MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16TH JANUARY 2017 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STARTING AT 7.30PM.

Present: Councillors Henry Clark (Chair), Emma Crowson, David Fovargue, Roy Pettitt, Sally Jackson and Greg Prior.

Also in attendance: Angela Hankins (Clerk), Dr Avril Lumley-Prior and Mrs Victoria Banks-Haynes (up to item 141.1).

137. Public question time - no questions raised.

138. Apologies received from Cllr Gary Wright and Ward Councillor John Holdich.

139. No declarations of interest were recorded.

140. The minutes of the previous meeting dated 19th December were approved as a true record.

141 Correspondence:

141.1 Members noted correspondence received from Mrs Banks-Haynes in relation to the former

Wildfowl Trust site in which Mrs Banks-Haynes offered to meet with members in an attempt

to agree an acceptable future use for the site. SJ advised that part of the site is the subject

of a request for designation as Green Space. EC referred to the Neighbourhood Plan which recommended no development outside the village envelope.

HC felt that it would be beneficial to have a conversation with Mrs Banks-Haynes.

***Clerk to arrange a meeting - HC, SJ and DF to meet with Mrs Banks-Haynes & Clerk to***

***attend***.

141.2 Clerks & Councils Direct, January edition was circulated (RP, then EC & DF).

141.3 Members noted the Rural Crime update previously circulated.

141.4 The Clerk advised of the Safer Peterborough Partnership consultation survey, open for

comment until 31st January.

***Clerk to circulate for individuals to respond as appropriate.***

142. Planning :

142.1 SJ advised on possible comments to be made in response to the Peterborough Local Plan Further Draft Consultation. There is a need to challenge/ seek clarification on the inclusion of the Village Green as a green space by the City Council.

***SJ to pull together a revised draft and circulate to members. Clerk to then submit by 9th February.***

142.2 The Clerk advised of the current situation in relation to South Kesteven Sites and Settlement Consultation. Summary report of consultation responses available on the web-site. Draft Local Plan for public consultation to be published in the Spring.

***Clerk to circulate web-address.***

The Clerk reported that permission had been granted for the proposed demolition of the existing single storey rear extension and side conservatory and construction of a new single storey side and rear extension at 32 St Pegas Road – application 16/02220/HHFUL.

143. The Clerk advised that no response had been received from the Parochial Church Council in relation to directional signs to the Church as yet.

144 It was noted that a joint meeting in regard to the permissive footpath between Glinton and Peakirk has been arranged for 7.30pm on Monday 23rd January, the objective being for the councils to work with the land-owner to ensure that the footpath remains open for public use.

145. The Clerk advised of quotes received for tree works suggested for the copse adjacent to the Rectory

Lane Public Footpath. SJ has written to Mr Barber, the land-owner, with details of the works proposed.

***Clerk to await response from land-owner and then issue order for the tree works to be undertaken by Willow Tree Services if appropriate.***

***HC and SJ to advertise the proposed works so that local residents and users of the footpath are made aware of the planting scheme.***

146. Speeding:

146.1 The Clerk advised that she had spoken to PCSO Courtney-Hunt in relation to Speed Watch with very little positive response.

HC reported on data from the Vehicle Activated Sign on St Pegas Road which showed that 60% of traffic was travelling at less than 30mph and 85% travelling at less than 35mph.

***HC to provide a report of the data to the Clerk for submission to the Safer Peterborough Partnership/Police.***

146.2 An update was received from Cllr Fovargue in regard to vehicles parked on the footpaths.

Photos clearly showed a vehicle completely obstructing the footpath forcing pedestrians onto the road.

***Clerk to contact PCSO Courtney-Hunt requesting that suitable advice be given to the owner of the vehicle.***

147. Maintenance:

147.1 An apology had been received from Willow Tree Services in relation to trimming the yew

hedge on the village green to a height lower than agreed and leaving shattered stems.

Members agreed to accept the contractors offer to trim the hedge during 2017 for free.

147.2 Most of the foliage overhanging the footpath close to Peakirk House has now been trimmed.

***Clerk to re-check area near drive adjacent to Peakirk House for overhanging Pyracantha***

***& chase with Lee Moore if necessary.***

147.3 RP reported that he had been unable to obtain any further advice in relation to inspection of the village monument.

***Clerk to take advice from Jim Daley of the City Council.***

147.4 A response had been received from Pete Garnham of the City Council in relation to points of contact In relation to footpaths/ rights of way etc as his position is not being replace for at least 6 months. Normal reports, pot-holes etc to be report via the Call Centre on 01733 747474. Rights of Way issues can be reported by using the e-mail PROW@peterborough.gov.uk.

147.5 It was agreed that the Cherry Tree on the highway verge near to 29 St Pegas Road had been badly pruned.

***DF to speak with occupiers and advise of works required to tidy the tree.***

147.6 Arrangements for the Village Litter Pick were agreed for 18th March. Starting at 11.00am and meeting at the entrance to the church. Followed by bacon butties in the Village Hall.

***Clerk to arrange for pickers with City Council and to arrange for posters/flyers to be***

***distributed around the village.***

148 Housing Needs Survey: responses from Cambridgeshire ACRE and Glinton Parish Council were noted. It was agreed that it is not the right time to undertake such a survey.

149. HC showed members a full-size mock-up of the proposed Car Dyke Visitors Information Board.

This has now been sent to a designer and feed-back/comment is awaited. It was agreed that

a scanner app/bar-code could be included to direct readers to additional information/reading.

150. Finance:

150.1 Members noted the budget review to 31 December 2016.

150.2 The correct tax position in relation to payment of Professional Membership fees was noted and approval given to the payment of £67 to SLCC in respect of annual membership for 2017.

150.3 The payment of £143.20 to HMRC in respect of PAYE for period Oct - Dec 2016 was noted.

150.4 Approval given for payment of salary arrears to Mrs A Hankins in the sum of £14.68.

150.5 Approval given for payment of £28 +VAT to Getmapping PLC for the annual Parish Online fee.

150.6 Approval given for payment of £22.50 + VAT to PCVS in respect of Payroll Service for period Oct-Dec 2016.

150.7 Consideration of draft Reserves Policy deferred to next meeting.

151 SJ advised that the Neighbourhood Plan had been submitted to the City Council on 20th December.

A copy of the plan on disc has been given to all members of the parish council and Neighbourhood Plan group. Plans to be left in church for public access during the consultation period.

Item to remain as standing agenda item for the time being.

152. SJ reported that the Northern Footpath Forum had met recently. They have raised over £4,000 towards the £6,000 target for the River Welland Footbridge Project. Looking at different suppliers for the bridge and seeking 3 quotes as contingency plans before applying to WREN for funding.

153. To receive Councillor’s reports:

SJ made a further plea for consideration of the purchase and installation of a defibrillator, with most

surrounding villages having them. Likely cost £1,249 + VAT. Further information on First Aid Training awaited. Cheyne Little has offered to participate in training and organization.

***To be put on the agenda of the next meeting for discussion and agreement of expenditure.***

HC advised that he has been co-opted onto the Health Scrutiny Committee and attended his first meeting.

154. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 20 February 2017. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.