MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 19TH JUNE 2017 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STARTING AT 7.30PM.

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

Also in attendance: Angela Hankins (Clerk) and 3 others.

24. Public question time: Dr Avril Lumley-Prior of PAST gave a brief overview of the finds from the latest test-pit and the time periods identified. The occupant of 27 Foxcovert Road advised that an ecological study had been undertaken and no wildlife disturbed, the planning application is to replace an old bungalow with a new chalet with the same roof-line.

David Hankins requested that the Flood Warden’s Equipment be stored at the Village Hall, making it more accessible.

25. Apologies noted from Cllrs Sally Jackson and Gary Wright and Ward Councillors John Holdich and Peter Hiller.

Members agreed that an invitation should be issued to the new MP, Fiona Onasanya, to attend a meeting.

26. No declarations of interest were recorded.

27. The minutes of the previous meeting dated 15th May 2017 were agreed as a true record.

28. Correspondence:

28.1 Letter received from grass-cutting contractor concerning low branches. RP advised that

for Health and Safety branches should be 2.3metres above the ground where people are going to be walking and 5.2 metres if overhanging a roadway. No additional areas of grass-cutting at Firdale Close to be included in the contract.

***RP and GP to provide details of work required. Clerk to obtain quotes and apply for Conservation Area permission. Clerk to contact City Council re low branches at Firdale Close. RP to provide Clerk with notice about overhanging branches for the notice-board.***

28.2 The new address for PCVS was noted.

28.3 Clerks & Councils Direct, May issue circulated

28.4 CPRE newsletter circulated – EC / HC/ return to Clerk

28.5 Members had no objection to a request from Karma Corner Yoga for a class to be held on the Village Green.

28.6 It was noted that the Council Minute Book covering the period 15 March 1995 to 18 April 2005 had been deposited with Vivacity/ the City Council.

28.7 It was agreed that the Clerk could obtain reimbursement to attend an SLCC Regional Training Seminar.

29. Planning:

29.1 Approval given to application 17/00789/CTR to fell conifer at 14 St Pegas Road noted.

29.2 Consideration given to planning application 17/01107/CTR for works to various trees at Ivy House, Bull Lane.

***Clerk to respond with comments of no objection to most proposals but to seek retention of one of the Fir trees proposed for felling. Members considered this would improve the area visually.***

29.3 Consideration given to planning application 17/00426/FUL for demolition of existing dwelling & construction of new dwelling & associated works at 27 Foxcovert Road.

***Clerk to respond that as long as the height of the new roofline is no higher than that existing there are no objections.***

29.4 It was agreed that there should be a policy in relation to the Parish Council engaging in early discussions on development projects.

***Clerk to draft and circulate.***

29.5 Reminder received from the City Council that from 1st July planning applications will be notified by e-mail.

***Clerk to send link to all members when application received. Members to make note of any problems experienced to feed back to the City Council.***

30. Finance:

30.1 The Clerk advised of the submission of the Annual Return and the publication of documents relating to the Transparency Code on the village web-site.

30.2 The budget review to 31st May 2017 was noted.

30.3 A contribution of £550 was agreed to be made to St Pega’s Parochial Church Council for maintenance of the churchyard.

30.4 Approval given to payment to Mr R Harding for grass-cutting for April and May.

30.5 Approval given for reimbursement to Mrs A Hankins in the sum of £8.97 for paper.

31. The item to receive an update from Cllr Clark in relation to the display board for the Village Green was held over to the next meeting.

***HC to obtain an up-dated quote if necessary.***

32. Cllr Prior provided an update in relation to the archaeological finds from the Village Green including the display of several interesting pieces. 180 pot shards had been found from the test pit covering a period of over 800 years. A request for two further test pits was approved subject to reinstatement. It was agreed that it would be good to have a leaflet produced giving more information about the activity and finds. Thanks given to the Parish Council for its’ continuing support.

33. Defibrillator – the Clerk advised that a grant application had been made to the National Lottery Awards for All for funding of the defibrillator. Decision awaited.

34. The item relating to Speeding – ‘to receive an update from Cllr Wright in relation to Speed Watch and to note any progress made in relation to submission of speed data from the VAS to the City Council. To note any response from Westcotec in relation to updating of existing signs’ was deferred to the next meeting.

***Clerk to liaise with Cllr Wright. HC to provide information.***

35. Millennium Copse – members noted that there is now a log left on site to act as a seat.

Confirmation of the number of new trees required, bulbs etc to be deferred to the next meeting.

36. The Neighbourhood Plan Referendum is set for 6th July. It was agreed that a factual document was required encouraging residents to vote.

***SJ to produce and circulate for comments. Clerk to print and issue flyers for distribution if possible by 30th June.***

37. Northern Footpath Forum report deferred to next meeting.

***HC to circulate suspension bridge photo.***

38. Item to consider and approve policy for Grievance and Disciplinary Procedures deferred to next meeting.

39. Cllr Crowson advised that applications had been submitted to the City Council for the designation of both the allotments and the public house as assets of community value.

40. Councillors reports: Cllr Fovargue advised of a response received from Anglian Water in relation to ongoing problems with sewage and the pumping station. Cllr Prior reported that he had recently undertaken a litter-pick. Cllr Pettitt advised that he had cut back foliage at the Village Green access near to the bus shelter and cleaned the information board adjacent to the shelter.

He also advised that rubber matting has been installed by the City Council adjacent to the slide.

40. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 17th July.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.