

Penkull Residents Association (PRA) – Notes of Meeting, Mon 15th April 2024.

Committee present: M Mabey (MM) J Chinn (JC) (chair) J Wakefield (JW) (sec) M Allen (MA) , K Jones (KJ) M Willis (MW), D Chadwick (DC) , G Fletcher (GF) , M Oxby (MO).

Apologies: D Hindle , PCSO V Lacey, J Deaville , B Jarvest

In attendance: Cllr S Hill (SH), S Birch (SB) (penkull.org web master)

Observers: Anne & Dave Lees , Dorothy Gough , Sharon Brindley , Ian Rawlingson , Jenny & John Walker , John Haynes ,Val & John Wright , Jane & Peter Stephens , Anette & John Stokes , Rob Cooper , Harold Gurden

Declaration of interests: none declared.

Minutes of last meeting held on Monday 18/03/2024: previously approved by e-mail.

PRA website : S Birch introduced herself , her role as webmaster for www.penkull.org and the purpose of the website . She asked the PRA to regularly review the site and contact her if there are any changes or updates required . JC said a form has been added on the “ contact us “ page so residents can contact PRA chairs direct. An observer commented on how helpful the village hall team had been during a family bereavement gathering , held at the hall . **Action : DC to contact S Birch to discuss promotion of the website.**

Committee: Leads on Specific Areas. Other people are still needed to help with these topics.

Highways, car parking and transport	Matt Oxby
Buildings & planning	Mark Mabey
Open spaces	Bruce Jarvest
Community	Mike Allen, Karen Jones
Communications	Dave Chadwick

Highways, car parking and transport

Road works and traffic management : MO gave details of website “ one network “ which gives UK wide information on road works and traffic management and has details of works to take place on Stone St and Thistley Hough . <https://uk.one.network/>

Croft Rd safety scheme : MO noted this is in the capital programme for this financial year.

More bus routes : have been announced by the Council but Penkull not included.

20 MPH Zone : MO has developed a draft paper and GF agreed to help review . **Action: GF & MO.**

MA pointed out there is a compulsory 20 MPH limit from Garden St (Newcastle Lane end) to Thistley Hough when the hazard warning lights are flashing .

Potholes : SH said the Council will be starting a campaign in May . Importance of continuing to report potholes and blocked drains etc via MyStoke app or Council website was noted .

Bollards on corner of Tilson Ave and Greatbatch Ave : have been installed.

Penkull Education Centre car park : noted that hardcore has been put into potholes .

New hospital staff car park (Hilton Rd) : ribbon cutting ceremony takes place on 24th April .MA said the facility will physically open during first week of May . The out patients car park will then be cleared (and blocked off) followed by the Royal Infirmary site. The land will then be sold , hopefully by end Dec '25 . No development plans have been listed as yet.

Building & Planning:

Queen’s Gate : keep on agenda until development is complete.

Penkull Farm Development : MM said he’d walked round the area and was shocked at the state of the farmhouse and the presence of Japanese knot weed . A resident said work started on 3rd April to clear land by the courtyard and barns and fencing and scaffolding have been put up.

SH said she reported a complaint from a resident in Perrymount Court who said overgrown bushes /weeds etc were making his property dark.

JC asked about status and progress of the planning application process. SH said things will not move on until the developer actually brings the plans forward.

An observer asked about progress with the proposed one way system from Garden St . MA said further to comments made at the public meeting in Nov 23 ,this had gone back to the planning department for review.

J Stokes continues to represent residents of Meliden Way at future planning meetings.

Former Donald Bates Home site : no development yet .

Data back-up : Charles will let us have the disk back over the next few months.

Police Matters: No representative available to attend. Update received by JW from PCSO VL as follows :

“ Parking issues at schools – this is something we regularly raise with the schools to message parents, and we do high vis patrol at home time giving advice to drivers and providing reassurance.

Off-road bikes – we have received info about 2 people who have these bikes and will be visiting them soon.

Garden Street – school have identified the youths responsible for stones and gravel on the street; due to the Easter holidays there has been a delay with getting this info. We will visit youths involved soon.”

JW has reminded PCSO Lacey of dates of meetings including AGM.

Community

Defibrillators: now in place inside Terrace Inn (responsibility of Lions charity) , outside Greyhound Inn and outside Penkhull Service Station (serviced recently)

Penkhull calendar competition : was launched today and is open for entries until Sunday Sept 1st . All details and entry form available on www.penhull.org

Communications.

New notice board : MA thanked SR and MW for help with installation and M Wakefield for supply and application of lettering . Charges for use of notice board approved by those present.

Next Recorder : would usually go out in July BJ with small editorial team is taking the lead. M Wakefield will provide support if needed .**Action : BJ**

PRA Facebook page :JW said followers have increased to 2013 . She will be adding DC as admin but will stay on as moderator .**Action ; JW & DC**

Finance :_MA reported a balance of £5501K after payment £267 public liability insurance . Next Recorder will cost £795 to print .

AGM, Thursday 18th April '24 , 7 pm in the studio , Penkhull village hall.:

Chair : Cllr Daniela Santoro , Hartshill and Stoke ward.

Papers : to go out tomorrow . **Action : JW**

Content and format : finance report , vacant roles , 3 vacancies on committee.

Donations : will be welcomed at the meeting by MA.

AOB:

SH informed the meeting of the sad passing of Mrs E Holland (Penkhull resident) and Mr G Solkow (former owner of Manor Court St launderette) . They will be sadly missed .

Damage to railings on Croft path ; MW thanked SH for promptly reporting this.

£ 5,000 Ward Budget : SH has agreed £ 500 towards Recorder printing costs , £ 500 to Penkhull Festival childrens work shop and funding for hanging baskets. There may also be a Penkhull clean up followed by picnic in conjunction with Rev D Chan .

Fly Tipping , behind Gresty St allotments : SH said this is getting worse .

Items for next or future meetings

Penkhull Farm (MM/MA) , D Bates site (Cllr Hill) , Parish Council (MAY) (BJ) , Summer Recorder (MAY BJ) committee WhatsApp group (BJ) , fund raising (JC) , “ 20’s plenty “ (JC) , committee priorities draft (JC

Meeting closed at 20 22 hrs Date and time of next committee meeting: Mon 20th May 2024 at 7 30 pm