

Penkhull Residents Association (PRA) – Notes of Meeting, Mon 18th March 2024.

Committee present: M Mabey (MM) (chair) J Chinn(JC) (sec) M Allen (MA), K Jones (KJ) , S Rylands (SR) , G Rylands, M Willis (MW), D Chadwick (DC) , G Fletcher (GF) , B Jarvest (BJ) , M Oxby (MO).

Apologies: Janet Wakefield (JW), D Hindle , V Lacey, J Deaville

On zoom: No Zoom

In attendance: Cllr S Hill (SH), Dr Charles Pantin (CP), Martin Wakefield, PCSO Sherrat

Observers: There were around 15 observers including:-

Swami and Sornam from Dove Cottage

John Stokes

Annette Stokes

Dave Lees

Ann Lees

Linda Chessworth

Dorothy Gough

Trevor Pennell

John & Val Wright

Jane and Peter Stevenson

Residents from Rose Cottage, Garden street

Declaration of interests: none declared.

Minutes of last meeting held on Monday 19/02/2024: previously approved by e-mail.

Committee:

New Leads on Specific Areas MA

Highways, car parking and transport Matt Oxby

Buildings & planning Mark Mabey

Open spaces Bruce Jarvest

Community Mike Allen, Karen Jones

Communications Dave Chadwick

BJ mentioned that it might be a better idea to actually identify people willing to help with these topics

Police Matters:

PCSO Sherrat attended on behalf of Vicky Lacy who was attending a Junior Cadet Course

Local issues that were raised by residents included:-

Dorothy Gough:- Pupils Walk lamps taken

A resident mentioned a WhatsApp. Group report

MW mentioned his concerns about parking at Greatbatch Avenue

Officer Shaffer said that PCSOs don't deal with parking. MW responded "what happens when a child is knocked over?"

SH, talked about Ian Tamberelo, costing of car park repairs in Penkhull infants

Penkhull farm youths in danger

Boon Avenue, SH. Traffic counter. Could do with more signatures from residents. Not 50% yet.

MO 20 mph speed limit. New government guidance increases need to demonstrate support locally. Noted that Welsh Assembly is committed to review default 20mph limit, although all parties agree 20mph limit is appropriate around schools and hospitals.

Buildings & Planning:

Penkhull Farm Development :

John Stokes covered the following points:-

- The comments made that Excel construction had gone to receivership were incorrect the fact is that the company had being struck off. This is usually as a result of not submitting accounts and other documents to

Companies House. This would also impact any agreements entered to the by the company Excel as it was no longer an entity

- I also made reference to the fact that the drawings are factually incorrect as regards plot 1 being 25% of plot size as it is in fact 42% of plot size
 - I proposed that a light survey be conducted to assess the impact of the proposed development will have on the loss of light to properties; 7/9/11/ Meliden way also on the loss of light impact on 5 & 3 Farm View
 - Also that in fact the development is not as the 2017 permission as regards footprint of 5 properties. Although the new application is for four properties the combined footprint is now much greater than the previous application of 2017, for 5 properties
 - I also informed the committee that there had being a meeting of some of the residents of properties affected by the proposed development on the 10/03/24 and it was agreed that I should represent the residents of Meliden Way and all future planning meetings
- SH spoke to Tom Coates who says that Excel Construction not being on companies house is not a problem. Tom Coates also says Excel needs to get back to them
 - Dr Charles Pantin mentioned that there have been two final consultations about making Garden Street one way
 - Residents mentioned that there are plants growing through fences now
 - Another resident brought this issue up a year ago
 - There is a Japanese Knot weed problem in this area
 - There are unsightly Mounds of earth
 - MM expressed his shock at the state of the farmhouse
 - MM Says that residents should write to the owners about weeds coming through and the security of the site
 - Dr Charles Pantin agreed and said that Mr Wootton said in his reply to the notes of the village meeting that the developer has agreed to look at the undergrowth adjacent to neighbours' fences and will cut it back as required
 - A resident said that the developer will want to know about knotweed
 - BJ says that if the site is not looked after then it is likely to be torched by vandals
 - SH says that she will take these issues to Tom Coates

Donald Bates House:

SH: No development on Donald bates yet

Project Star: (Grindley Hill Car Park)

MA

AB reported that work on site is almost complete, with the car park due to open officially on 29 April 2024. The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on 24 April.

Currently, the road surfacing of the site is taking place, and the blue fencing is erected.

Old Royal Infirmary

MA

Work continues with regards to the development of the Old Infirmary site. The Trust will keep residents abreast of any updates.

PRA Constitution:

JW: reports that the constitution document is now up to date, and sent this out on 12th March

Data back-up :

JC: Charles will let us have the disk back over the next few months.

He wants to go through his data. He cannot pass on personal letters, and things of that nature, because of GDPR

Highways, car parking and transport**Queen's Gate , commemorative plaque, and unveiling : MA**

Dorothy Gough says the BBC covered the unveiling ceremony by the former head and deputy head of St Peters School. Former pupils attended ceremony. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/ckrx7m7y1yno>

Community

Defibrillators: MA defibrillators. No new batteries needed. Penkhull service station one is working perfectly.

Fun Day , Penkhull and Springfields : KJ Fun Day. Mysteries Play, something small this year, something bigger next year. Keep us in the loop

(From Feb:- KJ suggested postponing this event until summer ' 25 but to start preparation and planning in May '24 . This was unanimously agreed.)

Communications.

New notice board : MA. New noticeboard has arrived, hooray! But the brickwork needs fixing up before it can be installed **Action : GF / SR to install**

Projector/ Zoom : MM Zoom. MA do we spend the 500 pounds? Generally agreed that we don't yet and that we'd need someone to in place to run it first anyway.

Thanks to MW for all his work over COVID and later

Recorder , Spring edition : Thanks to Martin. Bruce will take it over as lead

Finance :_MA

5,800. But 700 pounds to Recorder. Daniella put in some money too.

250 public liability has had to be paid

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

Chair : needs to be independent non-resident .**Action :** MA and SH have arranged for Cllr Daniela Santoro to Chair the April Penkhull AGM

Flyer : Produced by JC, published by Martin in the Recorder

Content and format : finance report , constitution , vacant roles

Action : All to let JC have further ideas.

AOB:

Charles. Says we don't have a complete email database. Some people who attended tonight didn't get the agenda and minutes. Update: JC is working on this

SH. Charlotte Eccles no longer working for the Council. Secretary?

SH:

Reverend Daniel Chan cleanup discussion

£5k ward budget soon.

£500 to Penkhull festival.

£? Penkhull Recorder

£? Gresty street and several other places

£? Call for spending ideas

MM thanks SH for all her work.

Items for next or future meetings

AGM (**All**) , Penkhull Farm (**MM/MA**) , D Bates site (**Cllr Hill**) , Parish Council (MAY) (**BJ**) , committee WhatsApp group (**BJ**) , fund raising (**JC**) , " 20's plenty " (**JC**) , committee priorities draft (**JC**)

Meeting closed at 20.28 hrs Date and time of next committee meeting: Mon 15th April 2024 at 7 30 pm