, I propose the following amendment to standing orders: To change standing orders to reduce speech time for Councillors from five minutes to three minutes (in line with the Borough Council)

Point of order raised that Standing Orders only changed at AGM.

Cllr L Dirir asked for amended motion and seconded Cllr L Ashton.

Point of order that Chair read amended motion.

**Amended motion 2.**

This Council notes that standing orders should be changed at AGM. Notes that the standing orders of the Parish Council are different to the constitution of Warrington Borough Council. Notes that duration of meetings would be significantly reduced if the public question time item was restricted to 20 minutes with individual representatives for each issue (standing orders) and members of the Council spoke only once in debates on motions (standing orders)

A discussion were held on existing Standing orders, timings for members of public and Councillors alike..

Cllr L Dirir advised amended motion was being discussed,

Amended motion was asked for vote 6 in favour and 4 against with 1 abstention to see if Government website could offer advice.

Cllr A Heaver stated in Standing Orders nowhere was a ruling that it was needed to change at AGM , disagreed with amendment, there would be a Constitutional working party only if change was to be made when not at AGM, written via the Chair.

A resident asked rhetorical question to the Chair to call an extra ordinary general meeting, advised in middle of vote.

**Resolved: Chair to investigate.**

Cllr D Simm re read amended motion, vote taken 6 in favour and 4 against and 1 abstained to look at Government website, due to suggested legality of motion. Amended motion approved.

Cllr A Heaver objected that he had not been allowed to speak on his original motion, noted. Cllr D Simm advised going on precedent of previous meetings..

**Motion 3** Moved Cllr C Wych and seconded Cllr C Lenihan

This Council agrees fund the installation of a second Speed Indicator Device on Warrington Road, Eastbound near Grange Drive and also agreed to fund the installation on 30mph repeater

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signs and 30mph road painted markings west bound on the exit from Doe Green Roundabout. Cllr C Wych agreed amendment as should read Westbound, and details about signage, as not legal..

Amended motion 3

This Council agrees fund the installation of a second Speed Indicator Device on Warrington Road, Westbound near Grange Drive

Cllr L Dirir moved for a further amended motion seconded Cllr D Keane

**Amended motion 3.1**

As recommended by recent budget meeting, This Council agrees to fund a second SID on Warrington Road (A562) positioned at a site recommended by Police, WBC highway engineers and Community Speedwatch.

Cllr L Dirir wanted written evidence on position for the record.  
A vote was taken all in favour. Amended Motion 3.1 moved

**Resolved: Clerk to enquire about suitable position.**

Cllr D Simm moved standing orders to carry on meeting.

**C2730 CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk reminded Councillors that Lymm Parish Clerk was covering July's meeting as she was on holiday, and draft minutes to be circulated with earlier agenda. Reviewd insurance, possibility of 3 or 5 year terms. Clerk had met contractor regarding planters on A562 and maintenance and also regarding tree at Doe Green Island, awaiting prices. Hedge cut at Greystone Recreational ground.

**Resolved: Clerk to instruct the cut of Withinshaw to avoid Anti social behaviour problems.**

**C2731 PLANNING DECISIONS**

Ref no.		Description
<b>16.5 2019/34787</b>	New House Brookside Farm Farnworth Rd	<b>Prpsd sg storey extn to side of existing dwelling</b>
<b>16.5 2019/35000</b>	The Old stables, Marsh Lane Cuedley	<b>Discharge of condns- Prpsd discharge of cond 8a (characterisation) on prev</b>

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		<b>approved 2016/27379</b>
<b>20.5 2019/35005</b>	Old Lock Cottage Fiddlers Ferry	<b>Prpsd retention of existing LV overhead line (circ 1/90 consultation under electricity act 1989)</b>
<b>30.5 2019/34924</b>	13 Meeting Lane	<b>Prpsd 2 storey extn to side elevation ,provide 2 car parking spaces to front elevation with dropped kerbs to allow vehicle access from Meeting Lane</b>
<b>3.6 2019/34951</b>	9 Banks Gardens	<b>Prpsd rear extn</b>
<b>5.6 2019/35106</b>	Greystone Rd	<b>TPO - T3, T4, T5, T6, T7, T8, T9, T10, T11, T12, T14, T16, G1 - Proposed works to provide safety clearance to the highway for the general public/ road user/ plant/ equipment to resurface the carriageway.Crown lift to approx 5.2m from ground level on highway side only.</b>
<b>6.6 2019/35097</b>	3 Bramble Close	<b>Removal of condns, condn 3 full const of widened accessway, on site parking, and turning area following 2013/22690</b>
<b>6.6 2019/32098</b>	3 Bramble Close	<b>Discharge of condns appn for approval of dets reserved condn 5/6/7/8/9/10/11/12 following 2013/22690</b>
<b>Enf 18/07148</b>	29 d Tannery lane change of single dwelling into two flats	<b>Not expedient to pursue</b>

2019/35106 Clerk explained this was for upcoming tarmac works and was for trees overhanging footpaths not in properties.

No comments on Planning applications.

## **C2732 MINUTES OF THE LAST MANAGEMENT MEETING**

Cllr C Lenihan proposed that the minutes of the Management meeting held on June 5<sup>th</sup> 2019 be noted. Seconded by Cllr. D Simm.

It was discussed that attendance at meeting was not at full compliment, due to proportional representation that had been moved, all to be included bar two who had already stepped, and it was asked whether others wished to stand down, it was noted that the meeting was to be fully inclusive no need to wait for others to attend if quorate. It was challenged that the minutes should only be noted at this meeting and not approved. and also note on procedures being a

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good councilor that apologies with a valid reason should be sent to Clerk

**C2733 Correspondence**

Corres item 6 Cuedley External Audit report received

Corres item 10 enquiry about attendance to recent meeting already discussed.

Corres item 11 referred to a complaint about U turns of traffic onto A562 referred to Warrington Borough Council

Corres item 12 email from Warrington Borough Council about recent changes to licence law with the showing of live animals, it was directed for Penketh Carnival, email had been passed to L Dirir in her role on that team, she advised would comply with ruling.

Corres item 13 referred to being unable to implement repeater signs and sign markings along A562, as discussed earlier.

Corres item 14 Internal Audit received accounts and relevant paper work all checked and verified for External Audit, report received.

**C2734 Parish Surgery**

Parish surgery 10:30-11:30 Cllr T Keane 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019

A resident in attendance regarding various hedges encroaching pavements, list to be taken by Cllr L Dirir to write to Warrington Borough Council Highways department for action.

**C2735 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS**

Cllr D Simm proposed that the accounts for June 2019 £23,667.58 and the bank reconciliation as of £272570.58 bank statements with cheques £85.00 unrepresented as of 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Seconded by Cllr A Heaver Invoices signed.

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T Jones	301661	£25.00
Forget me not cafe	301662	£100.00
KLS	301663	£117.80
C Fellows	301664	£420.00
G Humphreys	301665	£322.20
WBC	301666	£4200.00
JDH	301667	£1072.40
WBC	301668	£54.58
Zurich Insurance	301669	£6384.76
Tele traffic	301670	£1120.80

Standing order KLS June £9850

Total £23,667.58

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**C2736**

Cllr R McKay advised he had had a meeting regarding posting on Social Media and reminded Councillors of their positions in the Community and to be careful what was posted, referred to Standing Orders protocol, others had also attended recent training at Warrington Borough Council.

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