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

Present: Cllrs Henry Clark (Chair), Gary Wright, Emma Crowson, Roy Pettitt and David Fovargue.

Also in attendance: Angela Hankins (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

114. Public question time: a resident raised concerns about the speed of traffic along the Deeping Road often way in excess of 40mph and requested removal of the painted-over graffiti on the bridges on the Deeping Road. Attention was drawn to the nuisance caused by a free-running dog from the site adjacent to the Nine Bridges, the matter having been brought to the attention of the local ward councillors.

115. Apologies received from Cllr Sally Jackson and Ward Councillors Holdich and Hiller.

116. No declarations of interest were recorded.

117. The minutes of the previous meeting dated 20th November 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record.

118. The Flood Warden, David Hankins, reported on a training day that he had attended and recommended that a Flood Plan should be written. The Flood Plan could incorporate an Emergency Plan. It was agreed that this was a good idea.

 ***Clerk to incorporate an item on the next agenda to discuss a Peakirk Flood and Emergency Plan.***

119. Correspondence:

 119.1 CPRE Countryside Voice Magazine, Winter Edition was circulated – EC then GW.

119.2 The Clerk advised that the software underneath the Peakirk Village Website has been updated and moved over to Wordpress, with David Burton continuing to give excellent help and support at very minimal cost.

 HC advised that he is continuing with an application to the Transparency Fund for funding for a separate web-site.

 ***HC to contact David Burton to explain the rationale.***

119.3 No other items of correspondence received.

120. Planning: no planning applications had been received.

121. Finance:

121.1 Members noted the budget review to 30th November 2107.

121.2 Approval give for reimbursement to Mr D Hankins in the sum of £4.10 for travel costs associated with attendance at a Flood Warden Training Day.

121.3 Approval given for reimbursement to Mrs A Hankins in the sum of £14.03 for postage costs.

121.4 Approval given for Home Working / Equipment allowance to Mrs A Hankins in the sum of £150.

121.5 A draft budget for 2018/19 was circulated and agreed. The general precept to remain at £5,585 plus financial assistance for recreation grounds and burial grounds.

 ***HC to add column for 2021/21.***

122. Maintenance:

122.1 A new date for a small work-party to undertake the planting of oak trees and bluebell bulbs in the Millennium copse to be arranged by GW following repair of his strimmer.

 ***GW to arrange a new date and notify members.***

122.2 It was noted that the bus-shelter is full of leaves and some litter.

 ***HC volunteered to sweep out the shelter.***

122.3 The Clerk advised that the over-painted graffiti had not yet been removed from the bridges over the Maxey Cut and South Drain.

 ***Clerk to chase Cllr Holdich.***

122.4 The Clerk advised that John Wilcockson had been approached in relation to providing a report on the state of the Horse Chestnut tree on the Village Green. John Wilcockson to

 take a look and carry out full inspection in May.

122.5 The Clerk advised that templates relating to “no dog fouling” could be borrowed from the City Council but were currently not available. It was felt that there was no particular problem at present with dog fouling and no further action was necessary.

123. As Cllr Jackson was not present at the meeting it was agreed to forward the item to receive a report from Cllr Jackson on the recent defibrillator training event and consider the

suitability/ viability of a VETS telephone scheme to the next meeting. It was noted that the training event was well attended.

124. In relation to the appointment of a new Clerk it was noted that interviews would be held on 21 December. It was confirmed that the present clerk would be finishing at the end of January.

125. Road Safety – GW provided an update on Speed Watch and circulated a background paper with a suggested way forward. Intention to meet during January.

 ***GW to arrange meeting before the next parish council meeting.***

126. The former Wildfowl Trust Site working group to undertake a site visit and then meet again as a small group.

 ***Clerk to chase John Dadge for date for site visit.***

127. An update from the Northern Footpath Forum was received – talks have taken place with the farmer over whose land access would be required in order to construct a bridge. The Environment Agency now require a soil specialist report before giving any flood defence consent.

 Progress is slow and the time-scales very tight for any EU funding to be obtained.

128. Councillors reports: EC advised that no caution has been placed with the Land Registry on any future sale of the allotment land off Rectory Lane.

 ***Clerk to chase.***

EC advised that Western Power will inspect and trim back trees that are interfering with power lines free of charge.

 ***EC to obtain information and circulate.***

DF advised of a recent fly-tipping incident in the village recently. Members asked to be vigilant.

 HC reported that the new Car Dyke Interpretation Board was now in place on the Village Green.

129. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as –15th January.

 There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.