

Penkridge Neighbourhood Network

Minutes of Meeting Monday 10th August 2009

1. Parking Issues & Related Topics:

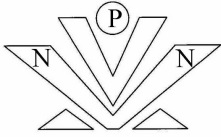
- Following many issues of parking on the pavement at Crown Bridge by many members of the PNN over numerous meetings and a prolonged period of time, P.C Kate Hardt has surveyed these activities, made some recommendations to the businesses there, and is currently monitoring the situation regarding private vehicles with a view to further restrictions in the short term.
- It was suggested that the pavement be made narrower, allowing less mobile people to easily use it, and installing an on-road "vehicle loading/unloading" area, not to be used by other motorists. Also, in the short term, it may be useful to have loading and unloading times for deliveries early in the morning.
- We could influence the Crown Bridge consultation, due September time, to look at this and the possibility of creating rear access parking for deliveries for businesses, with perhaps an illegal parking enforcement notice in this area.

2. Follow up on Market Day Traffic Problems:

- Following many chaotic market days when traffic is practically gridlocked on the A449, particularly Wednesday 5th August, a request was made as to whether a meeting with the Highways at County Council, Market owner and Police had been arranged via the JOG (Joint Operations Group) to try and seek a solution.
- Security at the point of entry to the market is sadly lacking in a logical way of allowing vehicles onto the car park.
- It may require pressure on the market owners to create a hard standing area under the bridge, (where the grassed area is currently beset by any wet weather problems).
- A solution is urgently needed to stop traffic backing up past Gailey Island and also from reckless overtaking (particularly large lorries) on the outside of this standing traffic close to the traffic lights at the George and Fox pub, heading in the Stafford area. Whilst these lorries are in the middle of the road, there is also the traffic which is travelling from Stafford and taking up the centre lane to turn right into the market.

3. Members Other Issues:

- The Leisure Centre report how well supported the "Active Youth" events are, how much the young people are enjoying the free events and they are appreciative of the various agencies within the PNN for supplying the funding which is £240 for each 12 weeks.
- Still problems at the Co-op with the youth, needs constantly reporting to the Police on 0300 123 4455 requesting a log number.
- The outcome of late bar closing times at the Monckton and George and Fox seem to be creating many problems in the early hours of the morning (up to 4am at weekends), particularly on Pinfold Lane and surrounding areas and lasts for hours. The state of the Churchyard the following mornings is a disgrace.
- Anti social behaviour can be monitored by the Police and the dedicated ASB officers, but needs reporting on the 0300 number at the time as Police will attend within the hour and details of offenders will be recorded.



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- The Special Constables are already monitoring this situation.
- Problems in the Bowling Green area, particularly within the buildings, where it is believed drugs are being used. It would seem the Flash Cam isn't in an area which can detect movement around the building, although checks will be made.
- Inspector Jones has suggested a deterrent which can be installed at a modest cost.
- Mill St is still being ridden down by the very young, in the centre of the road, narrowly avoiding oncoming cars and is an accident waiting to happen. Traffic being monitored for speed in this area by PC Kate Hardt via a metro cam.
- The allotments have also been targeted, at the end of a school day, and this has been reported to both the Police and the Parish Council.
- A charity guy for Needy Children has been seen almost too often in the Co-op and there is a need to have this person checked out for legality. Will monitor.

4 Police Response & General Policing in Penkridge:

- Inspector Mark Jones did emphasize that calls of ASB should be reported immediately as there are many remedies available.
- Currently, flashings/lead is the latest problem in our area, need to be vigilant.
- We reminded the Inspector that we do have 8,500 people in the village and the need to look after them is paramount, therefore Policing is essential.

5. Any Other Business:

- The outstanding question of the usage of the Burial Ground car park was again raised. As reported previously, PCSO Del Slater was in favour of it being open more often to avail parishioners its use. He suggested that £50 could be added onto a funeral cost to help reimburse the PPC.
- It would also ensure that illegal parking for funerals would be alleviated.
- Suggested fencing by the PPC would prevent people using the public right of way and discourage the Police from entering these premises.
- It was suggested by Council that this could be open 24/7 but that problems could occur, although there is a Flash Cam on the premises..
- This point is to be raised at the next Parish Council and be included on the agenda.
- A problem with dud £20 pound notes has been identified and addressed by a small pen, which can be bought quite cheaply. These will be distributed to Business people.
- It was also questioned as to what else could be done when these dud notes are spotted and we will endeavour to find what is legal.

6. Next Meeting Date, Monday 21st September 2009, 6.30pm Haling Dene Centre