MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 20TH JULY 2020 STARTING AT 7:30PM

Present: Councillors Henry Clark (Chair), Emma Crowson, David Fovargue, Sally Jackson, Gary Wright (for part of meeting due to IT issues) and Anne Tuley (from item 46).

Also in attendance: Angela Hankins (Clerk), 1 resident.

41. Public question time – a local resident raised concerns about a planning application for the demolition of Ivy House in Bull Lane and replacement with 2 dwellings. Cllr Clark advised that the parish council is a consultee and will be able to make comment. Cllr Jackson was angry that the Parish Council had not been consulted as a result of the Neighbourhood Plan.

42. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Prior and Ward Councillor Holdich.

43. There were no declarations of interest.

44. The minutes of the previous meeting dated 15th June 2020 were approved as a true record with a correction to the spelling of Cllr Clark .

45. Correspondence:

 45.1 Clerks & Councils Direct – July Edition. To be circulated to Cllrs Crowson and Fovargue.

 45.2 Members noted the response from the editor of The Village Tribune relating to advertising costs.

It was agreed to have an entry of councillor contact details (name, e-mail and telephone) in the next 4 issues at a cost of £39 per issue less current 50% discount.

***Clerk to confirm with Cllrs Tuley and Prior and then action.***

45.3 Correspondence had been received from Newborough Parish Council relating to HGV traffic on the B1443 and a proposal to request a weight restriction to prevent HGV vehicles leaving the A47 at Thorney as a quicker and shorter route to the A15 rather than continuing along the A47 to its natural junction with the A15 (Paston Parkway). Any restriction would not include farm traffic, including collection or deliveries, or vehicles coming to the villages with deliveries. The restriction would be access only for HGVs. Newborough Parish Council were willing to include a request for the restriction to apply to Peakirk and Glinton villages as well.

 Members agreed to support this request.

 ***Clerk to contact Cllr Bryan Cole at Newborough accordingly.***

45.4 Ox-Cam Property Flood Resilience Pathfinder Project survey information was noted. It appeared that only Cllr Jackson had received an invite to undertake the survey.

 ***Clerk to contact Richard Whelan to query selection criteria.***

 45.5 No other correspondence was received.

46. Planning:

46.1 Members noted the withdrawal of application 20/00661/FUL – proposed tennis court and lighting, with screening and soft landscaping at 11 Meadow Road.

46.2 Consideration given to application 20/00830/CTR for substantial tree works (removal of up to 14 Leylandii trees and 2 Holly trees, reduction in height of 1 Leylandii and 1 Elderflower tree) at The Chestnuts, 7 Chestnut Close.

 ***No objections. Clerk to respond accordingly.***

46.3 Consideration given to application 20/00575/LBC (Retrospective) for replacement of 2 front windows at 8 St Pegas Road. The replacements installed have plastic-type inserts at the back of the glass pane, not replicating the originals and are considered inappropriate.

 ***Clerk to respond with objections.***

46.4 Other planning matters. Application 20/00817/FUL- demolition of existing dwelling and erection of two two-storey dwellings and rebuild of existing outbuilding at Ivy House, Bull Lane – was considered. Members were unhappy that the parish council had not been consulted as part of the pre-consultation process and there was no reference to the neigbourhood plan in the application.

 The proposed size of the properties and infill development was in keeping with the neighbourhood plan and the green credentials of the proposals were welcomed. It was felt that more attention needs to be given to the impact of the proposed development on neighbours.

***Planning Group members to feed back comments to the Clerk for submission to the City Council.***

47. Finance:

47.1 The budget review to 30 June was noted.

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

47.3 Approval given for payment of invoice to Mr R Harding in the sum of £280 for grass-cutting for June.

47.4 Approval given for payment of invoice to JB Restoration for repair work to steps on the Village Monument in the sum of £150.

47.5 Approval given for payment of invoice to PCVS in the sum of £36 for salary service April – June.

47.6 Approval given for payment to HMRC for PAYE for April-June.

47.7 Members noted the reduction in interest rate on the Cambridge & Counties Savings Account.

48. Maintenance:

48.1 Tree Officer’s report for July – Cllr Prior has continued with watering and undertaken litter-picking on the Thorney Road between Moor Road and Meadow Lane.

48.2 The Clerk advised that graffiti had been removed from the bridge over the Maxey Cut by the City Council and from the pumping station on Deeping Road by Anglian Water on the parish council’s request.

48.3 Members noted that road sweeping had been undertaken but the pavement adjacent to Peakirk House was still covered with tree needles. It was not certain whether any drain cleaning has taken place.

48.4 Consideration was given to a Litter Pick promotion (household/ family based) for September.

The annual village litter-pick planned for March had been cancelled due to Covid-19 and with the current restrictions it would not be possible to hold a large group litter-pick. It was agreed that family groups could be encouraged to undertake litter-picking around the village during September – litter-pickers could be pre-booked, risk cards issued etc with appropriate safety measures in place.

***Event to be promoted on the village website nearer to the time. Cllr Jackson to promote on Wildlife Facebook.***

48.5 Cllr Clark advised that a risk assessment had been completed in relation to re-opening the play equipment on the village green and as a result it remains closed. Further advice and information is

 awaited from Peterborough City Council who are responsible for the maintenance of the equipment.

48.6 There were no other maintenance matters.

49. Allotments – Cllr Crowson advised members of the process for land transfer in the absence of title deeds and the actions that would be required. Members agreed for the clerk to progress matters with the owner.

50. Peakirk Climate Action Support Group & John Clare Countryside Project (JCCP)–Cllr Jackson provided an update, speaking of the many strands within the projects. A virtual meeting had been held with Charlotte Palmer and Emma Naylor of the City council. Landscape character and public access to open spaces are an important feature of the project. Members agreed that Cllr Jackson should contact the Village Hall Committee about a possible community energy project and liaise with Northborough, Deeping Gate and Glinton parish councils to commence a dialogue as a cluster. Members supported the potential for Richard Astle as Chair of the Langdyke Trust and JCCP to liaise in relation to the former Wildfowl Trust Site. The Climate Action Support Group is meeting on the first Monday of each month and Cllr Clark is working on a logo for the group.

51. Road safety and Speed Sign Data – Cllr Clark will chase information on a tuning fork for calibration for the VAS. June data from the VAS has been sent to Cllr Wright. Cllr Fovargue to contact Cllr Wright for an update and to jointly push for action, involving Cllr Hiller if needed. Cllr Fovargue to contact Newborough Parish Council in relation to average legally enforceable speed cameras.

 Cllr Crowson advised that socially distanced Speed Watch will be starting up again in August.

52. Website Accessibility – the Clerk reminded members that a web-site accessibility statement was required by mid - September. Many of the Accessibility Statement Templates were very technical but a simpler, more understandable format had been found.

 ***Cllr Clark to request Sam at CAPALC office to check out the Peakirk web-site.***

53. Clerk’s delegated authority over Summer recess confirmed.

54. Councillors reports: Cllr Clark advised that the Cambridgeshire Parish Conference will be on line this year. He will speak to the City council about the format for the Peterborough Parish Conference.

55. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 21st September.

 There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.27pm.