

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022, IN THE VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING AT 7:30PM.**

Present: Councillors Henry Clark (Chair), Sally Jackson, Emma Crowson, David Fovargue, Sarah Smith and Anne Tuley.

Also in attendance: Angela Hankins (Clerk)

24. Public question time: a resident of Northborough parish spoke to advocate a talk in Peakirk Village Hall on behalf of Extinction Rebellion. Cllr Jackson agreed to liaise regarding supporting a meeting in September. Details of the meeting would be advertised on the village website and in the noticeboard.
25. There were no apologies, all councillors being present.
26. No declarations of interest were recorded.
27. The minutes of the previous meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were approved and signed as a true record.
28. There were no items of correspondence to note.
29. Planning:
  - 29.1 The Clerk advised that there was nothing further to report on planning application 22/00346/FUL for change of use from agricultural field to storage of landscaping materials (retrospective) on land west of Meadow Road, Peakirk.
  - 29.2 Anglian Water Strategic Pipeline 22/00275/FUL—members felt that the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> May with representatives from Anglian Water was very good. Named contacts have been made and no further action is required at present
  - 29.3 Other planning matters: it was noted that the application 21/01181/FUL for conversion of kennel buildings to 3 dwellings and erection of 2 carports at the former Follybridge Kennels site on Thorney Road had been refused.
30. Finance:
  - 30.1 Approval given for payment of Home Working Allowance in the sum of £10 and salary payment to Mrs A Hankins for June
  - 30.2 Members authorised reimbursement to Cllr Clark in the sum of £334.80 (Travis Perkins) + £287.26 (AJW Distribution) + £405.60 (4x1,000 litre tanks and pallets) for materials for construction of water collection system on the allotments.
  - 30.3 Approval given to the reimbursement to Cllr Clark of £241.98 in respect of a new printer for the Clerk's use.
  - 30.4 The item to approve reimbursement to Cllr Smith in respect of refreshment costs for the Jubilee Beacon event to be held over to the next meeting along with consideration of other jubilee expenses. It was stressed that claims for consideration need to be supported by evidence. Cllr Crowson to obtain the relevant receipts.  
Thanks were given to the whole organising team for the Jubilee events which had proved very popular.  
It was agreed that the beacon should be retained for re-use at future events and flat-packed for storage. It was hoped that room could be found in the Village Hall shed for the storage.
  - 30.5 Members authorised reimbursement to Cllr Jackson in the sum of £12.48 for cups for Jubilee event.
  - 30.6 Approval given for reimbursement to Cllr Jackson in the sum of £38.93 for training event on Reviewing Neighbourhood Plans.
  - 30.7 Authorisation given for payment of invoice to Mr R Harding for grass cutting.
  - 30.8 Members authorised the payment to HMRC in the sum of £232.20 for PAYE (Apr-June).
  - 30.9 The budget review to 31<sup>st</sup> May was noted, having been circulated prior to the meeting.
  - 30.10 Authorisation was given for the transfer of funds remaining in the Barclays Community Account to the Unity Trust Current Account and the subsequent closure of the Barclays Account.

31. Use of The Sanderlings by Network Rail: Cllr Fovargue reported that following a flurry of vehicle activity by Network Rail, including the use of St Pega's Road as a delivery area he had written to Network Rail's Construction Manager, Paul Schmassmann, but had yet to receive a reply. It was agreed that the Clerk should write formally to Network Rail regarding the danger and obstruction during the loading/unloading process. The Clerk to contact the Highways department in relation to possible support along with Cllr Hiller.
32. Speed Watch: Cllr Crowson reported on the Speed Watch held on 25<sup>th</sup> May on Deeping Road between 8 and 9 am. 247 vehicles were counted with the highest speed recording 51mph. Cllr Tuley advised that she has now completed the on-line training and will confirm that with Amanda Large, the co-ordinator. Cllr Smith advised that she would be completing the training soon. Cllr Fovargue reported on data from the VAS on St Pegas Road - between 5/4/22 and 8/6/22 41,320 vehicles had been logged coming into the village, with the fastest recorded at 70mph. The average speed was 34.6mph and the data has been submitted. Cllr Fovargue wondered whether the installation of the village gates has made any difference - looking at historic data might give an indication.
33. Defibrillator: Cllr Jackson provided a report in relation to replacement pads. The current pads expire in July and the replacement set expire in September. Prices have been obtained from several companies, including the price of pads for an additional device (ICPR) which measures and guides the proper compression rate and depth during Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Cllr Smith suggested Williams Medical as an alternative and possibly cheaper provider. Cllr Smith to send details to Cllr Jackson. It was agreed that Cllr Jackson should obtain prices from Webnos, compare with Williams Medical and proceed with ordering one set of intelligent pads.
34. Maintenance:
- 34.1 Grass-cutting - nothing to report.
- 34.2 Bus shelter – the Clerk advised that she had again been in contact with Helen Harris of the City Council in relation to the licence. Councillors Crowson and Tuley to arrange to complete the outstanding re-staining. It was noted that a box for a Seed Swap had appeared in the bus shelter, but no-one had any knowledge of this. It was agreed that the intended use is as a book swap and Cllr Jackson agreed to remove the box.
- 34.4 Benches – the bench outside the church gates along with the 2 benches near to the bus shelter are looking dilapidated and require new wooden slats.  
**Clerk to obtain quotes accordingly.**
- 34.5 Other maintenance matters – the Clerk queried whether the annual walkabout needed to be arranged with the highway engineer. It was felt that due to the City Council's financial situation and previous experience this would be unproductive.
35. Members considered ways for productive communication with the parish. The good attendance at the Jubilee Events, promoted by flyers and Facebook was encouraging but countered by very low attendance at the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr Smith suggested profiling different groups within the village and contacting one person from each group to find out how they would like to be contacted.  
**Cllr Smith to proceed with this task and present the findings at a future meeting.**  
It was also agreed that the parish council should have a regular section in the Village Tribune. Cllr Clark had volunteered to do this and requested that ideas of what to be included should be sent to him.
36. Councillors reports were received as follows:
- Parish Conference – Cllr Clark reported on the event and was pleased to report that Peakirk had two mentions.
  - Allotments – it was noted that there is now a tab on the village website and Cllr Clark will write a page.
  - John Clare Countryside Project - a work party is to be held on 22 June from 9:30 – 3:00 with a group of volunteers from BGL Insurance Group as well as PECT to undertake work on the allotment site and village hall grounds. Cllr Tuley to organise liquid refreshments. The Northborough leg of the JCCP walk had taken place on 29<sup>th</sup> May and participants were enthusiastic.

- Peakirk Climate Emergency Group – Cllr Jackson provided an update. She is to attend a meeting of Glinton Climate Emergency Group on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Cllr Smith expressed a willingness to be involved.
- Jubilee Working Group – this was felt to be a success over all 3 events, despite the rain on one and thanks were given to all involved. A suggestion of a Christmas Mingle had been received along with a request for an annual event. Councillors agreed that it was not the role of the Parish Council to organise such events although it could provide funding support if properly authorised.

37. The date of the next meeting was noted as Monday 18th July along with the date of the Annual Parish Meeting for 2023 – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:22pm.