

**MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18TH JANUARY 2021
STARTING AT 7:30PM**

Present: Councillors Henry Clark (Chair), Sally Jackson, Emma Crowson and David Fovargue.
Also in attendance: Angela Hankins (Clerk)

116. Public question time: there were no members of the public present.
117. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Greg Prior and Anne Tuley.
118. No declarations of interest were recorded.
119. The minutes of the previous meeting dated 21st December 2020 were approved as a true record.
120. Correspondence:
120.1 Clerks & Councils Direct – January edition. To be circulated to Cllrs Crowson and Fovargue.
120.2 A request was received to use the Village Green for a charity-raising event from 8:00am on midsummers day for 24hours involving flying electric powered model aircraft. Members confirmed support in principle for this world record attempt subject to risk assessment and insurance.
Clerk to respond to Mr Lever.
121. Good Neighbour Scheme (North West Rural) – it was noted that this a now a community interest scheme seeking both volunteers and clients. Councillors requested details of cost and likely usage to be able to make an informed decision as to whether to join the scheme.
Clerk to seek information on cost, the expectation of volunteers and the number of calls for service and volunteers in member villages.
122. Parish Plan – it was agreed that the plan should be a concise masterplan covering a 5-year period including objectives, timescales and possible budget. Neighbourhood Plan project list to be incorporated.
Cllr Jackson to draft the framework. Cllr Fovargue to provide page on road safety and Cllr Crowson to provide page on Climate Emergency.
123. Planning:
123.1 The delay to distribution of the “Conservation Areas - Guide for Owners and Occupiers” leaflet was noted due to Covid-19 restrictions.
123.2 The Clerk advised that no further response from the City Council Conservation Officer had been received in relation to The Goshams.
Clerk to chase.
123.3 Members agreed that the Clerk should request a Tree Preservation Order record/plan with details from the City Council, in GIS format if possible, to incorporate within the Village Tree Plan.
123.4 There were no other planning matters.
124. Finance:
124.1 Members noted the budget review to 31 December. Cllr Clark had circulated an amended budget with provision of £3,000 for Climate Change, £6,000 for Traffic Calming and £3,000 for Allotments during 2021-22 and £5,000 for Climate Change for 2022-23. The previously proposed budget of £10,000 for traffic calming was not possible without additional grant funding.
124.2 Approval given to payment of Home Working Allowance in the sum of £10 to Mrs A Hankins for January.
124.3 Approval given for reimbursement of paper and printer ink in the sum of £51.32 to the Clerk.
124.4 Approval given for payment of invoice from SLCC for Clerk’s Virtual Practitioner Conference (23-25 February) in the sum of £75 +VAT.
124.5 Members approved payment of PAYE for the period Oct-Dec in the sum of £224.80.

- 124.6 Approval given for payment of invoice from PCVS for Salary Service for Oct – Dec in the sum of £30 +VAT.
- 124.7 Members approved payment of invoice from Parish Online in the sum of £30+VAT.
125. Maintenance:
- 125.1 Cllr Jackson advised that there had been no further meetings with the City Council relating to possible changes in the verge maintenance agreement. None of the parish councils involved wished to enter into an open-ended agreement with unknown costs. No agreement is likely before 2022-23.
- 125.2 Cllr Jackson reported that the Orchard Project remains as the Peakirk part of the “Thank-you to nature” project promoted by the John Clare Countryside Project (JCCP). The project is likely to be put off for March and a new timescale agreed when people are permitted to meet.
- 125.3 Other maintenance matters:
- 125.3 (1) Bus shelter repair – members confirmed that this would wait until better weather and depend upon the availability of Cllr Fovargue.
- 125.3 (2) **Clerk to contact Mr Harding in relation to trimming of yew hedge on Village Green.**
- 125.3 (3) Cllr Jackson requested consideration be given to an additional litter bin at the Glinton end of St Pega’s Road following a request from a non-resident member of the public.
Clerk to contact the City Council about the possibility of a further bin.
- 125.3 (4) Cllr Clark advised that he had been unable to source any more durable “No Dog” signs for the Village Green.
126. Road Safety:
- 126.1 Cllr Fovargue reported on speed data from the VAS on St Pega’s Road for the period 12/20 – 15/01/21. 47,500 vehicles had passed the sign with 26% exceeding the speed limit, the fastest recorded at 65mph.
- 126.2 Cllr Hiller had received the Road Safety Report and asked for further information on entrance gates.
Cllr Fovargue to obtain quotes for gates from Glasdon.
- 126.3 Following a request from a resident, members agreed to seek police support for speed limit enforcement on Deeping Road and Thorney Road.
Clerk to contact police accordingly.
127. Allotments – the Clerk advised that a response from the owner of the land was awaited.
128. Peakirk Climate Emergency Group (PCEG):
- 128.1 Cllr Jackson provided a report. The intended distribution of a newsletter is delayed due to the current lockdown. Thanks were expressed to Annika Guerge for help with redesigning and editing the newsletter.
Clerk to put a copy on the noticeboard and the website.
Cllr Clark to put a link to the village website on the Wikipedia entry.
Cllr Crowson to send copies of the PCEG to the Clerk for posting on the village website.
- 128.2 Members approved the request for Mr Harding to remove nettles from the rear of the Village Hall in the Spring when removing plants from the Millennium Corner, with materials being taken away.
Clerk to obtain quote for the works. Expenditure to be taken from Climate Emergency budget.
- 128.3 Cllr Jackson advised of National Nest box Week starting 14th February and being supported over the whole of the JCCP area and requested approval for the purchase of 10 next boxes from the RSPB. Approval given in principle.
Cllr Jackson to order the nest boxes.
129. It was agreed to hold the item to receive a report from Cllr Clark on the costs of a new website through Vision ICT for the next meeting.

130. Councillors reports: Cllr Fovargue reported that the problem with dog mess on the footpath appears to have eased. Cllr Jackson encouraged colleagues to register with the RSPB to take part in the big garden bird watch.
131. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 15th February. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:58.

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