

Penkrige Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in Room 1 of the
Haling Dene Centre Penkrige on Thursday 2nd March 2006 at 7.30 pm

Present

Councillor	J L Eastwood [Chairman]
"	Mrs I G A Ford
"	P Geoghegan
"	P M Jones
"	Mrs A Lycett
"	D Murphy
"	D G Vaughan

1. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked those residents who had made the effort to attend on such a cold evening.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs M Bailey, B Craddock, Mrs A J Geoghegan, Mrs P Hughes, J McPheat and S A Wright.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2005 be accepted as a true and accurate record and be signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A copy of the Chairman's report is attached to the official copy of the minutes.

6. PARISHIONERS' COMMENTS

Mr Ball from Princefield Avenue advised that the footpaths in Francis Green Lane and Market Street were in a poor state of repair.

The Chairman said that a list of footpaths needing attention had been passed to Staffordshire County Council Highways Department at the end of January, as far as he understood both the above mentioned pathways had been included and the Parish Council would follow up the matter in a couple of weeks.

Mr Bower from Wolgarston Farm said he had attended a meeting regarding the proposed M6 widening and on one of the proposed schedules it appeared that Junction 12 would be closed altogether. He asked if this were true and if so what would the impact be on volume of traffic travelling through Penkrige on the A449.

The Chairman asked if Cllr Vaughan could reply as he had attended a meeting on behalf of the Council where the three schedules had been placed on display.

Cllr Vaughan said out of the three proposed schedules it was implied that the preferred one would be the Expressway, which would result in Junction 12 being completely closed, but there had been no mention of an increased volume in traffic.

Mr Bower said he understood if the Expressway was implemented the work would take place between 2012 and 2017 and there would be bridge approximately 100 feet high crossing over

the M6 at Acton Trussell, this would increase the noise level in both Penkridge and Acton Trussell immensely.

The Chairman advised those present that the Parish Council would oppose any proposal of widening the M6.

Cllr Geoghegan said that there was still one opportunity for the parishioners to write in with their objections to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. The Parish Council would also forward their objections.

He advised that in one of the proposed plans there was a link between the M6, M54 and Expressway which would give a link west bound and this may help to reduce the volume of traffic through the village.

Mr Ellis from Princefield Avenue asked if David Kidney MP kept the Parish Council informed of all matters relating to the M6 widening.

The Chairman advised that the Parish Council has been informed every step of the way so far. There was then a general discussion between Councillors and Parishioners present on the M6 widening.

Mr Ball advised that cars were continuously parked along Filance Lane and at most times of the day made the road very difficult to pass through.

Mrs Ball advised that cars also parked close to the entrance of Francis Green Lane, if cars were then to turn right into Francis Green Lane from the Cannock Road there visibility would be reduced thus leading to a possible accident.

Cllr Jones said that he would add these items onto the next Transport Group Agenda for further discussion.

Mrs & Mrs Walton from Good Station Lane asked if the proposed development along the Stafford Road was due to go ahead or if it had been put on hold. Also there were rumours that the Middle School was about to close and the land put up for development.

The Chairman advised that as far as he understood the development had been put on hold and it was unknown when the Developers would apply for Planning Permission.

Cllr Geoghegan said that the Local Development Plan produced by South Staffordshire Council had been discarded and a new Plan was currently being put in place. It would not be in the Developers' interest to apply for Planning Permission until the Local Plan had been completed.

Mr Ellis said that there was a report regarding the introduction of a Mayor in Birmingham and its surrounding areas, would this include Penkridge.

The Chairman advised that Penkridge would need to be a town before it could have a Mayor and he did not think Penkridge would come under the Birmingham area.

The Chairman then asked if there were any further questions or comments from those present, to which there were none. The Chairman then declared the meeting closed.

7. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday 1st March 2007 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Chairman: _____

Date: _____