



Penkhull Residents Association

Penkhull Residents Association Minutes of Meeting Monday 28th April 2025 The Studio, Penkhull Village Hall

Attendees:

Committee:

J Chinn, M Allen, G Rylands, S Brindley, M Oxby, J Deaville
B Jarvest, K Jones

In Attendance:

Cllr S Hill,

Observers:

D Gough, J Payton

Apologies:

M Mabey, D Chadwick, G Rylands, S Rylands, C Pantin
I Rawlingson,

JC opened the meeting at 19:30

Welcomed all Visitors, Guests & Observers

Apologies were accepted.

Matters Arising:

Possible future Committee member.

Acceptance of minutes from March by email.

Police update.

PCSO Vicki Lacey is off sick at the moment.

Steve Lomas is covering for her at the moment. Sarah is going to get an update.

Karen as asked about Policing for the Fun Day in June that will be passed on to the PCSO.

Highways, car parking and transport:

Thistley Hough Lower Car Park: Sarah as said the sign as now gone up for Thistley Hough although it is not Legally enforceable.

Lower Croft: Bruce advised there has been lots of bikes on The Croft & it has been suggested There could be a WhatsApp group for complaints.

Sarah briefly mentioned the hit & run incident recently on Newcastle Lane.

Sarah as spoken to Highways dept regarding the 20mph speed limit & has to where it is to be implemented. Waiting for the outcome of this from Sarah.

20 mph outside Thistley Hough but it has been stated that the lights are never on. Two months ago, they were flashing on a Saturday evening.

Mike stated unable to get across Newcastle Lane however Matt says 20mph is ok, but it is not the answer. Sarah to bring this up again at the AGM.

There have been complaints on St Christophers Avenue a resident stated he could not get His van out of his drive & the Police were involved.

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Chief executive of the Hospital as emailed staff to advise there is a bus running to the Hospital every 20 minutes (N0.9) also at weekends & also the No.22 bus.

Buildings and Planning

HMO's: There's no update at present.

Penkhull Farm: John as spoken to the architect regarding putting the application In again as it had not gone in & the clients want to go ahead. Sarah said that There is a hold up in the planning department at the moment due to new systems in place.

Dove Cottage: there has been a meeting with the Planning officer & the owners & the pre plan advise was ignored windows, style etc. there has been a heavy costing already which has caused a lot of stress. Eg; parking & visitors on site which was not done by the architect Wall & hedge will be going back up.

PENKHULL EDUCATION CENTRE; The Owen Project are interested in buying this.

Sarah felt that this was not a good idea. Bruce says that they are not a charity & was not impressed. Sarah wrote to Luke regarding Penkhull Education Centre.

Karen said about the Mystery players and The Owen Project were involved, but Karen is the organiser, it's a 2 day event. Lesley & Steve (Chair of The Mystery Plays) have spoken to the Owen project.

Bruce commented that all that goes on in the village, they want to be involved with food banks, after school clubs etc. Bruce was removed from a group chat with the residents who are wanting to purchase the education centre. BJ as great doubts about the RA having any dealings with the Owen Project in the future. It was proposed to the committee that currently, The PRA have no connection in the future with The Owen Project.

MO agreed with BJ's stated objectives above, and Bruce's strong views against The Owen Project.

Community

Fun Day: on the 8th June 2025, leaflets & posters have been done also posters have been done by a lady for the dog show, the scarecrow competition has been sorted. A trail will be set up as well & a walk through on the last day, Sir Stanley Matthew scarecrow & Clarice Cliff which Karen is doing. Mike asked when details will be made public. There are posters in the Village, on social media, Bruce will post at the hospital & the WI group. Mike mentioned Springfield & Trent Vale where can we advertise? A leaflet drop was suggested Maybe Springfields School, Shops, St Johns, Facebook, Radio Stoke, What's happening in Stoke on Trent. Risk assessment & Dog show is done, Artwork at The Willows 100 pictures of Stoke past & present, between 11-1 Fire Engine will be present, a site plan is needed, there is a meeting to be arranged for this.

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Plan A/B stands or grass, Gazebos for PA has been sorted & a lost child post has been organised. Better Together group are having a table, PRA (us) are having a table with Plants, a tombola is now done instead of a raffle. Animal Lifeline are coming as a charity, possibly hedgehog rescue to be arranged. Karen is making the rosettes for the Dog Show, Test your strength for children is 3 goes for a pound.

Punch balls have been agreed at £14.99 for a 100, Sarah has asked regarding the budget for the day and asked how much was needed. The hire of the school is £960, WI are going to be asked if they would also like a stall.

Defibrillator: There has been no update, the landlady at the Beehive as not come back with an answer as yet, so this has been put on hold for now.

Communication:

Meeting Dates have been made known & the AGM has been moved into the Church. Sue will open the doors for this. Posters have been placed to advise of this in various places & flyers.

PENKHULL RECORDER: There are no updates at the moment however the next issue is on July 20th. Nothing has changed regarding the advertising, however do we need to make any changes?

WEBSITE / SOCIAL MEDIA: Information is on the website & there as been good feedback, however Jayne did say she had Not received this information.

Open Spaces

Tree in Newcastle Lane that has been poisoned to be followed up by SH

Finance:

£4870.00 is the balance at the moment.

£1000.00 for The Recorder (£769.00) in the last 2 years for the printing.

£342.00 for the insurance.

Accounts were done for the financial year just before April.

£400.00 has been lost this year, ideally fund raising is needed, may be a note in the Recorder to the residents for donations.

Best kept village was an option.

Group meeting to decide & to be put onto June's Agenda. 250.00 is lost each time so over the year £750.00. Treasure hunts, quiz nights etc is always an option.



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AGM

Venue to be discussed, The Village Hall are double booked, so we need an alternative venue, Penkhull Church is a possible option. Recruitment of new members, there are 2 people who are interested in joining the committee

Correspondence not already dealt with

HARTSHILL RA MEETING: On the 19th May 2025 at The Wade Centre in Hartshill 7.30pm start, Cllr Jane Ashworth is giving a presentation and PRA have been invited along. Bench on Gresty Street is in the process of been done & a plaque is been put into place in memory of Dr Rees.

Questions and comments from observers

No questions from observers

Any Other Business

None

Meeting Closed at 21.15

AGM Date Thursday 8th May 2025

Date of Next Meeting Monday 16th June 2025