

**Penkhull Residents Association
Minutes of Meeting Monday 21st July 2025
The Studio, Penkhull Village Hall**

Attendees:

Committee:

M Mabey, M Allen, D Chadwick, G Rylands, S Rylands,
M Oxby, B Jarvest, J Payton

In Attendance:

Cllr S Hill, I Tamburello (Stoke Council)

Observers:

I J Rawlingson, J Stokes, A Stokes, S Alcock, D Gough, M Willis,
J Wakefield, M Wakefield.

Apologies:

S Brindley,

MM opened the meeting at 19:30

Welcomed all Visitors, Guests & Observers

Apologies were accepted.

Matters Arising:

No matters arising

Acceptance of minutes from June by email.

20MPH Zone – Guest Speaker Mr Ian Tamburello – City Highways Dept

Cllr Hill introduced Ian Tamburello from Highways Dept.

Ian said he is a local gent who had always lived in Hartshill, so very familiar with the road network in the surrounding area.

Last year the council had a 1.6-million-pound grant from the government for rd improvements, the city as 900km of road to be upkept. This year's plan is costing approx. 7.6 million, to include re surfacing, improving the road network, 20mph zones inc. walking and cycle ways.

There are 2 types of 20mph zones proposals: experimental or permanent.

The Penkhull zone proposed by the RA,

This is quite a large zone and a good idea to pilot but might have a better chance of acceptance by planning dept. if it was slightly smaller and more contained to the village.

The next steps will be for a consultation process and the city engineers to work out a costing.

Penkhull roundabout by the church will also be reviewed.

It was asked by the RA if we could help in the consultation process to keep some of the costings down.

Ian stated The Croft one way system is very successful.

The turn left signs off Thistley Hough High carpark are continually getting ignored.

2 of the zebra crossings require repairs to the railings.

Matt was thanked for all of his work in preparing the report for the 20mph zone.



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Police update.

Police report read out by DC

21/06 to 21/07 stats-

Vehicle Crime 7

ASB personal 5

ASB community 32

ASB Environmental 1

As I am sure you will be aware we have had some encampments recently in the church yards and around the civic centre, we have now cleared those tents and asked the council to clear up the grounds which they have done so, the area is now back to how it was and litter free and the homeless persons have been offered help and support to which some have taken and others have not, however we are on a big drive to help those in need, this as I am sure you can appreciate is not an easy task but we are working with the rough sleepers team to try and help.

Just an alert for residents to ensure that their vehicles are secured when not in use, also personal possessions are taken out of the vehicle. We have had a spate of motor vehicle crimes recently so it is just to raise awareness about doing all you can to make sure your car is safe and secure.

Also any residents who have children, grandchildren etc who need some activities for the summer holidays, the SPACE scheme is back up and running again, I have attached a poster in case anyone would like any further information, the scheme is for 8–17-year-olds.

It was reported that a local gent is on monkey dust wandering the village causing issues.

A reminder was given that the Police do use the Village Hall as police post at times during the day, so notes can be left, and they will be passed to officers.

Homeless are using The Croft, and lads on motor bikes are riding dangerously on The Croft.

Highways, Car Parking and Transport

It was reported there is a large pothole resembling a trench in the entrance to Queens RD.

The communication box that was damaged by a car several months ago as still not been repaired or removed.

Cllr Hill to follow up the above.

Cllr Hill and DC were receiving e mails from a resident about of lack of grit bins in Gt Batch Av. Cllr Hill recently paid for 4 more bins in the village. With in the council there as recently been a change in procedure for siting grit bins.

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Building and Planning

HMO's – it was reported that there are 2 more houses in the village currently getting turned into HMO's, 1 at the top of Penkhull New Rd and 1 in Kirkland Lane.

Stone St HMO is currently not causing issues.

Robin Hood pub is rumoured to be getting converted to a HMO.

The council are currently looking to appoint a housing officer purely for looking at HMO's.

Penkhull Farm – Ther's concerns by local residents that the farm grounds are getting over run with knot weed. Cllr Hill as mailed there concerns and is waiting for a response.

Community

Defibrillator – We are still looking for a site for the defibrillator

Communication:

Penkhull Recorder – currently at the printers and will be ready for distribution in the next couple of weeks.

Website – JP is working hard on updating the website, there's been a lot of improvements and updated information now available. www.penhull.org

Social Media – The Facebook page is getting well used and followed by many residents.

Open Spaces

The church yard grass is looking better since new seed was sown.

BJ is looking into a longterm plan for the church yard trees, some aren't in good condition and others are in need of a trim back.

Finance:

Accounts stand at £2433.

See attached sheet for break down of the Fund Day.

Events/Fundraising

It was decided that the RA will hold another fun day next year, MM will discuss hire fees with Thistley Hough, or a possible change of venue

City Council Planning Portal

Cllr Hill confirmed this was now back on line and available for viewing.

Correspondence not already dealt with

None

Questions and comments from observers

None



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Any Other Business

DC as been asked by a local resident, if the small grassed area at the end of Penkhull Terrace, (Honeywall end) could be made useable, may be a bench put there.

It is used by dog walkers and parents, but they step over the low fence because the gate is kept shut and locked. Cllr Hill to ask the question.

Meeting Closed at 21:00
Date of Next Meeting Monday 15th September 2025