MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2018 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM.

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

Also in attendance: Angela Hankins (Clerk), 5 members of the public and Fiona Onasanya MP

60. Public question time: Cllr Clark welcomed Ms Onasanya who had recently been in Peakirk to attend a traffic management meeting. Dr A Lumley-Prior advised of the work PAST has undertaken within the village and the archaeological finds to be displayed in the future in St Pega’s Church.

The MP acknowledged the problems of speeding into and through the village and the attempts of the parish council to deal with this. More enforcement needed by the City Council especially how traffic is managed and the hazards of the bridge over the Maxey Cut. A further meeting is to be held on 5th October with high level representation from the City Council, resident representatives and a representative from the MPs office. Cllrs Jackson and Pettitt to attend from the Parish Council. The MP advised that a briefing pack is to be sent to the Parish Council before the meeting.

Thanks given for Ms Onasanya’s help to date.

The MP additionally spoke about Parliament, current matters and local issues such as fly-tipping.

The Chairman advised that the meeting would be recorded.

61. Apologies received from Cllr Roy Pettitt and Ward Councillors Holdich and Hiller.

62. No declarations of interest were recorded.

63. The minutes of the previous meeting dated 16th July 2018 were approved as a true record.

64. Consideration was given to action to be taken to counteract abuse towards the Parish Council and individual councillors. Cllr Fovargue read out a statement in relation to recent items on Facebook posted by a resident following councillors undertaking speed checks in the village. Concerns expressed about false and unfair reporting of actions of councillors who are voluntarily working, with the best of intent, towards making the area a better place.

***Stressed that if residents have concerns or complaints they should be forwarded to the Clerk.***

8:12 meeting suspended to seek views of MP who confirmed that she had been subjected to abuse, the first incident after only 10 days as an MP. Advice would be to report it to Facebook.

8:15 meeting re-started. Agreed that meetings need to be managed robustly. Cllr Clark stressed that the meetings are now recorded and rules will be reinforced.

***Cllr Clark to check how other councils deal with problems.***

65. Correspondence:

65.1 The Clerk advised of information submitted to Cllr Hiller in relation to bus route 62 through Peakirk, mainly requesting a shorter journey time. Cllr Hiller to raise with transport colleagues.

65.2 The Clerk advised of an e-mail from a resident regarding postal numbering of new development to rear of Penwald Court following confirmation that the Parish Council were happy with the continuation of the numbers as recommended by the City Council.

65.3 Members were disappointed with the response from Lewis Banks of the City Council advising that a footpath for Thorney Road was unlikely to be built anytime soon.

***Response considered unsatisfactory and to be raised as part of the on-going discussion with the City Council.***

65.4 Members noted thanks received from St Pegas Parochial Church Council in relation to the donation towards maintenance of the churchyard.

65.5 The Clerk reported that the response from City Fibre Networks advised that the full fibre network project due to complete by 2021 covers the urban areas of the City only. There are no timescales for extension to the rural areas.

65.6 Information received from the City Council LED Street Light Project advised that the current LED street lighting upgrades will take place in 2 stages, LED lantern replacements only and then column and lantern replacements.

65.7 Clerks & Councils Direct, September edition was circulated (EC / GW / RP).

66. Planning:

66.1 No applications to consider.

66.2 The Clerk advised that a new date of Tuesday 23rd October (7.30pm in the Village Hall) has

been arranged for a meeting with John Dadge of Barker, Storey Matthews and

Mrs Banks-Haynes in relation to the former Wildfowl Trust Site. Cllr Clark offered his apologies and

will be unable to attend.

66.3 Members noted approval of planning application 18/01054/WCPP relating to variation of condition C20 (approved plans) on site to rear of Penwald Court.

66.4 In order to receive a brief report in relation to a churchyard extension proposal from Mr J Carlin

the meeting was suspended at 8:30pm. An area of approx 0.5 acres of land adjacent to the public

footpath at the bottom of Rectory Lane has been identified as potentially suitable for a churchyard

extension for both burial, cremated remains internment and garden of remembrance purposes.

The Church has started a discussion with the Diocese (the owners of the land) about purchasing

the land. Any change from the existing agricultural use would require planning approval and may

involve a redrawing of the village envelope. This would require support from the Parish Council

SJ was concerned for the implications for the permissive footpath in this area.

Members felt that the Neighbourhood Plan would be supportive of the change of use.

The meeting was re-started at 8:40pm.

67. Finance:

67.1 Members noted the budget review to 31 August 2108.

67.2 Approval given for payment of PAYE to Inland Revenue for the period July – September in the sum of £202.20.

67.3 Approval given for payment of invoice to Mr Harding for grass-cutting for August/September in the sum of £250.

67.4 Approval given for payment of invoice to Community Heartbeat Trust in the sum of £425 for cardiac arrest response seminar and first aid training.

67.5 Members noted payment of salary to Mrs A Hankins in the sum of £270.55 for July.

67.6 Approval given for payment of expenses to Mrs A Hankins in the sum of £22.32.

67.7 Approval given for payment to CAPALC in the sum of £25 for membership of the GDRP group advice scheme.

68. Maintenance:

68.1 Response received from Welland and Deeping Internal Drainage Board advising that they are responsible only for maintaining the water course area of Carr Dyke adjacent to The Sanderlings.

Any riparian landowners would be responsible for the trees. Letter to be sent by the drainage board to residents living alongside the dyke requesting that hedge trimmings are not deposited into the dyke.

68.2 Response received from City Council advising that work to remove graffiti on the bridge over the Maxey Cut requires a road closure, to be arranged by Highways.

68.3 The Clerk advised that Cllr Pettitt felt that installing bollards on the land adjacent to the Village Monument might cause more problems, vehicles trying to avoid the bollards might collide with parked cars. Bollards could destroy the amenity value of the area. Agreed that no action to be taken at present other than ongoing monitoring.

68.4 A note from Cllr Pettitt advised that the last sweeping of tree needles adjacent to Peakirk House

was 16th July. Further sweeping required along with the gutter outside The Goshams which is blocked with moisture absorbent granules following a vehicle fuel leakage.

68.5 Cllr Pettitt had cut back brambles overhanging the footpath/cycleway on St Pegas Road twice during the last month.

Requires cutting back by the City Council along with the hedge on the Thorney Road on the left-hand side approaching the railway.

***Clerk to contact City Council.***

Fiona Onasanya left the meeting at this point. Thanks given.

68.6 Cllr Jackson advised that watering had continued of the new oak trees planted and Cllr Clark had trimmed back the grass.

Further layer of mulch required – ***Clerk to arrange as part of tree works to village green.***

***Maintenance schedule still required in relation to the Millennium Copse – SJ.***

68.7 The quotation from John Wilcockson for a resurvey of all trees on the Village Green in the sum of £400 was agreed.

***Clerk to circulate report, any comments to be submitted to the Clerk.***

68.8 Approval given for expenditure up to £20 on the purchase of spring bulbs by Mr D Dearman.

68.9 Members considered further hedge planting to re-instate the hedge along the track past the allotments but decided against due to work required to establish the hedge and on-going maintenance.

69. Freedom of Information: Cllr Clark gave background information. It was noted that letter templates are available from CAPALC if required.

***Clerk to post request for information form onto the web-site.***

70. Road Safety and Speed Watch – issue had been discussed with the MP at the beginning of the meeting. By the next meeting a further meeting will have taken place with the City Council.

GW requested that the item be held over to the next meeting.

71. Members approved a request from PAST to dig a further 5 test pits on the Village Green during 2019, provided that the work is undertaken with due regard to safety and reinstated, as with previous digs.

72. Cllr Jackson advised that 9 people had attended the defibrillator training and further publicity was planned for the first-aid training.

73. Cllr Clark provided an update on the St Pega Project – progress being made with the improved lighting scheme, an application may be in time to get LEADER funding but still awaiting permission from the Diocese (a Faculty). Other elements include a toilet, server, re-ordering and the wall-paintings. Fund-raising concert to be held on 28th September. The presentation on the project given in church on 16th September was well-attended.

74. Cllr Jackson provided an update from the Northern Footpath Forum, reporting that permission had been obtained from the Environment Agency but issues remain with the right of way required.

75. Cllr Fovargue raised awareness of the possibility of scam e-mails. Cllr Clark advised that the Eclipso e-mails previously suggested may not be the most appropriate.

***All members recommended a specific e-mail for parish council business.***

76. Councillors reports: Cllr Prior reported that weeds in front of the yew hedge on the village green have been sprayed and 2 bags of litter collected.

Cllr Jackson queried whether CIL money in relation to the Penwald Court development had been received.

***Clerk to check.***

77. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 15th October (Financial regulations, Emergency Plan and Risk assessments/schedule, apologies from Cllr Clark.)

There being no further business the meeting close at 9.27pm