

**MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2021,  
COMMENCING AT 7:30PM**

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

148. There were no members of the public present.
149. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Prior (technology issues) and Ward Councillor Holdich.
150. No declarations of interest were recorded.
151. Minutes of the previous meeting dated 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 were approved as a true record.
152. Correspondence:  
152.1 Clerks & Councils Direct – March edition – to be circulated to Cllrs Crowson and Fovargue.  
152.2 No other correspondence had been received.
153. Planning:  
153.1 A written response from the City Council in relation to an outstanding Conservation Area query had still not been received.  
**Cllr Fovargue to view windows.**  
Distribution of the guidance leaflet – Cllr Clark to check latest guidance and deliver when permitted.  
**Cllr Clark to advise Cllr Jackson accordingly.**  
153.2 Consideration given to planning application 21/00063/LBC – retrospective application for replacement of 2 front windows at 8 St Pegas Road. Cllr Fovargue advised that the application was confusing.  
Members agreed that a double-glazed unit in traditional style would receive no objections. Due to the council having declared a climate emergency single glazing could not be supported.  
153.3 Consideration given to planning application 21/00270/HHFUL – demolition of existing garage and erection of single garage at 1 Bull Lane. No objections.  
153.4 There were no other planning matters.
154. Finance:  
154.1 Members noted the budget review to 28 February.  
154.2 Approval given for payment of Home Working Allowance in the sum of £10 to Mrs A Hankins for March.  
154.3 Approval given for reimbursement to Cllr Jackson in the sum of £71.96 for 4 nest boxes and £29.49 for 2 further cabin boxes. Cllr Jackson advised that the boxes had been put up around the Village Green and one Robin box to be sited near the hedge between the former Wild Fowl trust site and 9 Thorney Road.  
154.4 Approval given for payment of invoice to Mr Harding in the sum of £175 for trimming of the Village Green boundary hedge and £75 for removal of suckers and low branches from trees within Firdale Close grass cutting area.  
154.5 Members approved payment of PAYE for the period Jan-March 2021 in the sum of £213.80.  
154.6 Authorisation given for the purchase of a spare G5 battery for the village defibrillator.  
**Clerk to action.**
155. The Clerk advised that no further response had been received from Mrs Acker in relation to a lease of the allotment site.  
**Cllr Clark to telephone Mrs Acker.**  
The plot to be used for the Orchard Project is covered with surplus soil which needs to be removed. Cllr Jackson advised removing the top 300mm and then sieving the next layer, engaging residents and

children. Suggested contractor details to be sought from PECT or the Langdyke Trust by Cllr Jackson and clerk to then obtain quotes for removal of top layer. Expert advice to be sought by Cllr Jackson. The Clerk advised that £1,700 grant funding for the Orchard Project had been received from PECT.

156. Maintenance:

156.1 The Clerk advised of a conversation with Darren Sharpe of the City Council in relation to retrospective licence for tree planting on St Pega's/ Glinton Road. Likely that a retrospective licence is not needed but all future planting must be approved in advance. Requests for the City Council to consider planting a tree on land owned by them can be made to trees@peterboroughlimited.co.uk.

**Clerk to speak with adjacent resident and submit request to the City Council for a tree on land in front of 27 St Pegas Road.**

156.2 In relation to an additional waste bin at the Glinton end of St Pega's Road the City Council had suggested siting a bin near to the dog waste bin. Agreed that decision on siting to be postponed pending positioning of Village Gateways.

156.3 Bus shelter: the Clerk advised that a response from the City Council legal department is awaited in relation to a licence to use/maintain the shelter. It was suggested that repair work could take place in the summer.

156.4 There were no other maintenance matters.

157. Road Safety:

157.1 Cllr Fovargue advised that police speed checks had been carried out within the village.

**Clerk to request that the Speed Watch co-ordinator request data collected by the police.**

Personal experiences of walkers/ riders with speeding traffic to be collected by the clerk and forwarded to Cllr Fovargue.

**Clerk to action.**

157.2 Cllr Fovargue reported speed data from the VAS on St Pegas Road. Between 14.1.21 and 9.3.21 44,932 vehicles passed the sign. The number of vehicles over the limit was 10,612 (24%), the average speed 34.9mph and a speed of 65mph recorded at 8:55 on 15.1.21.

**Cllr Clark to obtain updated costs for a portable speed sign that could be used in various locations subject to erection of posts.**

Cllr Fovargue provided further costs received from Glasdon for the purchase of posts/ village gateways in the sum of £2,872+VAT. An indication of installation costs had been received from the City Council.

**Clerk to contact Peter Tebb at the City Council to request a meeting to confirm the position for the gateways and to obtain a quote.**

It was agreed that CIL money should be used for the gateways/ VAS sign.

**Clerk to contact CIL officer.**

158. Peakirk Climate Emergency Group/ Joh Clare Countryside Project (JCCP): a report from Cllr Jackson was received. A request to discourage single-use plastic on any events on the Village Green or sponsored by the Parish Council was considered.

**Cllr Clark to draft a policy.**

Cllr Jackson working with others on a map of footpaths to the east of the East Coast Mainline, with a possibility that the JCCP will apply for funding for the bridge over the Welland.

Millennium Corner – to be cleared out by the end of March. Cllr Jackson has produced a list of plants that residents can donate and plant from their own gardens.

**Cllrs Jackson and Tuley to organise.**

Rear of Village Hall - Sarah Lambert suggests purchasing plant plugs and not relying on residents contributions.

Newsletter – Councillor Jackson rethinking content for 2<sup>nd</sup> newsletter.

**Cllr Jackson requested to produce a budget to enable relevant amount to be ring-fenced.**

159. Cllr Clark advised of costs received from Vision ITC for a new Parish Council website - £650 for creation, set-up and training, £175 annual cost for maintenance and £18 per year for each pc.gov.uk e-mail.

Members acknowledged the advantages of the current joint village website and agreed not to change provider.

160. To note any progress on production of a draft parish plan: no progress had been made. It was agreed to bring this item back to the agenda in 6 months.

161. Councillors reports:

Cllr Clark advised that the current permission to hold council meetings remotely expires on 8<sup>th</sup> May. It was agreed that the Annual Parish Council meeting would be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May. No decision taken on the Annual Parish Meeting until things become clearer.

Cllr Fovargue reported that more dog mess had appeared near to the stone wall on St Pegas Road despite the sign. A notice for the erection of 2 new telephone poles had been placed, but without stating the location – Cllr Fovargue to pursue.

Cllr Fovargue advised that the request from the PCEG for a listing of the Village Hall water tap on the water bottle Refill App had been considered by the Committee but declined.

Cllr Prior had trimmed the Crab Apple trees on Thorney Road and the trees in the Village Hall carpark. It was noted that the City Council had trimmed back brambles on the Glinton Road.

162. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.  
There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:30pm.