

Penkhull Residents Association (PRA) – Notes of Meeting Held on Weds 15th Feb 2023.

Committee present: In person: C Pantin, J Wakefield, M Willis, M Allen, C Preece (CPR), T Hitchen, G Rylands , J Chinn , E Greer . **Zoom:** K Jones , B Shah.

Observer : B Jarvest. **Apols:** K Wakefield, M Francis, S Rylands, S Hill, C Eccles.

Declaration of interests: none declared.

Minutes of last meeting held on Monday 16/01/2023 : previously approved by e-mail.

DR= Councillor Dean Richardson **VL =** PCSO V Lacey.

Open Spaces

Weed Killing; A Colclough will work with SH and link with climate change group. **Action: SH.**

Repair and maintenance of churchyard walls and paths (front of church) : DR, CP and Kevin Hawkins, Community Development Coordinator, walked the churchyard and agreed repairs are increasingly urgently needed. Photographs were taken. DR will press for the work to be done but acknowledges this will take patience , pressure and time. **Action DR**

Land between Sillitoe Place and Gresty St Allotments: has been purchased at auction for full price (£21. 500) by a so far unknown owner. It remains amenity land. Await any plans with interest.

Lower Croft: now designated a conservation area with Upper Croft as part of the council's review .Article 4 conditions will apply .

Upper Croft: JC has completed his enquiry to the Land Registry into the rights of way and covenants associated with this land with input from DR , M Kennedy (Academy principal) and R Talbot . It was agreed PRA should proceed no further at this time. See separate emails for details.

Bench placement: DR, CP and Kevin Hawkins, Community Development Coordinator, reviewed several sites and decided best option is to replace bench on old play area on lower croft using existing base. Bench is of metal construction in one piece. B Jarvestwelcomed and approved this on behalf of Friends of the Croft . Discussion took place about naming the bench and it was agreed this should be left until a later date **Action : B Jarvest to put a post on social media.**

Climate change group (request from AGM) : meeting took place on Mon 23rd Jan , await update from SH.

Polytunnel – request for help from The Willows: 2 gardeners from Gresty St Allotments will attend every fortnight.

Lodge road Park and Drainage works not completed for many months : DR reported issues on almost a daily basis with the metal fencing either being pushed over or deliberately damaged. After raising this with the City Director, he has requested that Groundwork arrange for their contractors to complete daily inspections to fencing and to complete any repair works required. The project is now at the stage where the Council are awaiting Groundwork to undertake a RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) inspection of work completed. This is moving forward with all parties keen for this to happen as soon as is possible. Once completed, the fencing will be removed, and the area should then be fully accessible including land opposite the park and land lower down on Lodge Road . DR is continually in contact with the City Director and will keep PRA regularly updated.

Community

Defibrillators: Lee Wright (Terrace Landlord) has agreed in principle to lead fund raising for defibrillator based at Terrace with PRA match funding. AEDdonate will give £400 and also set up a page on their website. Cost of defibrillator to be raised is £1949 inc VAT. PRA would contribute half when Lee has raised his half. L Wright has written an article for the Recorder .**Update : L Wright is no longer landlord . Need to review with new landlord .**

Coronation flag : based on show of hands and email responses it was agreed that a flag , with official emblem should be purchased and design no 20 from Mr Flag was chosen. **Action: CP**

Building and Planning

Conservation areas (CAs) review

A meeting between Council Officers and Mr and Mrs Rushton has taken place regarding concern about their property being included in the Penkhull Village CA . Article 4 conditions (ie planning rules for conservation areas) are to be applied to the enlarged conservation areas

Planning application for telecommunications mast and cabinets (rejected) : .It

was previously agreed that the PRA should be proactive in helping find a solution in view of poor mobile reception in Penkhull . CP has written to A Barlow, DR and circulated to PRA committee. Angela Barlow has passed onto Tom Coates, (Team Manager , Development Management and Planning Policy) **Action : CP to email T Coates .**

St Peter's school site development: Road markings, yellow lines and

signage will need renewal. **Action: CPR to write to DR (when appropriate), enclosing report previously done by CPR and MW.**

A commemorative stone has now been sourced and date of the ceremony is to be arranged. The commemorative plaque will be part of Penkhull Heritage trail and the wording for this needs deciding. **Action : MA to review history and develop wording and order 20 additional copies of Recorder.**

The Mount, Willows and PEC (Penkhull Education Centre): safety work has been completed. DR is chasing for an update on next steps.

Penkhull Farm Development: DR reports that a safety inspection has been completed and the Council do not believe the brickwork on the road has fallen from the farm. However, they did note that the roof, timbers and exposed sections of brickwork are in poor condition. As a result, routine inspections will now take place to ensure that any change in the condition of the building is noted, particularly given the proximity to the road. **Action : CP to contact T Coates regarding progress.**

Royal Infirmary/COPD – Project STAR (Strategic Transformation for the NHS and Regeneration for the City of Stoke): MA continues to attend monthly meetings .

Planning application 67864:PIP (land between 55-67 Boon Ave):

(discussion from a previous meeting) - will be debated at the planning committee. DR and CP will attend but no date for the meeting as yet. Developers have been asked to come up with mitigating measures for reduction in green space. **Action: DR and CP.**

Highways, car parking and transport.

Incident at junction of Queens Rd / Newcastle Lane on Sun 16thJan : DR reports that plans are under discussion to add SLOW road markings at the junction as a priority.

A report will be produced once the Police accident report is available. The report will include the accident history for the location. A speed check will take place along the road. Following this, a report will be produced with suggested additional measures for introduction.

Traffic/speeding issues in Penkhull : discussion took place about current concerns in Penkhull . JC has contacted B Adams (Police , Fire and Crime Commissioner) who has confirmed that an officer from Safer Roads Partnership will contact him for details on locations etc.

At the last meeting it was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with Police , Highways , DR and PRA . **Actions: CE to request a representative from Highways to attend a PRA committee meeting to discuss what traffic calming measures are possible**

Traffic review on Trent Valley Rd: traffic survey report was circulated to PRA committee via email on 18th Jan. Speeds that were obtained over a 7 day period were relatively low and unfortunately would not justify the provision of speed enforcement by either Staffordshire Police or The Staffordshire Safer Road Partnership. Accident statistics were also reviewed and a traffic calming assessment completed and the results did not score high enough to place Trent Valley Rd on the Councils programme of Highway Improvement schemes.

Traffic collisions, junction of Penkhull New Rd and Penkhull Terrace: Action: for discussion with DR and pick up at the meeting with Highways etc reps.

DR says " Penkhull New Road, damaged wall / partial road closure has been raised with Council to request it is cleared asap". Repair of the wall to take place when insurance issues are sorted.

Drain overflowing on/near Queens Rd: CPR highlighted an issue with one of the drains in that the lid comes off when it rains heavily .Exact location not clear . **Action: MA to report .**

Review of pathways on The Croft (road): DR reports this is on programme but may take many months

THA (Thistley Hough Academy) gap in railing on the junction of Thistley Hough/

Newcastle Lane : MA said this was discussed at a recent governors meeting and is to be reviewed and possibly closed .

Yellow lines on Queens Rd CPR said these have worn away and need to be repainted especially on the bend . **Action : CPR /MW to speak to DR.**

Doncaster Lane – repair of wall outside Penkhull Service Station:Repair will be undertaken by the owner but work hasn't started yet . DR is chasing progress.

Communications.

Noticeboard replacement: details of a replacement notice board have been sent to PRA committee members for consideration. Cost is £929.95 plus VAT . After discussion and a show of hands It was agreed to go with this option. **Action: MW/MA**

PRA FB page: followers up from 1876 (Jan) to 1887 as of today .

Recorder: aiming for delivery mid- end March .Editor will need all copy by Tuesday 21st Feb , to meet deadlines for printing .

PRA document management system : to enable storage , centralisation , sharing and access to data/ documents. Several options were discussed .**Action : JC to review “ drop box “ option . Update :BS has circulated details of options for JC to consider.**

Comments and ideas from residents : after discussion it was agreed that we ask for focused comments /ideas on specific issues rather than general views. CP pointed out the mechanisms already in place to involve and engage residents

Finance: MA reported a current balance of £ 7,500 in account with no outgoings on horizon apart from defib and noticeboard .

AOB (any other business) :

Curling : BS asked if this still took place at the café in the hall . CP said there was no space in main hall but if a leader could be identified it could take place on alternate Thursdays in the studio.

Use of wood turner's group projector screen : thanks were expressed . It was suggested the PRA apply for own screen from ward budget .

Fly tipping lower croft (back of Wain Drive and pathway to Newcastle Lane) : GR highlighted this as an issue which she has reported .

Road closures : Trent Valley Rd will be closed for 4 days from 20thFeb and St Thomas Place for 1 day on 21st Feb .

Meeting closed at 20 45 hrs. Date and time of next meeting: Monday 20th March 2023 at 7 30 pm
JW 20/02/23