

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 17TH JANUARY 2022, STARTING AT 7:30PM

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

116. Public question time: there were no members of the public present.
117. Apologies received from Cllr Jackson.
118. No declarations of interest were recorded.
119. The minutes of the previous meeting of 20th December were agreed and signed as a true record.
120. Personal e-mail use and data protection - Cllr Clark provided an update, having obtained a quote from Cloud Next and Eyelid Productions for setting up a new secure website, hosting and individual Parish Council e-mail accounts based on the existing domain name. Costs would be £40 per year for obtaining own council e-mails and £650 for setting up the new website. Currently the City Council pays for the Peakirk e-mail domain name (peakirk-pc.gov.uk), used by the Clerk.
HC to circulate detailed proposals and to check with the City Council whether the Parish Council can take over the domain name.
121. Correspondence:
121.1 Clerks & Councils Direct (January edition) – taken by EC, for onward circulation to AT and DF.
121.2 There were no other items of correspondence.
122. Planning:
122.1 Members noted that permission had been given to application 21/01729/LBC for removal of front door and frame and replacement with same at 8 St Pegas Road, and that the new door is in situ.
122.2 Consideration given to planning application 21/01662/FUL – proposed demolition of existing warehouse & construction of four one-bed maisonette dwellings including associated parking & external works at St Pega’s Warehouse, St Pega’s Road. The proposal uses the same footprint as the existing warehouse and is in keeping with the Neighbourhood Plan ambition for smaller properties. However, members felt that parking would be an issue. Each maisonette could require 2 parking spaces, totalling provision for 8 spaces. The land adjacent to the Warehouse is limited and used by the tenants of the existing block of flats for parking. The proposals would result in additional cars parking on St Pegas Road at a point which is already a pinch point due to lack of a footpath on one side and homeowners of adjacent properties parking on the road.
Clerk to respond with comments and objections.
123. Finance:
123.1 Approval given for reimbursement to Cllr Tuley in the sum of £18.58 for refreshments for PCEG activity day.
123.2 Approval given for payment of Home Working Allowance in the sum of £10 and salary payment to Mrs A Hankins for January.
123.3 Members approved payment of invoice for renewal of annual subscription to Parish Online in the sum of £36.
123.4 Approval given to payment of invoice from PCVS for salary service Oct-Dec in the sum of £36.
123.5 Members approved payment of invoice to J Bradley Fencing in the sum of £516 for work to village green fencing & 2x bollard replacement.
123.6 Approval given for payment of invoice to J Bradley Fencing in the sum of £102 for replacement of bollard on the Village Green damaged by delivery vehicle. The clerk advised that the insurance claim for this work had been received in full.
123.7 The budget review to 31.12.2021 was noted.
124. Village Gateways / Speed Watch:

- 124.1 It was confirmed that the Village Gateways have been ordered and will be delivered to Cllr Fovargue for subsequent fitting by the City Council.
- 124.2 Cllr Fovargue advised that there have been no further Speed Watch sessions since the last meeting.
Cllr Clark to try and resolve the issue with the downloaded data from the VAS so that it can be sent to the police co-ordinator, Amanda Large.
Cllr Clark has obtained 3 estimates for portable / mobile Speed Activated Signs and is in the process of obtaining further details regarding features. Data can then be obtained from different parts of the village. Contact can then be made with the Police and Crime Commissioner.
125. Book Stop: members noted the works undertaken to tidy the books and expressed their gratitude for the work undertaken. The Clerk advised that the side benches were intended to remain clear of books, but a sign might be required. The Clerk provided an update in relation to the progress of the licence with Helen Harris from the City Council property department.
126. Allotments –Cllr Clark advised that written agreements with the current plot holders was required and will get a model agreement from the Allotment Society. A work party is planned for Saturday 29th January on the plot for the Community Orchard and the trees for planting are due to be dispatched on 24th.
127. Maintenance:
127.1 It was agreed that the item on consideration of a policy in relation to the use of plastic in areas controlled by the Parish Council including ethical sourcing and disposal to be postponed to the next meeting.
127.2 To consider any other maintenance matter – it was noted that repairs to the steps onto the South Drain have not yet been completed.
128. Climate Emergency Group / John Clare Countryside Project (JCCP) report: Cllr Clark advised that he and Cllr Jackson are working on an off-road corridor from Werrington to Deeping to get Peakirk on the map as far as the JCCP is concerned. A recent meeting had been held with Deeping St James Councillors along with representatives from Northborough PC and Deeping Gate PC in relation to the proposed bridge over the River Welland. It is hoped that JCCP/ Langdyke Trust will head this up with regard to fund-raising.
129. Councillors Reports: Cllr Clark advised that he had recently attended the on-line Cambridgeshire Local Councils Conference which was beset with IT problems and poor speakers.
130. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 21st February.
There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:24pm.