

Penketh Parish Council Community Governance Review

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4. Do you feel that Penketh Parish Council should be abolished? Please select one option.				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		0.00%	0
2	No		0.00%	0
3	Don't know		100.00%	6
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5. In support of your answer to the above question please give your reasons why in the space below. Please provide as much detail as possible including what alternatives could be considered. (max 250 words) Alternatively, you can upload information below.				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question		100.00%	6
1	ID: 208198056	There needs to be more detail as to the ramifications of abolishing the PPC before I am in a position to make a valid judgement		
2	ID: 208313202	If they are abolished who makes decisions about Penketh		
3	ID: 208342940	I think how the council is run needs a review but feel it needs to be retained. There is a need to listen and act on the needs and desires of the community		
4	ID: 211301518	There needs to be a significant shift in how the current council operates, there are conflicts of interest that cannot be overlooked. The Chair of the Finance Management Committee, is a hirer of the pool and chairman of Penketh Swimming Club. Announcements about the reopening of the pool were on the swimming clubs social media pages BEFORE the parish council's, which could be perceived as self serving and not in the interests of the community. A Cllr recently elected to the PPC was involved in the petition to abolish, they are a former employee of the council at the pool. Reference to the former labour controlled PPC is laughable now, you		

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		<p>only need to look at the recent co-option process to see this was engineered so a 'friend' and person with an interest in Penketh Swimming Club was voted onto the committee.</p> <p>There is no scrutiny or transparency, public forums have been limited in the full PPC meetings and minutes very brief.</p> <p>This is a committee of friends, a clique, that are working in their own best interests. Those Cllrs that held any different view (apart from the seat blockers) have stepped down.</p> <p>Bring the pool and community hall and the parks under WBC</p>
5	ID: 211330074	<p>Current council not up to the position of councillors.</p> <p>Full council meeting held last week was not advised until an hour before meetingbroken the law? The agenda was not posted in a public place.</p> <p>Councillors who have resigned, state they felt bullied and intimidated by certain councillors. Cannot engage another clerk. REDACTED has been undertaking chairman and clerk duties for months.</p> <p>This council seems to be very anti the annual carnival. I'm concerned it's because they don't like the REDACTED family. They work against Penketh residents, rather than with them.</p> <p>REDACTED and REDACTED are a couple. REDACTED will be running a business from Penketh pool. He declares his interest at each meeting, but never leaves the meeting when the pool is discussed. REDACTED never declares his interest, that his Cllr partner will be running a business from the pool. Surely this can't be right.</p> <p>Last year PPC needed to get another councillor, due to councillor resigning. Three prospective councillors stood. One had a lot of experience, as she had been a parish councillor in a neighbouring area and also lived in Penketh. Another didn't have experience, but lived in Penketh. The one PPC voted for had no experience and didn't live in Penketh. However, she had worked with REDACTED previously.</p> <p>I am concerned this current parish council are corrupt, and looking after themselves, rather than the people of Penketh.</p>
6	ID: 211334020	<p>There are several issues of concern regarding the governance of Penketh Parish Council under the current Conservative/Independent controlling group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -There has been no audit sign-off published, suggesting that the financial statements have not been signed off. The latest published statement says that systems of financial control are not in place. -Two councillors with pecuniary interests in a private business operating from the council-owned pool have frequently been involved in decisions about the pool, in breach of conflict of interest policy and of legislation. -At least 4 clerks have resigned, some citing bullying from current councillors. -Unspecified fees have been taken (twice) from the fairground operator at the community Carnival. When challenged by residents at

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council meetings, parish councillors have given no explanation as to the amounts, the authority for their levying, or where the money has gone.
 -Six councillors have resigned under the current administration, some making statements referring to a toxic atmosphere from the remaining councillors in the current controlling group

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