

Penkhull Residents Association (PRA) – Notes of Meeting, Mon 19th Feb 2024.

Committee present: J Chinn (JC - Chair) M Allen (MA), K Jones (KJ) , S Rylands (SR) , G Rylands, M Willis (MW) , J Wakefield (JW) ,M Mabey (MM) , D Chadwick (DC) , G Fletcher (GF) , B Jarvest (BJ) , M Oxby , J Deaville. **ApoLs:** S Brown , D Hindle , V Lacey –Police Community Support Officer , C Eccles

On zoom: J Stokes (Penkhull Farm item)

In attendance: Cllr S Hill

Observers: D Gough , A Lees , D Lees , I Rawlingson

Declaration of interests: none declared.

Minutes of last meeting held on Monday 15/01/2024: previously approved by e-mail.

Penkhull Farm Development : noted that Mr P Wootton , architect responded on behalf of developer Mr Shafi following the public meeting held on 6th Nov . J Stokes said that the response does not adequately address concerns , in particular loss of light to existing nearby properties due to height , size and proximity of some of the proposed buildings .

MA also said there was concern about removal of a tree in the garden of Elm Tree House as it has a TPO (tree protection order) in place. J Stokes expressed his desire to remove the trees with TPO's in Elm House garden if given the choice.

In addition J Stokes raised the importance of identifying who the current applicant is as Excel Construction no longer appears to exist .

J Stokes also said the roof of the old farm house was removed 4 years ago and nothing has been done to protect the house interior . **Actions : BJ to take on lead liaison role (from April) and keep committee updated on development . Meanwhile MM / MA to start reviewing issues raised and Cllr Hill to contact Tom Coates , council development officer for an update .**

Committee

Roles to be filled

JW – secretary from March/April - JC said this could be a joint role and asked for volunteers . **Action : those interested to contact JW for an informal chat . BJ to develop advert for social media etc. UPDATE : draft advert and role description circulated for comment .**

MW - Audio Visual support - MM has contacted Staffs University to see if a media studies student could get involved and awaits a response. **Action : MM**

Assistant treasurer- required but not immediately

PRA constitution – to be revised/updated **Action : JC for discussion at AGM**

Data back-up : JC reported that 3 back up data discs have been purchased . MM and JC will keep one master disc each and the 3rd will be used to collect the data. JC has forwarded 3rd disc to C Pantin to add historical data. **Action : JC to chase progress .**

Police matters (police rep unable to attend) – update via email from V Lacey.

Update previously circulated to committee by JW . MW expressed disappointment about lack of police presence at the meeting yet again.

Concerns about parking and driving around The Willows and Thistley Hough Academy : Several committee members said that issues still persist . MW said in the last week cars leaving the Willows have been seen turning right against one way traffic . **Action : Cllr Hill to invite VL to do a walkabout at the schools during drop off and pick up times.**

Reporting incidents to police : VL emphasises the importance of formally reporting incidents eg road traffic incident , parking , anti social behaviour etc to the police rather than local officers directly . This should be done by tel 101 or online at Staffordshire.police.uk , go to report section on home page and fill out relevant form. Alternatively use the “ Live Chat “ function on the home page . Incidents not reported formally do not get logged onto the police system , causing a delay in response.

Garages , Boon Ave : (item from January meeting) A Chadwick highlighted concerns about the garages being broken into , drug use, vehicles , tyres and oxyacetylene cylinders being dumped etc . **Action : Cllr Hill agreed to help address this issue.**

Highways, car parking and transport

The willows / PEC (Penkull Education Centre) car park – potholes and concerns around safety : Cllr Hill has enquired about this .Cost of repair of potholes would be 35k and re-surfacing , 100k .

Boon Ave one way system : Cllr Hill has completed her walk about to gauge support and more than 50 % agreement from residents for one way from Penkull New Rd to Honeywall. **Action : Cllr Hill to contact relevant council officers about next steps.**

20 MPH limit zone/s around Penkull : See report from “20’s Plenty in Staffordshire “ Zoom meeting circulated to committee by JC. Discussion took place about introduction in Penkull . Several issues were highlighted including agreement of zones , evidence of impact in other areas, recent speeding surveys done in Penkull , and importance of a strategy , campaign and consultation. **Action : JC and MO to report back at next meeting . All to continue to formally report incidents via tel 101 or Staffordshire.police.uk**

Building and Planning

Penkull Farm Development: see first item .

Former Donald Bates home site : Cllr Hill said the owner has contacted the council to say he’s interested in developing the site. Discussions are in very early stages .

Queen’s Gate , commemorative plaque, and unveiling : Rock in place and covered , plaque complete and wooden mount in place .Ceremony is being organised to include last head and deputy head of St Peters school . Council and Lion Court reps will also be invited. **Action : MA and MW .**

Community

Defibrillators: MA agreed to be project lead . **Action: MA**

Fun Day , Penkull and Springfields : 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 : will arrive in about 3 weeks **Action : GF / SR to install**

Projector/ Zoom : cost of Zoom subscription renewal is £150 and projector plus microphones £320 .

Discussion took place about Zoom/ equipment requirement based on usage . **Action: BJ to bring alternative options for discussion at next meeting.**

Recorder , Spring edition : aiming for delivery to homes before Easter . Deadline for copy is Weds 21st Feb.

Finance : MA reported a balance of £ 5939 after purchase of notice board and said the next bill to pay will be insurance in the next few weeks.

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

Chair : needs to be independent non-resident .**Action : MA to contact C Eccles about chairing**

Flyer : circulated to committee by JC . Discussed and amendments suggested . **Action : JC to re-send to Recorder Editor etc.**

Content and format : finance report , constitution , vacant roles **Action : All to let JC have further ideas.**

Items for next or future meetings

AGM (All) , Penkull Farm (MM/MA) , D Bates site (Cllr Hill) , Parish Council (BJ) , committee WhatsApp group (BJ) , Zoom and alternatives (BJ) , fund raising (JC) , “ 20’s plenty “ (JC) , committee priorities draft (JC)

Meeting closed at 20.48 hrs Date and time of next committee meeting: Mon 18th March 2024 at 7 30 pm.