

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 21ST JUNE 2021 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STARTING AT 7:30PM

Present: Councillors Sally Jackson (Vice-Chair), David Fovargue, Greg Prior and Anne Tuley.

25. Public question time: no members of the public were present.
26. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Clark and Cllr Crowson.
27. No declarations of interest were recorded.
28. The minutes of the previous meetings of 4th May and 2nd June. were approved and signed as a true record, and the minutes of the previously approved meetings of 26th April and 22nd March (both held via Microsoft Teams) were signed.
29. Correspondence:
 - 29.1 Letter from Magpas Air Ambulance noted, donation declined.
 - 29.2 The date for the Robinson (Tractor) Road Run was noted as 12th September with the route passing through Peakirk.
 - 29.3 Information received from the Good Neighbours Scheme relating to community feedback for the countywide Covid Hub.
30. Members noted the current position in relation to review of following policies/procedures:
 - 30.1 Communications Policy – had been reviewed by Cllr Crowson. No amendments required.
 - 30.2 Emergency Plan – Cllr Fovargue advised that this had been written in 2019 and recommended a review date of every 2 years be added. The review to be undertaken with the key personnel named in the plan (David Hankins, Roy Pettitt and Angela Hankins).
Cllr Fovargue to arrange a review date in October.
 - 30.3 Tree Policy – Cllr Jackson advised that the policy was based on the City Council’s Tree Policy of 2011 and would benefit from updating. Cllr Jackson suggested incorporating tree advice notes from PECT and requested that the tree survey undertaken by Poppy Revell be put onto the website.
Cllr Jackson to draft amendments to the policy in conjunction with Cllrs Tuley and Prior and circulate before the next meeting.
The Clerk to post the tree survey onto the website.
31. Asset Inspection Log – Cllr Fovargue reported that the remedial works recommended after the last inspection in October 2020 had not yet been undertaken. A further inspection is due this October and it was agreed that a timed plan would then be drawn up with consideration given to cost / use of volunteers at that point.
32. Planning:
 - 32.1 Application 21/00691/HHFUL –the council’s response of “No objections” to the proposed 2-storey side and single storey rear extension at 10 Firdale Close was noted.
 - 32.2 Members noted the re-consultation on application 21/00370/FUL demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 2 one and a half storey dwelling and rebuild of existing outbuilding at Ivy House, Bull Lane. It was agreed that there was nothing further for the parish council to add.
 - 32.3 The withdrawal of planning application for replacement windows (retrospective) ref 21/00063/LBC at 8 St Pegas Road was noted.
 - 32.4 A date for the Local List Project rural seminar was noted as 7th July at 7:00pm via Zoom.
Cllr Tuley confirmed her attendance.
The Clerk reminded members that a lot of work had been undertaken previously regarding Local Listing but had not been completed.

33. Village Gateways / Speed Watch: it was noted that the next Speed Watch session is to take place on 23rd June. Cllr Fovargue expressed frustration with his communication with the City Council in relation to Village Gateways. No new data available from the VAS.
Cllr Fovargue to forward correspondence to date to the Clerk for chasing.
34. Finance:
- 34.1 The budget review to 31 May was noted.
 - 34.2 Approval given for payment of Home Working Allowance in the sum of £10 and salary payment to Mrs A Hankins for June.
 - 34.3 Approval given for payment to HMRC for PAYE covering period April-June in the sum of £213.60
 - 34.4 Members approved payment of invoice to Mr Harding for grass-cutting during May in the sum of £380.
 - 34.5 The Clerk advised that the application for an account with Unity Trust Bank had been completed and would need to be signed at the next meeting.
35. Maintenance:
- 35.1 Verge cutting – Cllr Jackson advised that the Parish Online Map showing areas cut by the parish council's grass-cutting contractor does not agree with the plan used by the City Council resulting in some ongoing duplication. Cllr Jackson and the Clerk to liaise re the areas to be confirmed for removal from the City Council's plan.
Cllr Jackson to update the Parish Online Grass-cutting Plan and send to the Clerk who will confirm areas with Mr Harding and then advise the City Council.
 - 35.2 Members discussed the future maintenance plan for the 5 nature recovery areas in the village in order to prevent them becoming unsightly. Cllr Jackson has contacted both PECT and the Langdyke Trust for advice on appropriate maintenance and possible joint working and this will be considered at the next meeting of the John Clare Countryside Project (JCCP)
 - 35.3 A resolution for consideration had been proposed by Cllr Jackson that "Peakirk Parish Council will require any operator or contractor engaged in using chemicals on behalf of the Council to ensure they are safe for the environment or if they are used as pesticides the Parish Council will have taken specific advice and given its authorisation to ensure no harm is inflicted on non-target areas or life and only when no other safe, biological, humane or mechanical process is available."
Following a lively discussion ***it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.***
36. Climate Emergency Group (PEG) / John Clare Countryside Project – minutes of the latest meetings had been circulated and were available on the website. Cllr Jackson advised that conversations were ongoing with the Stamford Orchard Project for advice regarding trees for the allotment plot. The long grass area in the centre of David's Wood in Firdale Close will be cut at the end of July by the PEG group. The PEG group will next meet on 5th July. It was noted that the 2nd Newsletter was printed and about to be delivered to each house in the village.
37. Councillors reports: Cllr Prior reported that he was undertaking weed control and watering the trees recently planted where necessary.
Cllr Jackson to deal with the suckers/ self-sets from the Cherry Tree growing below the yew hedge on the Village Green.
38. The date of the next meeting was noted as Monday 19th July. The Clerk confirmed outstanding dates booked for 2022 - Tuesday 19th for the April meeting and Monday 9th May booked for the Annual Parish Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:04pm.

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