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

Present: Councillors Sally Jackson (Chair), David Fovargue, Emma Crowson and Greg Prior and Clerk, Angela Hankins.

Also in attendance for items 177 & 178 only, Ben Harris and 1 member of the public.

 177. Public question time – no questions raised.

178. Those present received a presentation from Ben Harris on Sissons Farm Wedding Barn proposals.

An oak barn is proposed suitable for weddings and other events, to include bar and toilet facilities, a forge and formal gardens outside. There will be a one-way system for traffic in and out and the site is relatively sheltered by conifers. The applicant will be applying for a European Grant and hopes to start building toward the back end of 2017 for the facility to be operational by back end of 2018. Mr Harris to apply for a premises licence. Clerk to put a copy on the parish council notice-board.

Although the development is not within Peakirk Parish members confirmed their support for the planning application and would be happy to provide letter of support.

179. Apologies received from Councillors Henry Clark, Roy Pettitt and Gary Wright and Ward Councillor John Holdich.

180. No declarations of interest were recorded.

181. The minutes of the previous meeting dated 20th February were approved as a true record.

182. Correspondence:

182.1 Members noted the response from the Parochial Church Council declining any additional signage.

 182.2 Clerks and Councils Direct was taken by EC, for passing to DF and RP.

183. Planning :

183.1 The Clerk advised of concerns expressed to Emma Nasta of the City Council in relation to councilors concerns about paperless notifications. The parish council’s request for a projector was denied, the suggestion from the planning department being the purchase of an A3 printer.

 ***Request for matter to be raised at a Parish Liaison Meeting.***

183.2 Members noted the response from the planning officer in relation to the proposed residential development at land south of Penwald Court, that the applicant’s revised scheme is awaited to include some smaller units and at that point the parish council will be re-consulted. SJ expressed great concern about the process.

 Clerk to seek clarification from Janet MacLennan in relation to the re-consultation versus the 8-week extension referred to on the city council’s web-site. Increasing the numbers from 9 to 14 is not acceptable and goes against the core strategy and the Neighbourhood Plan is a material consideration.

 ***Clerk to invite Mrs MacLennan to a meeting to discuss concerns.***

184. The current position in relation to the Millennium copse project was noted. A date for the work has been agreed. SJ advised that following a site meeting with the contractor only 7 trees will be removed – the lower branches will be chipped back in and the other wood removed from site. Hedging will not be planted. The planting of new trees will be left to the Autumn – two 10-12 foot Oaks to be ordered/purchased in October.

 ***Clerk to check revised price with contractor.***

The Clerk advised that 2 bare-rooted oaks were awaiting delivery from Simon Belham of PECT.

185. The current position in relation to the purchase and installation of a defibrillator was noted, Clerk still seeking quotes for the installation of the equipment before submitting purchase order.

 Agreed that SJ will be the appointed Community Contact.

186. Speeding:

186.1 Nothing further heard in relation to the loan of Speed Watch equipment from either Glinton or Northborough Parish Councils.

186.2 The Clerk advised that she was awaiting a response from Peter Tebb in relation to a speaker for the Parish Meeting in connection with traffic calming.

 ***Clerk to chase Peter Tebb. Clair George to be contacted if nothing heard.***

187. Maintenance:

187.1 The Clerk advised that Lee Moore had been requested to contact the resident of Peakirk House in relation to shrubs overhanging the footpath.

 187.2 The Village Litter Pick of 18th March had been attended by 19 residents. It was noted that there was not so much litter through the village compared to previous years but there is a considerable amount near to the Maxey Cut. It was suggested that there should be a working party to address the problem of litter in dykes.

 ***RP to consider the Health & Safety aspect with GP and report back to a future meeting.***

188. No progress had yet been made on the submission of an application to the City Council for designation of the public house and allotments as assets of community value.

 ***EC to complete application forms.***

189. The item to receive a report on the Car Dyke Visitors Information Board was postponed to the next meeting.

190. Finance:

 190.1 Members noted the budget review to 28 February 2017.

 190.2 Approval given for the payment of £140.20 (PAYE Jan-March) to the Inland Revenue.

 190.3 Approval given to the reimbursement in the sum of £7.24 to the Clerk in respect of postage costs.

 190.4 Payment of Clerk’s home working allowance in the sum of £180 approved.

 190.5 Consideration was given to re-joining CPRE at a cost of £36.

 ***Decision postponed to next meeting.***

 190.6 Members approved and adopted a Financial Reserves Policy.

 190.7 Members approved the Asset/Property Register.

191 SJ advised that the 6-week consultation period in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan had finished and the plan is with the Inspector.

192. SJ provided an update from the Northern Footpath Forum – in relation to the bridge over the Welland the group has the ability to raise £100,000 from grants but the bridge is over £200,000. The group are trying to get a cheaper bridge. Lewis Banks at the City Council has been contacted in relation to a hard-surfaced path along the Deeping Road and SJ has contacted the Leader Fund in relation to a cycle-path within Newborough parish. SJ will liaise with HC regarding removal of paint from the information board on the Maxey Cut recently vandalized.

193. Councillor’s reports: DF reported that there is a lot of dog mess on the footpath next to the stone wall opposite

 17 St Pegas Road.

 ***Clerk to contact PCC re signage.***

GP reported problems with the public footpath to the rear of Northborough Castle – SJ to contact Lee Moore.

 Concerns raised about the safety of the trees on Peakirk Road, Glinton . ***Clerk to contact Glinton PC.***

SJ alerted members to an application from a farmer for a corn silo to be erected in land off Foxcovert Road (7 metres tall, 43 metres wide, made of concrete. As the Parish Council would not be consulted Clerk to contact planners with councils concerns regarding safety, the road being heavily used by school children.

194. The date of the next meeting was noted as **10th April** 2017. The meeting closed at 9.35pm.