MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2017 IN PEAKIRK VILLAGE HALL, STARTING AT 7.30PM

Present: Councillors Henry Clark, Sally-Ann Jackson, Gary Wright, Emma Crowson, Roy Pettitt and Greg Prior.

94. No members of the public were present.

95. Apologies received from Cllr David Fovargue, Ward Councillor Peter Hiller and Angela Hankins (Clerk).

96. There were no declarations of interest.

97. The minutes of the previous meeting dated 16th October 2017 were approved following an

 amendment to minute 92 to change Larkfleet Homes to Hereward Homes.

98. Correspondence:

 98.1 Thanks noted from the Deepings PPG Committee for the donation of £50.

 98.2 Change of date for the Village Fete to be held on the Village Green noted as 13th May 2018.

 98.3 Clerks & Councils Direct, November edition circulated – HC, EC and GW.

 98.4 Information received confirming PKF Littlejohn LLP as the external auditor appointed for 2017 –

 2022. Noted that if higher of income or expenditure is less than £25,000 authority can declare

 itself as exempt.

99. Planning:

 99.1 Planning Application 17/02008/HHFUL for a single storey side extension at 10 Rectory Lane was

 considered. No objections or comments to be made.

 99.2 There were no other applications.

100. Finance:

 100.1 Budget Review to 31st October 2017 noted.

 100.2 Reimbursement to Mrs A Hankins in the sum of £34.99 for bulbs for the Millennium Copse was

 noted.

 100.3 Reimbusement to Mrs S Jackson in the sum of £135.08 for stakes and tree-guards was noted.

 100.4 Payment of invoice to CPRE Cambridgeshire in the sum of £25 for attendance at a Planning

 Seminar was noted.

 100.5 Approval given to payment to Mr R Harding in the sum of £150 for grass-cutting for November.

 100.6 Approval given for payment of invoice from PCVS in the sum of £36 for Payroll Service for July –

 September.

 100.7 Approval given for expenditure up to £50 on Christmas lights for the village monument.

 100.8 A quote was received from Vision ITC for the setting up of a web-site at a cost of £500 and on-

 going annual cost of £125. Application to be made for funds from NALC.

 100.9 Approval given for reimbursement to Mr D Dearman in the sum of £20.28 for bulbs.

 100.10 No draft budget was presented for consideration. Members minded to maintain same level of

 precept as previous year.

101. The design of the display board for the Village Green had been agreed and an order submitted, re-

 using the old board. Final position to be agreed.

102. Maintenance:

 102.1 No action recorded.

 102.2 Councillor Crowson confirmed that there was no evidence of any agreements or covenants

 relating to the ownership / responsibility for maintenance of the green space in Firdale

 Close. The City Council advised they were not responsible for the land.

 102.3 A quote had been received from Mr Harding for tree works in Firdale Close in the sum of £250.

 Decision to be deferred to 2018.

 102.4 No further action needed in relation to the old water pump to the front of 32A St Pegas Road.

 102.5 Date agreed for work-party to meet on site at 10.00am on 9th December to plant trees and bulbs

 at the Millennium Copse.

 102.6 Noted that the over-painted graffiti has not been removed from the bridges over the Maxey Cut

 and South Drain.

 102.7 The City Council to trim back the branches of trees overhanging the footpath/cycleway between

 Peakirk and Glinton.

 102.8 Bus shelter to be cleaned out on 9th December , time permitting and include in future litter-picks.

103. Former Wildfowl Trust Site: Meeting agreed for 28th November for a meeting of the working group.

 Walk-about to be requested for 3rd December at 10.00am.

 ***Clerk to arrange with John Dadge.***

104. Deeping Green Walk: consultation comments to include bridge over the Welland and plan to be

 changed to include Deeping Lakes.

 ***SJ to draft response and send to Clerk for submission by 30th November.***

105. Road Safety: Gary Wright provided an update on Speed Watch. Felt that Speedwatch was a very

 limited deterrent but the importance of gathering data was agreed.

 ***GW to circulate dates to meet.***

106. Appointment of a new Clerk: HC circulated a draft advert. To be amended to include the day and time

 of meetings. Advert to be placed in the Tribune, Village Advertiser, SLCC, CAPALC and PCVS and

 possibly the Stamford Mercury. Enquiries to HC.

 ***Clerk to advertise once agreed with HC.***

107. Dog fouling: consideration to be given to a Dog Poo bin at the end of the Maxey Cut. No information

 available in relation to response from the City Council in regard to stencil/ spray paint.

108. Northern Footpath Forum: the Environment Agency permit is the stumbling block at present. A Civil

 Engineer is to be employed.

109. The Grievance and disciplinary Procedures were agreed.

110. Defibrillator Training: flyers and posters had been circulated. Training to be held on 2nd December in

 the Village Hall.

111. Assets of Community Value: members noted that the Ruddy Duck Public House is registered as an

 asset of community Value. The allotment land is unregistered but the City Council will lodge a caution

 with the Land Registry.

112. Councillors reports: SJ reported on her attendance at a Carbon Event in London. HC reported on both

 the Peterborough and Cambridgeshire Parish conferences.

113. The date of the next meeting was noted at 18th December.