

MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD BY ZOOM ON MONDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2021, STARTING AT 7:30PM

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

132. Public question time: there were no members of the public present.
133. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Greg Prior, due to technology issues.
134. No declarations of interest were recorded.
135. The minutes of the previous meeting dated 18th January 2021 were approved as a true record.
136. Correspondence:
 - 136.1 Clerks & Councils Direct – the Clerk advised that the February edition was awaited.
 - 136.2 Members noted the additional information received and circulated in relation to the proposed world record model aircraft flying event. Cllr Jackson advised that the defibrillator should be available on the Village Green during this event. A spare battery is needed – to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
 - 136.3 A letter had been received from a resident of Meadow Road concerning speeding traffic.
Cllr Crowson to suggest to Roy Pettitt, the Speedwatch Co-ordinator, that speeding and contravention of access only could be a suitable project request for the police project manager.
137. Good Neighbour Scheme: the Clerk advised that annual membership would be £380, calculated at £2 per household. The current usage of the scheme which operates in 4 parish areas appears low but anticipated to rise. The co-ordinator of the scheme is funded by an initial grant from the City Council, but membership fees are needed to continue this post. Members felt the scheme was a good idea but not a good use of taxpayers' money at present. It was agreed to defer a decision on membership for 6 months when there should be greater clarity about lockdown and the future.
138. Planning:
 - 138.1 The Clerk advised that no further response had been received from the City Council in relation to outstanding Conservation Area queries. TPO details had been received and circulated.
 - 138.2 Members noted the granting of planning approval 20/01621/HHFUL - replacement of existing rooflight with dormer window at 21 Firdale Close.
 - 138.3 The receipt of notification of Public Consultation on Draft Design Guidelines for South Kesteven and Draft Statement of Community Involvement 2021 was noted.
Cllr Jackson to view the documents.
 - 138.4 There were no other planning matters.
139. Finance:
 - 139.1 The budget review to 31 January was noted.
 - 139.2 Approval given for payment of Home Working Allowance in the sum of £10 to Mrs A Hankins for February.
 - 139.3 Approval given to payment of invoice from J Bradley Fencing in the sum of £576 for fencing repairs on the Village Green.
 - 139.4 Members approved the annual renewal of Data Protection Fee due 05/03/21 in the sum of £40 and subsequent reimbursement to Mrs A Hankins.
140. Allotments: the Clerk advised that a response from the owner of the land was awaited.
141. Maintenance:

- 141.1 It was agreed that a retrospective licence from the City Council for tree planting on St Pega's/ Glinton Road should be applied for.
Cllr Clark to send map link to the Clerk showing the location of the trees. The Clerk to notify Darren Sharpe at the City Council and enquire about a retrospective licence.
- 141.2 No further response had been received from the City Council in relation to an additional waste bin at the Glinton end of St Pega's Road.
Clerk to chase.
- 141.3 Members considered and approved quotes received from Mr Harding for trimming of the yew hedge on the Village Green in the sum of £175, clearing the Millennium Corner in the sum of £150 and clearing nettles from the rear of the Village Hall in the sum of £150.
- 141.4 Councillor Jackson proposed loaning litter-picking equipment available to village residents to undertake individual litter-picking. It was agreed that this was a good idea.
Publicity to be given on the noticeboard, newsletters and village Facebook.
- 141.5 Cllr Clark advised that 2 new "No Dog" signs had been affixed to posts adjacent to the Village Green and more will be purchased. Concern was expressed at the very poor state of the road through the village since top-dressing.
Councillors to report specific locations/problems to the Clerk for onward submission to the highways department.
142. Road Safety:
- 142.1 The Clerk advised of difficulties in contacting Cambridgeshire Constabulary in relation to a request for speed limit enforcement on Deeping Road and Thorney Road.
Clerk to contact Crime Commissioner and local ward councillor.
- 142.2 Cllr Fovargue provided a report on speeding/road safety issues including costs received for village gates on St Pegas Road, Deeping Road and Thorney Road. Likely measurements would be gates 1.5metres wide and 1.3metres high, with a single post where insufficient space. Gates would be made from wood effect white recycled plastic. Likely costs £3,143 +VAT, plus installation costs.
Cllr Fovargue to produce template to see the visual impact. Clerk to contact Peter Tebb at the City Council.
143. Peakirk Climate Emergency Group:
- 143.1 A report from Cllr Jackson had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- 143.2 To note/consider items requested by PCEG:
- (i) Possible Water supply for the allotments – this item on hold until response received from the owner of the land.
 - (ii) Support and ideas for a Heritage trail to support JCC – felt that it would be good if Peakirk could be included as a stop-off point.
 - (iii) Recycling station in the Bus shelter – it was suggested that the Village Hall carpark would be a more suitable location for a recycling point for terracycle.
Cllr Jackson to provide information to Cllr Fovargue for consideration by the Village Hall Committee.
 - (iv) Setting up a Village Fund to support and finance small schemes from individuals in the parish to support biodiversity – more thought to be given to how this could be administered but felt to be a good idea in principle.
Cllr Jackson to research models used elsewhere and circulate findings.
 - (v) Possibility of Drinking Water refill station outside the Village Hall. Cllr Jackson advised that this is a countrywide scheme, using an app, to reduce single use plastic waste. It was noted that this is the responsibility of the Village Hall Committee.
 - (vi) Siting of Nest boxes on the Village Green – it was agreed that a few nest boxes would be acceptable on the village green, put up in a safe and secure manner by councillors.
Cllr Jackson to purchase six nest boxes. Cllr Clark volunteered to fix them.
 - (vii) Practical measures to be taken before the start of the grass cutting season – the areas of

grass in Firdale Close and on the Village Green that will be subject to a different cutting regime to be marked off before grass-cutting commences with a mix of white-line spray and / or rope.

Cllr Jackson to purchase a spray can of chalk paint.

(viii) Project list for the City Council Carbon Reduction plan – Cllr Jackson advised that a meeting with City Council officers was imminent relating to what the parish council wishes to do to reduce the village carbon footprint. Cllr Jackson putting a plan together which may include possibility of offering Energy Certificate service for properties and better cycle links to Deeping.

144. Cllr Clark advised that costs of a new website through Vision ICT are awaited.
145. It was agreed to hold the item “To note any progress on production of a draft parish plan” to the next meeting.
146. Councillors reports – a report from Cllr Prior had been received advising that pruning works had been undertaken on overhanging trees on the Peakirk to Glinton Footway, dead ceanothus removed adjacent to the bus shelter and litter removed from Thorney Road.
147. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 15th March. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:20pm.