

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 19TH APRIL 2022 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STARTING AT 7:30PM

Present: Councillors Sally Jackson (Vice-Chair), David Fovargue, Sarah Smith and Anne Tuley.
Also in attendance: Angela Hankins (Clerk)

166. Public question time: there were no members of the public present.
167. Apologies were received from Councillors Henry Clark and Emma Crowson.
168. No declarations of interest were recorded.
169. The minutes of the previous meeting of 21st March were approved and signed as a true record.
170. Correspondence:
- 170.1 Countryside Voices (magazine of CPRE) was circulated – DF/ AT and SS.
- 170.2 Members noted the reduction in membership costs of Peterborough Rural Good Neighbours Scheme to £193.
It was agreed to invite Cate Harding, the co-ordinator of the scheme to the Annual Parish Meeting.
Clerk to arrange.
- 170.3 There was no other correspondence.
171. Planning:
- 171.1 The clerk advised that there was no update relating to 22/00043/ENFOTH– unauthorised development at Meadow Road.
Clerk to chase.
- 171.2 Members noted the approval given to application 22/00102/HHFUL for proposed single storey and two storey rear extension. barn conversion and associated work including removal of existing garage at 7 Rectory Lane.
- 171.3 Members noted application reference 22/00275/FUL - proposed hybrid planning application for the proposed Grantham to Bexwell Pipeline Scheme with full planning consent sought for a proposed 95-kilometre pipeline and 4-kilometre spur. Concern was raised in relation to the proposed access for construction works along The Sanderlings. This private roadway was considered unsuitable and inappropriate for heavy traffic, close to the historic Car Dyke. The proposed access from/to St Pegas Road could cause traffic blockages. Cllr Fovargue to speak with resident of No 1 The Sanderlings.
Clerk to respond and request either a representative from the planning department or a representative from Anglian Water to explain the impacts for the village.
- 171.4 Cllr Jackson advised members of the business case proposed for Wetland Corridor routes between Boston and Peterborough for a restored navigable waterway. This is a project which includes connecting the River Welland in the north to the River Nene in the south, with an estimated total project cost of £73.65m. Future Tourism Development Opportunities within this project include a potential marina development at Peakirk with waterway connection and location for chalet development. An 8Km stretch of the Car Dyke between the Folly River and the A47 will be dredged at a cost of £3.37m. A new lock will be built at Peakirk at a cost of £1.2m and a bypass channel for the Pumping Station at a cost of £1.87m. The business case proposes that £5.14m can be saved by leaving all the dredgings on site to create paths and cycleways and other features. Members were concerned about the environmental impact, with diesel and noise pollution and effects on wildlife. Councillors felt that more information is needed and requested a speaker from the project for a village meeting.
Clerk to action.
- 171.5 There were no other planning matters.

172. Finance:
- 172.1 Approval given for payment of Home Working Allowance in the sum of £10 and salary payment to Mrs A Hankins for April.
 - 172.2 Members approved payment of an invoice from ElanCity in the sum of £2,709.17 for radar speed sign.
 - 172.3 Approval given for payment of invoice from PCVS for salary service Jan-March in the sum of £36.
 - 172.4 Members approved reimbursement to Cllr Clark in the sum of £52.24 for hose clips and padlock for the mobile VAS.
 - 172.5 Payment of invoice from Mr R Harding for grass-cutting during March approved.
 - 172.6 Approval given for reimbursement to Mr D Hankins for refreshment costs in the sum of £12.22.
 - 172.7 Members approved the year end accounts.
 - 172.8 Approval given to the updated asset/property register.
173. The agenda, reports and speakers required for the Annual Parish Meeting to take place on Monday 9th May were agreed. The event to be publicised by a leaflet drop, website and Facebook.
Clerk to draft flyer. Members to distribute.
174. Maintenance:
- 174.1 Cllr Jackson reported on a meeting held with James Collingridge of the City Council to consider rationalisation of the grass cutting of the areas of verge within the village envelope. An area of 448.7 square metres of grass are included within both the parish council and city council's grass-cutting contracts. A total of 4,409.44 square metres of grass within the village need cutting, including 3 verges on Deeping Road, verge at the end of Rectory Lane, 7 areas on Thorney Road and several areas adjacent to footpaths on St Pegas Road. The City Council pay a very low rate per square metre for grass-cutting and it was felt that the financial impact of the parish council assuming responsibility for cutting all areas could be considerable. Members agreed that further costs were required in order to consider the matter in more detail.
 - 174.2 Cllr Jackson reported on advice received from James Collingridge (Aragon) in respect of the use of pesticides in Peakirk parish. The City Council has reduced the concentrate of the chemicals used. A more structured approach was suggested, possibly reducing the areas where weed killer is required.
Suggestion of areas that might not require weed killing to be notified to Cllr Jackson.
 - 174.3 It was reported that the recent Village Litter Pick had been a successful event. Thanks given to David Hankins for the refreshments.
 - 174.4 Other maintenance matters – an offer had been received from Ben Harris to wash the play equipment on the Village Green and was gratefully accepted.
175. Road Safety –it was noted that there is a Speed Watch session soon to be undertaken . No additional data was available from the original vehicle activated sign (VAS) on St Pega's Road. The new VAS was working well and it was noted that Cllr Clark will need to fix a solar panel when it is moved to another site. Thanks were given to Cllr Fovargue for all his work on the signs and village gateways.
176. It was reported that an enthusiastic working group meeting had been held regarding the Queens Platinum Jubilee.
- 176.1 Members gave permission for the use of the Village Green on the evening of Thursday 2nd June to light a Jubilee Beacon.
 - 176.2 Members authorised funding up to £100 towards the cost of a beacon.
 - 176.3 Members authorised expenditure up to £100 on refreshments for the above event.
 - 176.4 Approval given for the registration of Peakirk Parish Council as a Jubilee Beacon site organisation.
Clerk to register the event.
 - 176.5 Members considered a request for expenditure to purchase a Time Capsule, but this was not approved.
 - 176.6 Additional Jubilee Celebration proposals: the suggestion of replacing the Best Kept Village Plaque with a re-designed plaque commemorating the Queen's Jubilee was felt to be a good one.

177. Allotments – the item from Cllr Clark, including funding for the Water Collection structure, was deferred to the next meeting.
178. Communication – it was agreed that the item “to consider future ways for productive communication with the parish and receipt of feedback” would be deferred until after the Annual Parish Meeting.
179. Cllr Fovargue provided an update on the review of the Peakirk Emergency Plan. A meeting had been held attended by the Co-ordinator and Team Leaders. The plan was reviewed and updated in places as appropriate and is work in progress. It was confirmed that David Hankins will continue as the lead for the Emergency Plan and Cllr Fovargue and the Clerk continue as Team Leaders. Cllr Tuley volunteered to fill the vacant post of Team Leader. The current Flood Warden is standing down from this position. Vacancy to be advertised at the Annual Parish Meeting.
180. Councillors Reports: Cllr Jackson provided a brief report from the Peakirk Climate Emergency Group and the project to install water butts on the allotments. Councillor Fovargue questioned whether the expenses claim form to be submitted to the City Council following the elections could be posted or scanned rather than hand delivered.
Clerk to check.
181. Members noted the uncontested result of the Parish Council election, all existing councillors having stood again. One vacant position remains.
182. The dates of the next meetings were confirmed as Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 9th May and Annual Parish Council Meeting on Monday 16th May.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:47pm.