MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 10TH APRIL 2017 IN THE VILLAGE HALL STARTING AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllrs Henry Clark (Chair), Sally Jackson, Gary Wright, Emma Crowson, Roy Pettitt, Greg Prior and David Fovargue. Also in attendance: Angela Hankins (Clerk), 2 residents (for part of the meeting) and 1 member of the public.

195. Public question time: a resident raised concerns about the spate of graffiti and criminal damage within the rural areas and that the latest graffiti had been painted over rather than removed.

***Clerk to check with Amey.***

The notice-board on the Maxey Cut had been covered in white paint – HC has it in hand.

Residents raised concerns about the planning application for dwellings on land south of Penwald Court and expressed a desire to include some green play space within the development. Concern expressed about the speed of traffic coming into the village and the proposed grain silo for Foxcovert Road.

Mrs Banks-Haynes advised that she has appointed John Dadge, a planner, to look at possibilities for future development/ use of the former Wildfowl Trust Site.

196. Apologies noted from Cllr Holdich.

197. SJ declared a personal, but not pecuniary or prejudicial, interest in item 207.6.

198. Approval was given to the minutes of the previous meeting dated 20th March. The Clerk advised

that the Register of Assets approved at the previous meeting had omitted the lap-top and accessories. This has now been added.

199. Correspondence:

199.1 Members noted correspondence received from Mrs Banks-Haynes and comments above.

Any meeting with Mrs Banks-Haynes will be with the same representatives as before with the Clerk present to take notes.

199.2 Comments made to the City Council relating to a residents concerns about premises application for Sissons Farm were noted.

199.3 Members considered a possible invitation for a talk from the Woodland Trust.

***HC to ask for expressions of interest from residents to attend such a talk, and arrange a separate meeting if appropriate.***

200. Planning :

200.1 Consideration given to planning application 17/00594/CTR, application to fell 11 trees and undertake works to 1 further tree at Peakirk House, St Pegas Road. The trees to be felled are adjacent to a side boundary at the rear of the property with plans to replant with Lime trees. The maintenance work to the Cedar tree is for the removal of 2 metres from 2-3 branches.

***Clerk to respond that there are no objections to the proposed work.***

200.2 Consideration given to planning application 16/02075/FUL, proposed residential development of 14 dwellings at land south of Penwald Court. Concern expressed about the number of units, the increased traffic and lack of amenity space.

***Clerk to respond accordingly.***

200.3 Planning application 17/00471/FUL relating to change of use and erection of a building for wedding events at Sissons Farm Equestrian Centre, Thorney Road was noted the Clerk having previously responded that the council has no objections.

201. The Millennium copse project: SJ advised that following a site meeting with the contractor she had agreed that the Ash and the Field Maple would remain in order to break-up the wind. The lower branches of the oak to be left on again to break-up the wind. New oak trees to be ordered for delivery in October.

***HC to check whether a log/seat has been left on site.***

GW left the meeting at this point.

202. SJ advised of the current position in relation to the purchase and installation of a defibrillator – a good practice guide has been received from the Community Heartbeat Trust with 3 different types of defibrillators with 3 different levels of governance. SJ to check and pass to RP.

The Clerk advised that a quotation was awaited from R D Carter in relation to the electrical installation.

***SJ to report to the Parish Meeting.***

203. Speeding:

203.1 Nothing further had been heard in relation to the loan of Speed Watch equipment from Glinton/Northborough Parish Councils.

203.2 Members noted that Lewis Banks, Principal Transport Planning Officer will attend the Annual Parish Meeting.

***Clerk to check with Lewis Banks whether there is anything further needed by him in relation to a proposed project to improve the path between the Wildfowl Trust and the Maxey Cut.***

204. Maintenance:

204.1 RP advised that some of the foliage had been cut back adjacent to Peakirk House but some Is still overhanging.

***Clerk to chase Lee Moore.***

204.2 The Clerk advised that Ian Tobin of the City Council will arrange for additional/replacement “no dog fouling” stickers on St Pegas Road.

204.3 Members noted the report from Cllrs GP & RP advising that any litter-pick to remove litter from ditches adjacent to the Deeping Road is too hazardous. RP had reported fly-tipping direct to the City Council.

204.4 The Clerk advised of the response from Glinton Parish Council in relation to trees adjacent to Peakirk Road.

205. EC advised that work on the application to the City Council for designation of the public house and allotments as assets of community value is in hand.

206. To receive a report on the Car Dyke Visitors Information Board – the text has been updated to the latest edition which is currently being proof-read. This will be displayed at the Annual Parish Meeting.

At this point the meeting was suspended and re-started to deal with a disruption.

207. Finance:

207.1 The year end accounts were approved and accepted.

207.2 Approval given to the payment of £170 to Mr R Harding for grass-cutting for March 2017.

207.3 Approval given for payment of invoice from PCVS in relation to payroll service for January-March in the sum of £27.

207.4 Approval given for reimbursement to Mr D Hankins in the sum of £13.20 in respect of refreshments for the Village Litter Pick.

207.5 Approval given for payment to Willow Tree Services in the sum of £360 in respect of tree works at the Millennium Copse.

207.6 It was proposed by HC that the parish council subscribe to membership of CPRE for one year at a cost of £36 was agreed. EC seconded the proposal and the motion was carried.

207.7 The Clerk advised of the 12 June deadline for submission of the 2016/17 Annual Return.

208. Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting on 8th May were agreed.

209. It was noted that the Peakirk Neighbourhood Plan is still with the examiner.

210. SJ provided an update from the Northern Footpath Forum that they are still trying to get more finance towards the Welland Bridge Project.

211. Councillor’s reports:

RP expressed appreciation for the cushions provided for the chairs in the Village Hall.

GP has undertaken some tree maintenance on the trees planted near to the pumping station

at the Glinton end of St Pegas Road and in Rectory Lane.

DF to get more information on the drainage plans for the proposed development south of Penwald Court and pass any comments to the Clerk.

212. To note the date of the next meeting - 15th May 2017 (apologies in advance from RP and EC).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.26pm.