

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2021 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STARTING AT 7:30PM

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

53. Public question time: no members of the public were present.
54. Apologies received from Cllr Sally Jackson.
55. No declarations of interest were recorded.
56. To minutes of the previous meeting of 19th July were approved as a true record and signed.
57. Members noted correspondence received:
- 57.1 Thanks from the PFR Project – Flood Resilience Mobile. It was agreed that this was well received with a lot of useful information provided. A page to be set up on the Village Website about flooding, including old flood photos and link to the Environment Agency flood warnings.
Cllr Clark to research the links to go onto the site.
- 57.2 A request from PCC Highway Services in relation to notification of incidents / repairs required was noted.
Clerk to circulate electronically to members.
- 57.3 The Clerk advised that a bid to the National Lottery Community Fund, written by Sarah Smith had been turned down. Original bid taken by Cllr Crowson for subsequent circulation for information.
Further revised bid to be considered.
- 57.4 Other correspondence received: the Clerk advised that Rowan Rumball had been contacted with regard to speaking at a meeting.
Cllr Tuley to pursue.
58. Cllr Tuley advised that an amended tree policy is on hold pending the City Council's Tree Policy which is in the process of review. The Clerk advised that the City Council's Landmark Tree Register no longer exists.
59. Members noted the completion of a 10-year lease of the allotments on Rectory Lane. It was suggested that an Allotment Users Group could be formed and a meeting of allotment holders arranged longer term.
Cllr Clark to produce a plan and investigate information from the Allotment Society. Clerk to obtain allotment holder details and tenancy terms and notify insurers.
Clerk to check expiry date of designation as an Asset of Community Value.
60. Planning:
- 60.1 Cllr Tuley provided a report on submissions made to the Local List Project. Submissions from Dr Avril Lumley-Prior and Cllr Tuley include the cottages in Chestnut Close, the Village Green, the Folly Bridge, Railway Cottage, the Roll of Honour and village stand-pipes.
It is hoped that future registers will enable more nominations to be made. The mediaeval ridge and furrow to be linked with submission from Glinton.
Cllr Tuley to continue research on the history of the allotments.
- 60.2 Members noted the withdrawal of application 21/00452/HHFUL, single and 2-storey rear extension and associated works at 7 Rectory Lane.
- 60.3 Consideration given to planning application 21/01181/FUL – conversion of kennels buildings to 3 dwellings and erection of 2 car ports at the former Follybridge Kennels, Thorney Road. Concerns raised as the area is within a flood risk area and has suffered flooding and is contrary to the Local Plan Policy for Open Countryside. Members considered the proposals inappropriate for the site.
Clerk to respond accordingly.
- 60.4 To note any other planning matters: it was noted that the application for a ground floor extension, 21/01106/HHFUL, at 20 Meadow Road has been permitted.

61. Village Gateways / Speed Watch: it was noted that no progress has been made on the Village Gateways due to lack of response from the City Council. Cllr Fovargue provided an update on the Speed Watch carried out on Folly Bridge on 15th September. Next Speed Watch to be on the Deeping Road.
Cllrs Clark and Fovargue to liaise to switch direction of Vehicle Activate Sign (VAS) on St Pega's Road.
Cllr Clark to research the costs of a portable VAS.
62. Finance:
- 62.1 Budget review to 31 August noted.
 - 62.2 Approval given for payment of Home Working Allowance in the sum of £20 and salary payment to Mrs A Hankins for August/September.
 - 62.3 Approval given for reimbursement to Cllr Jackson in the sum of £48.57 for 3 chalkboards for PCEG/JCCP project.
 - 62.4 Payment of invoices to Mr Harding for grass-cutting during July and August approved.
 - 62.5 Members noted payment of invoice, approved by e-vote, to Wellers Law Group LLP in the sum of £648.
 - 62.6 Approval given to payment to HMRC for PAYE July-Sept in the sum of £213.80
63. Maintenance:
- 63.1 Members agreed the resolution proposed by Cllr Jackson that "Peakirk Parish Council supports Peterborough City Council in their efforts to become herbicide free in appropriate wards and will approach Peterborough City Council to propose working with Aragon Direct Services to trial herbicide free alternative methods of weed control in our parish over the next 12 months. During this 12month period, we would also expect any other contractor or volunteer working within the parish, to follow the same guidelines."
 - 63.2 Verge cutting – no further progress.
Cllr Clark to update plan.
 - 63.3 Village Green – it was reported that several of the horizontal strips on the fence along the Deeping Road boundary are broken.
Clerk to request survey, recommendations and quote from J Bradley fencing.
 - 63.4 To consider any other maintenance matters:
Cllr Fovargue to undertake asset inspection.
Cllr Clark to replace any "No Dog" signs missing from the boundary of the Village Green.
64. Queen's Platinum Jubilee: consideration given to possible ways of commemorating the 70th Anniversary including planting of a tree, adaptation of the Village Competition sign, additional play equipment. Cllr Fovargue advised that the Village Hall Committee would be discussing a possible event on the Village Green at their next meeting. It was noted that the national Big Jubilee Lunch is planned for 5th June.
65. Climate Emergency Group / John Clare Countryside Project: Cllr Jackson had provided an extensive To Do list of tasks for Autumn. It was agreed that the area to the rear of the Village Hall needs protecting. Cllr Clark requested a costed, well-considered plan.
Cllr Tuley to feed back to and liaise with Cllr Jackson.
66. Councillors Reports:
- Cllr Prior advised that the brambles had been cut back from the Malus trees on the Folly Bridge. He had also witnessed extensive littering from a vehicle between Newborough and Peakirk and found fly-tipping that appeared to have originated from a hair salon in Peterborough.
It was agreed to hold a litter pick on Saturday 2nd October, commencing from the Village Green at 10.00am.
Clerk to check Village Hall availability and advise Cllr Clark.
Cllr Tuley considering engagement activities, especially aimed at families, to be held in the Village Hall which may include the Cheese Project etc.
Cllr Tuley to pursue.
67. The next meeting was confirmed as Monday 18th October. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:08pm.