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

Present: Councillors Henry Clark (Chair), David Fovargue, Roy Pettitt, Emma Crowson, Sally Jackson and Greg Prior.

Also in attendance: Angela Hankins (Clerk) and 4 residents (present for various durations).

155. Public question time: Nick Jackson spoke to support the case for a defibrillator and circulated a fact sheet.

156. Apologies noted from Cllr Gary Wright and Ward Councillor John Holdich.

157. There were no declarations of interest.

158. Minutes of the previous meeting dated 16th January were approved as a true record.

159. Correspondence:

159.1 The correspondence received from the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust in relation to conditions for release of restrictive covenants was noted.

159.2 Members noted concerns from a resident in relation to reckless driving on the Deeping Road and dangerous parking adjacent to the entrance to the former Wildfowl site.

 ***Clerk to send photos to Mrs Banks-Haynes and to PCSO Courtney-Hunt.***

 159.3 The Rural Crime update, circulated prior to the meeting, was noted.

 159.4 Information received from CAPALC was given relating to Parliamentary Lobby Day.

159.5 HC advised of correspondence received from the Pension Regulator to which he will respond.

160. Planning :

160.1 Members noted correspondence from the City Council advising that paperless notifications in relation to planning applications would become effective from 1 July.

 ***Clerk to respond requesting provision of a projector and for documents to be capable of download with a simple click.***

 160.2 It was noted that nothing further had been heard in relation to the planning application for

Neaverson’s Yard.

161. It was agreed that in the absence of any response from the Parochial Church Council in relation to directional signs to the Church the item be removed from the agenda.

162. HC and SJ reported on the joint meeting with the land-owner Mr Jacobs, and Glinton Parish Council in regard to the permissive footpath between Glinton and Peakirk. A leaflet is to be produced to inform and educate people about the use of the permissive paths and delivered to all houses in Glinton and Peakirk. A3 signs will be produced to be put at the ends of the paths and the possibility of creating steps up the bank at the northern end of the tree belt path investigated.

163. HC reported on the meeting with Mrs Banks-Haynes in relation to the former Wildfowl Trust site, notes of the meeting having been circulated prior to the meeting. HC felt it was a constructive meeting and SJ felt a responsibility to examine any proposals that may be forthcoming to see if it fits in with the thinking of the Neighbourhood Plan Group. DF and EC felt that the timing of the meeting was not good and did not wish the plan to be compromised. Mrs Banks-Haynes would be invited to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting.

 It was agreed to note the report of the meeting of 9th February, await proposals from Mrs Banks-Haynes and then initiate further discussions.

164. To agree works to be done for the copse (adjacent to the Rectory Lane Public Footpath), possible funding, name and awareness:- SJ advised that Mr Barber, the owner of the land, was extremely helpful and happy with the proposals provided that there is no encroachment into the field and that the work does not interfere with agricultural activities. It was suggested that an appropriate name would be St Pega’s Copse.

 ***Ideas for name of copse to be asked for at Parish Meeting.***

 ***Clerk to instruct Willow Tree Services to go ahead and remove the trees previously identified and remove all cuttings from site.***

 ***SJ to produce notice advising of work being undertaken, RP to laminate.***

 ***SJ to ascertain cost of whips and hedging for subsequent planting by community working party.***

 ***Clerk to check whether 2x Oak trees 10-12’ high (container grown, not bare-rooted) could be obtained from Forest for Peterborough.***

165. Speeding:

166.1 No further information had been received in relation to Speed Watch / load of equipment from PCSO Courtney-Hunt nor Glinton & Northborough Parish Councils.

166.2 The Clerk advised that PCSO Courtney-Hunt had been informed of problems in regard to vehicles parked on the footpaths.

166.3 The Clerk advised that the Legal Order to reduce speed limit from 50mph to 40mph along Deeping Road becomes legally enforceable on 27 February.

 ***Clerk to check whether ‘New Speed Limit’ signs will be erected. SJ to put piece on Tribune Facebook.***

166.4 SJ suggested that a working group could be set up to consider ways of reducing speeding traffic. Idea to be put forward at Annual Parish Meeting.

 ***HC to do a report at the Annual Meeting on speeding data from VAS.***

 ***Clerk to arrange speaker – someone who can speak about possible options.***

166. Maintenance:

166.1 It appeared that part of the foliage overhanging the footpath close to Peakirk House had been trimmed, but Clerk to chase.

 166.2 Advice was received from Stanza Consulting (Chartered Structural Engineers) in relation to the inspection of the village monument. Visual inspections should continue.

 ***RP to record comments from Stanza on Safety Record Sheet.***

 166.3 Cllr Fovargue advised that the Cherry Tree on the highway verge near to 29 St Pegas Road had been pruned by the occupants of that property as it had 2 rotten branches & was obstructing the view of the road when accessing the property. The City Council had failed to take action. The resident advised of his intention to engage a tree surgeon to complete the necessary pruning.

 166.4 DF/ RP/ EC and SJ offered to assist with the distribution of flyers for the Village Litter Pick.

 166.5 SJ reported that it might be possible to obtain funding for an upgrade of the Deeping Road footpath . Lee Moore has been asked to provide costs for an improved verge.

 ***Clerk to contact Lewis Banks & advise that the parish council has a project requiring funding.***

167. It was agreed to make an application to the City Council for the designation of the public house and allotments as assets of community value.

 ***Clerk to complete applications.***

168. The Clerk advised of the Data Protection registration application and responsibilities. The annual cost (currently £35) to be included in the budget.

169. HC showed a colour version of the latest draft Car Dyke Visitors Information Board. It was agreed important to ensure consistency throughout the text. Final draft still to be agreed.

 ***HC to give to couple of lay people to read to obtain feed-back.***

 ***Clerk to contact David Burton to have a dedicated Car Dyke page on the Village Web-site.***

170. Finance:

 170.1 Members noted the budget review to 31 January 2017.

 170.2 Approval was given for the payment of £116.98 to Mr H Clark as reimbursement in respect of 2 xbatteries for VAS on Deeping Road.

 ***HC to install.***

 170.3 HC had drafted a Reserves Policy.

 ***HC to circulate policy electronically. Comments to be fed back to HC.***

 ***Clerk to include agreement/adoption of reserves policy on the agenda of the next meeting.***

171. After discussion HC proposed that the parish council purchases a defibrillator for installation at the Village Hall. (Total likely cost £1,249 + VAT)

 Members voted 5 to 1 to accept the proposal.

172. SJ promoted membership of CPRE who will be organising a Planning Workshop in Peterborough later in the year.

 ***Members to look at CPRE Web-site.***

 ***Item to be put on agenda for March meeting to consider re-joining CPRE at a cost of £36.***

173 The Neighbourhood Plan is at the stage of appointing an examiner. Details of possible examiners had been received.

 ***Clerk to advise the City Council that the preferred examiner is David Kaiserman but Brian Dodd is also acceptable.***

174. SJ advised that the Northern Footpath Forum is still trying to get funding for the bridge project.

175. Councillor’s reports: GP advised that he had completed various tree works on the Village Green and

 undertaken further litter-picking.

Clerk advised of branch overhanging footpath close to the junction of Chestnut Close with Deeping Road.

***GP will inspect.***

176. The date of the next meeting was noted as 20th March (apologies from RP) and then **10th April**. There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.00pm.