MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2017 IN THE VILLAGE HALL STARTING AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllrs Henry Clark, Emma Crowson, Roy Pettitt, David Fovargue and Greg Prior. Also in attendance: Angela Hankins (Clerk) and 1 resident for part of the meeting.

59. There were no public questions.

60. Apologies received from Cllr Sally Jackson.

61. There were no declarations of interest.

62. The minutes of the previous meeting dated 17th July 2017 were approved as a true record.

63. Correspondence:

63.1 Clerks and Councils Direct, September Edition circulated – to RP then EC.

63.2 CPRE Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Annual Report and Cambridgeshire Voice circulated – to DF then EC.

63.3 Consideration given to a request received from the Deepings Practice Patient Participation Group Deepings and Glinton Voluntary Car Scheme for a donation towards the running of the scheme. It was agreed that an appropriate amount to donate, without setting a precedent, would be £50.

***To be put on agenda of next meeting for approval.***

63.4 An offer had been received from Mr David Dearman to plant spring bulbs around the village – some additional daffodils along the yew hedge and snowdrops around the village sign. Suggested amount £25.

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63.5 Correspondence had been received from a resident in relation to both the defibrillator and the recent accident on Deeping Road.

***Clerk to e-mail both Ward Councillors and 2 MP’s regarding ongoing Parish Council concerns in relation to speeding traffic.***

64. Planning:

64.1 Approval given to planning application 17/01183/HHFUL, rear ground floor extension at 3 The Mallards was noted.

64.2 RP confirmed as an attendee for CPRE workshop on responding to planning applications on 2 November. SJ also believed to be attending.

64.3 Members noted that a meeting of 22 August had taken place between parish council members and owner and owner’s agent in relation to possible future use of the former Wildfowl Trust Site. No further information had been provided by the agent. Mrs Banks-Haynes to chase the agent.

***Clerk to confirm date information needed from agent to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.***

64.4 There were no further planning matters.

65. Finance:

65.1 Members noted the budget review to 31st August 2107.

65.2 Payment made to PCVS for payroll service April – June in the sum of £27 was noted.

65.3 Payment made to Hampton Parish Council in the sum of £70 for Councillor training sessions was noted.

65.4 Approval given for payment to HMRC for PAYE for the period July – September.

65.5 Approval given for payment to Mr R Harding in the sum of £260 for grass-cutting for August.

65.6 Approval given for payment to Mr R Harding in the sum of £260 for grass-cutting for July.

65.7 Approval given for payment to Mr R Harding in the sum of £260 for grass-cutting for June.

65.8 Approval given for payment to Mr R Harding in the sum of £270 for grass-cutting undercharged for March , April and May.

65.9 Approval given for payment to Willow Tree Services in the sum of £300 for crown-lifting works to trees on the Village Green.

66. Cllr Clark advised that he had been in touch with I-Signs in relation to the display board for the Village Green. They are awaiting the art-work for the illustration.

***Clerk to chase to ascertain whether original quote is still valid.***

67. Maintenance:

67.1 The Clerk advised that the City Council had agreed to trim the trees near to the bus shelter – lifting and clearing away from the sign. Work to be completed within the next month. The City Council are not willing to take responsibility for the trees in Firdale Close.

***RP to draft e-mail for Clerk to send to City Council.***

67.2 It was noted that the annual village walk-about with Lee Moore of the City Council is booked for 22 September. RP and Clerk to attend.

***Clerk to contact Ward Councillors to request the removal of the left-over graffiti from the bridge over the South Drain.***

68. Members noted the order submitted and grant received for a defibrillator in the sum of £2,918 and ratified the decision to proceed with a managed solution.

69. Speeding:

***Clerk to contact Cllr Wright to circulate his report on Speedwatch.***

***HC to submit data from VAS to Clerk for onward submission to the City Council.***

70. Members discussed the setting up of a working group, including other village organisations and interested people, to look at traffic issues and road safety in the parish. It was agreed that a Working Group was a good idea, to consist of EC/ RP/ DF and SJ, to look at possible solutions to the speeding problem for which some funds might be available. This small nucleus of councillors to get together before opening the membership wider.

***Clerk to request SJ to arrange meeting.***

71. Millennium Copse –RP provided information from SJ and it was agreed that 100 native bluebell bulbs should be planted by a working party. Money had previously been budgeted for the Millennium Copse and it was agreed that up to £500 could be spent on planting and accessories subject to a more detailed estimate.

***GP to confirm to the Clerk the number of stakes and tree guards required.***

***Clerk to purchase bulbs.***

72. ***DF to liaise with SJ for a future meeting as to whether any additional signage is required in relation to dog fouling.***

73. Update from the Northern Footpath Forum deferred to the next meeting.

74. Ratification of the amended policy for Grievance and Disciplinary Procedures deferred to the next meeting.

75. Councillors reports:

* RP advised of a proposal to build a further 77 houses in Glinton, off the Lincoln Road, adjacent to the playing field. Public exhibition to be held on 13th October in Glinton Village Hall.
* DF to speak for 10 minutes at the Peterborough Parish Conference about Neighbourhood Plans.
* GP advised that a deadly yew disease has been seen on some trees within the village for which there are no preventative measures.
* HC has been invited to chair the Cambridgeshire Parish Conference.

76. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 16th October.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.53pm.