MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STARTING AT 7:30PM

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

Also in attendance: Angela Hankins (Clerk)

86. Public question time – no members of the public were present.

87. Apologies received and noted from Cllr Gary Wright and Ward Cllr Holdich.

88. The minutes of the previous meeting dated 21st October 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.

89. The co-option of Ms Ann Tulley to the parish council was postponed to the next meeting.

90. Cllr Clark advised that he had attended a Peterborough Council for Voluntary Services Awards Evening and was pleased to report that Cllr Jackson had received the Community Champion Award. Congratulations given.

91. Members noted correspondence received:

 91.1 Clerks & Councils Direct – November Edition.

 91.2 Dementia Friendly Rural Community Guide – suggestions to be received to take forward – postponed to next meeting.

 91.3 The Clerk advised that the City Council Enforcement Officer was to visit the relevant property and give advice in relation to bins left on pavements.

 91.4 Flood Action Week – members noted the postponement of this event.

 ***It was agreed that information and advice received could be tied into an event on Climate Change.***

 91.5 Information had been received on the Good Neighbour Scheme operating in the north-western

 rural area.

 ***Neil Boyce, the Chairman of Castor Parish Council, to be invited to speak at the January meeting.***

92. Planning:

92.1 To note the development of Werrington Neighbourhood Plan.

 ***Clerk to sign-up for mailing list.***

92.2 Cllrs Clark & Fovargue and the Clerk had attended the Parish Conference, mainly focussed on planning. Slides of the presentations had been circulated to members.

 Cllr Jackson advised that Peakirk’s Neighbourhood Plan should be monitored. It was agreed that a monitoring group should be set up. The group to meet in the New Year and complete a review by July 2020. Cllrs Crowson, Jackson, Clark & Fovargue to sit on the group.

93. Finance:

93.1 Members noted the budget review to 31 October.

93.2 No further invoice had been received from Mr R Harding for grass-cutting.

93.3 Approval given to payment of Home Working Allowance in the sum of £10 to Mrs A Hankins for November.

93.4 Suggested projects for 2020/21 included:

 (i) John Clare Countryside Project (JCCP) – Cllr Jackson advised that this forms part of the natural capital whereby the value of the countryside, water plants etc have a monetary value attached to them. The JCCP is to double the amount of natural capital that has to go back into the pot.

 Cllr Jackson proposed that the parish council support the JCCP and agree to be added to the list of supporters. Seconded by Cllr Crowson. All agreed. £500 to be provided for in the budget.

 (ii) Provision to be made to support a project day with the Bats in Churches Project and Caring for God’s Acre Project in the sum of £500.

 (iii) Traffic management - the £12,000 included in the 2019/20 budget currently unspent to be rolled over into 2020/21.

93.5 Cllr Clark circulated a draft budget for 2020/21 for discussion. Provision to be made for maintenance of the defibrillator.

 ***Clerk to explore membership levels with the Community Heartbeat Trust and costs involved.***

 ***Amended draft budget to come to next meeting for agreement.***

94. Maintenance:

94.1 The Clerk advised of quotations received for repair to Village Sign situated at the junction of Thorney Road and Deeping Road. Covea Insurance Company are in the process of referring the claim to loss adjustors. Contact awaited.

94.2 Suggestions in relation to alterations to the design of the Village Sign included round instead of square, stone instead of brick, height to sit on.

94.3 No progress to report on the repair of Anglian Water wall in Thorney Road.

 ***Clerk to chase.***

94.4 Advice was received from Darren Sharpe, Natural & Historic Environment Manager at the City Council in relation to a licence to plant and maintain shrubs on parts of the highway at a cost of £150 to cover legal fees. This could cover the whole of the village highway areas. New trees/shrubs planted by the parish council will have to be maintained at the parish council’s expense. James Fisher, the Wildlife Officer for the City Council suggested that native, rather than non-native tree species are planted, such as Sorbus Aucuparia (Rowan/Mountain Ash), Sorbus Aria (Whitebeam) or any other native species such as oak.

 Members agreed that an overall plan for tree planting was desirable. Inter-planting on the road to

 Glinton was considered. Sorbus Shearwater was suggested as an appropriate tree to plant in- between the ash trees.

 ***Cllr Prior to recalculate the number of trees required for this location and then Clerk to obtain quotes for supply and planting.***

 ***Clerk to apply for licence for whole parish.***

94.5 Cllr Prior reported that the holly tree on the Village Green at the corner of Chestnut Close and Deeping Road was leaning and the corner would be enhanced with its removal. If cut down it could then become a reasonable holly bush.

 ***Clerk to contact new tree officer and invite him to contact Cllr Prior as tree warden and view the holly tree.***

94.6 Further maintenance items – the yew hedge on the Deeping Road boundary of the Village Green is in need of cutting back.

 ***Clerk to seek quotations based on the previous specification.***

 95. The current position in relation to the allotments was noted. Members gave approval for the Clerk to

 contact Richardsons to seek a valuation and bring back to the next meeting.

96. Data Protection:

96.1 Councillor Fovargue confirmed that he had set up a new council specific e-mail using the format

 peakirk.cllrfovargue@gmail.com. Cllrs Clark and Jackson confirmed that they used council- specific email addresses but not in that format.

96.2 Cllr Clark advised that templates from Priviness relating to GDPR are not yet available.

97. Road safety and Speed Watch:

97.1 Cllr Crowson gave a report on Speed Watch.

97.2 A leaflet regarding speed through the village has been written.

 ***Cllr Fovargue to print off leaflets & Clerk to arrange for circulation.***

97.3 To note any briefing paper circulated by Cllr Wright in relation to road safety – no paper circulated. Item postponed in Cllr Wrights absence.

98. To discuss possible first aid skills training course:

 ***Cllr Jackson to contact MAGPAS to arrange a training course for Spring – possibly around April.***

99. Cllr Clark showed a rope-light set with photo-cell battery purchased to decorate the Village Monument for Christmas and will arrange installation.

100. Climate Change

 100.1 Following a proposal from Cllr Jackson

 Peakirk Parish Council declares a ‘Climate Emergency’ that requires the following urgent action:

 Hold a public meeting to discuss the implications of the Declaration and to set up an independent Climate Emergency Working Group to engage with residents and stakeholders. This Working Group would undertake an audit of the parish’s impact on climate change, as well as the impact of climate change on the parish. Within 6 months of starting work, it would put together a costed action plan to inform the Parish Council in time for the 2020/21 budget setting process.

 Set up a Task and Finish Group, as part of the Parish Council, to cooperate with the Climate Emergency Working Group and develop a plan to deliver on these commitments within the next 5 years.

 Engage and encourage local and regional bodies to provide advice and funding to meet these commitments.

 Review the plan annually and report back to the Annual Parish Meetings starting in May 2020.

 Seconded by Cllr Crowson. All agreed. Working group members to include Cllrs Jackson and Crowson. Cllr Jackson to put document together and circulate. The working group will then come back to the Parish Council with ideas.

 100.2 It was noted that a meeting with Sarah Steels from PECT is yet to be arranged.

 100.3 Councillors to read Friends of the Earth “20 actions parish and town councils can take” report.

  ***(Clerk to re-circulate)***

101. Cllrs Clark & Jackson advised that they had attended a meeting of Northborough Parish Council on behalf of the Northern Footpath Forum to provide details of the plans for the bridge over the River Welland.

102. Councillors reports: Cllr Prior advised that he had undertaken tree and shrub planting along the Rectory Lane footpath just past the allotments.

103. The date of the next meeting was noted as Monday 16th December.