



Penkhull Residents Association
Minutes of Meeting Monday 17th June
Held at The Studio, Penkhull Village Hall

Attendees:

M Mabey, J Chinn, D Chadwick, S Brindley, K Jones, G Rylands, S Rylands. G Fletcher, B Jarvest, M Oxby, J Deaville,

In Attendance:

S Hill, PCSO V Lacey, PCSO N Jackson, (Fenton area)

Observers:

A Lees, D Lees, I Rawlingson, A Tideswell, J Hyland, J Stephens P Stephens, A Stokes, J Stokes

Apologies:

M Allen, D Hindle

JC opened the meeting at 19.30.

Apologies accepted.

No declaration of interests put forward

John thanked Dave and Sharon for the producing the agenda and minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting on Monday 20th May were accepted by e mail.

Police Update,

PCSO Lacy updated the meeting:

PCSO Lacey apologised for lack of attendance at the last few meetings.

Smart Alerts Register - suggested all members register, either on the web site, or passing details to herself or <https://www.staffordshiresmartalert.co.uk>

Reporting crime – This is essential to gain the necessary police patrols in the area, please report all crime, use either 999 or 101

Local events: Vicki asked if she could be informed of all local events taking place over summer season, if possible, she would organise police to attend these events,

Eardly Street bungalow fire – 2 bungalows severely damaged by the fire, male occupant of one of the bungalows arrested and charged.

SH: as requested more information about the male involved, she feels adult social care needs reviewing.

Gresty Street allotments – Due to lack of information, there are no lines of inquiry on these break ins. SH stated the allotments were purchasing some anti vandal paint and warning signs to paint the railings.

Newcastle Lane attack – There as been an attack on Newcastle Lane, but due to confidentiality is unable to currently give more information at this time.

Motor Bikes on The Croft: Any issues with motorbikes please report straight to the police, using 999 or 101.

Reports of a homeless male who as been sleeping in the bus stop by the Marquis.

Homeless – Vicky as spoken with Amanda the homeless lady who as been seen all day at the bus stop by The Marquis.

Drug Dealing - MM brought up drug dealing in Manor Court St., stating he was offered drugs the Sunday before the meeting at approx. 5.45pm

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JD spoke of drug dealers using local pupils to pass on drugs in the area of Boon Avenue Hunters Way and Thistley Hough. Vicky stated she will update the police system with all the information given. Also an issue with residents at one of the flats in Penkhull Terrace, noise and drugs.

HMO Stone St: SH reported there were more issues from a HMO in Stone St. Vicky will look into these problems.

SH reported car doors have been recently targeted, although it seems to of calmed down, again any sightings contact 999/101

SH reported there was a shopping cart full of cloths left in the village by a homeless gent. Possibly from donations left on the doorway of Salvation Army, the shop manager is looking into ways of getting any donation bags left in the doorway when the store is closed moved.

Electric Scooter: reports of youth riding round dangerously on an electric scooter.

SH suggested monthly walk abouts with herself and the PCSO's

Parish Council

BJ: No update on this yet, first decision which needs to be made, do Penkhull Residents want a Parish Council, residents need to realise there will be a cost incurred of approx. 7.5% to run a Parish Council

Highways, car parking and transport:

Road Safety - MO: A draft paper on road safety in the village is currently being produced, inc. the village 20mph zone.

SR: Asked about the blocking off of The Croft, SH stated still waiting for an update from highways.

Tree Cutting, Potholes and Road Safety - SH: currently there is a blitz on potholes in the village getting repaired. It was stated that work on repairing the surface in Thistley Hough wasn't to a very high standard and would need re doing sooner than later, SH said the surface now was only temporary and a final surface would be going on soon.

SH: is still looking into tree cutting and planting within the village. BJ: is about a 1/3 of his way through completing a report on trees in the village, this includes the removal of trees that of not been replaced.

Buildings and Planning:

The Royal Infirmary – SH: said a PR company have been engaged on behalf of the NHS for the development of the old hospital sites. A public meeting is planned in the Minton Room, towards the end of July, has yet no definite date. SH hoped a 2nd public meeting would take place in Penkhull Village Hall. The RA will continue to monitor the sites and any planning applications submitted, for types of housing proposed, and impact on the surrounding area. estate agents for the development will be Saddlers

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Penkhull Farm – City Planning officer is still waiting for updated plans.

JS: stated the right of light survey as been completed and submitted to the developers, as yet no reply, although from the results the council will need to bring in their own light consultancy company. The current report is available for all to see, and he will get a copy for the RA. It was reported the knotweed is getting worse.

Donald Bates Property – SH: has spoken to Rob, son of the owner, the ecology report is complete, and the pre planning application is almost ready for submitting.

Dove Cottage – Concerns were raised that there was still no work being carried out on the rebuilding of the garden wall.

Penkhull Education Centre – SH: Boarding snow boards have been applied to the roof of the building, to stop any loose tiles falling and injuring any one below. The building will never get to the top of the council's priority list for repair, as they will never have the money to carry out the repairs, The only hope would be that the repairs would be carried out privately, very unlikely as the cost would be so high.

The Mount Estate: No update DH not present, discuss at next meeting.

Open Spaces:

BJ: is currently working on a survey of open spaces within the village. Update at September meeting.

Bench - SR said he was still cleaning up the area round the bench, and continuing to empty the rubbish bags, a job he was happy to do, but asked if there was a possibility of a bin getting positioned next to the bench. It was discussed if the RA were in a position to finance a bin, and if so what type would be needed. SR to investigate the costings.

Community:

Fun Day: KJ: stated the venue for the fun day is likely to be Thistley Hough grounds, but a meeting is yet to take place with staff from the school to find out the costings, date is 08/06/2025

Defibrillators – MA on holiday so no update from last month's discussion.

Communication:

Penkhull Recorder – BJ said he still required more articles for this edition.

Website/social media – DC: suggested updating the website with pages on local groups, possibly to start with the local Morris Dance group, Penkhull Ukelele Band, Penkhull Boat Band and Penkhull Brass Band. It would be a page on each group, giving the history of the group and a link to the groups own social media/websites, with hopefully a link back from their pages to the RA website, increasing the website us and promoting the local groups. more info is needed on the website that is regularly used, posts on face book get lost with in other posts, where the pages on the website stay in the same place.

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Finance

No update on finance, MA not present but stated before the meeting very little had altered.

Any Other Business

Council Centenary – Penkhull Fun Day will be our link to the Centenary celebrations, the date of the 08/06/2025 fits in with the rest of the celebrations, BJ: would like to be able to bring in groups of Morris Dancers other than his own group if there is enough space.

Hanging Basket's SH: said the hanging baskets in the village have been ordered and will be going up soon.

Merchandise On behalf of MA: DC: asked if Mike could have a couple of volunteers to run a stall, he's booked at the village hall fayre on Saturday 6th July to sell the remaining mugs and shopping bags with the Penkhull Flag on, approx. 30 of each left to sell valued approx. £300.

Mystery Plays – KJ: mentioned that there will be fundraising events taking place this year, to fund the plays next year.

There was no correspondence, items for future meetings or any other business discussed. There were matters raised from the observers.

Meeting closed at 21:00 hrs.

Date and time of next Meeting 15th July 19:30 Hours

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