

Peakirk Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting of Peakirk Parish Council
held at 7.30pm in Peakirk Village Hall on 19 March 2018.

Draft Minutes to be Approved at next Meeting.

163. To Note Those Present.

Chair: Henry Clark

Councillors: Emma Crowson, David Fovargue, Roy Pettitt, Greg Prior.

Members of the Public: 2.

164. To Note Apologies for Absence.

Sally Jackson, Gary Wright, City Councillors: John Holdich and Peter Hiller.

165. To Record Declarations of Interest.

None.

166. To Approve Minutes of a Meeting held on 19 February 2018.

Agreed and signed by the Chair.

167. Public Question Time.

Has there been any change at the Penwald Court building development?

We have not been notified of any changes.

168. Correspondence.

- a) PCVS: consultation - Help shape the NHS. Meeting took place on 14 March 2018.
- b) PCC: new web page for reporting hate crime.
- c) PCC: advice on bogus police officers.
- d) Capalc: 2018 Training programme.

169. Planning.

- a) PCC: Supplementary Planning Document consultation. It was Agreed that Sally Jackson's suggested comments should be submitted. Action – Clerk.
- b) PCC: Planning lists. Noted.

170. Glebe Field.

To discuss sale of land. The Diocesan Board has replied to the Council's letter of 16 February that their agents are recommending, the land be sold. It was Agreed to wait for notification of the sale.

171. St. Pega Project.

Update on a village working group to progress the work on the church and other village facilities.

Report by Sally Jackson: Request from the community group organising the project for the Parish Council to become a partner in the process. There are 4 elements to the project, namely:

- a) Improve church lighting.
- b) Create servery.
- c) Convert outbuilding into toilet and store.
- d) Conservation of wall paintings.

172. Finance.

- a) Bank Reconciliation. Approved.
- b) Budget Review. Noted.
- c) Barclays Bank, update on application for online banking.
Henry Clark reported that progress was slow, and the facility was not yet up and running.
- d) To Approve Payment of the following outstanding accounts.
 - i. Robin Morrison, Clerk's Salary, £192.21.
 - ii. Hmrc, Clerk's Tax, £48.00.
 - iii. Emma Crowson, flowers for retiring Clerk, £25.00. Already Paid.
 - iv. Northborough Parish Council, share of MS Office purchase, £24.65.
 - v. Northborough Parish Council, share of SLCC membership, £38.22
 - vi. PCVS, Payroll Services Nov and Dec, £24.00.Payments Agreed.

173. Maintenance.

- a) Litter Pick: Arrangements have been made with PCC for grabbers and refuse bags to be delivered to Emma Crowson. Leaflets were distributed to all homes in the Parish and the Pick was carried out successfully on 17 March using the 16 grabbers loaned by PCC. It was suggested that Peakirk should buy its own grabbers and do a Pick twice a year.
- b) Millennium Copse: Report by Sally Jackson, Bluebell bulbs have been planted and Cowslips will be planted in mid-April.

174. Defibrillator.

Report by Sally Jackson: We are still working with CHT to find a workable scheme for the VETS system. It was Agreed to ask Northborough Parish Council, what system they used. Action - Clerk.

175. Traffic Management Working Group.

Report by Gary Wright: Progressing steadily, commencing with Traffic Census which is underway. Speed recording will follow on from this. We will be able to issue statistics for flow and speed from the May meeting. I have been in contact with residents in Meadow Road and will discuss options within the group shortly.

176. Emergency Plan.

Report by Gary Wright: Awaiting some additional flood risk material from David Hankins but essentially the plan is ready for submission to the full Council.

177. Northern Footpath Forum.

To receive an update from Henry Clark.

Nearly ready to apply for Flood Defence consent. Final permission needed.

178. Former Wildfowl Trust Site.

Update on meeting. Present: Sally Ann Jackson (SAJ) Roy Pettit (RP) David Fovargue (DF) Emma Crowson (EC) Gary Wright (GW) Apologies: - Greg Prior

Purpose of Meeting: The meeting was held to enable private discussion within the steering group concerning the options available for development of the old Wildfowl Trust site. The owners of the site are currently seeking agreement from the Parish Council for a speculative housing development of a number of luxury homes.

Scope of Meeting: It should be noted that the steering group was formed at the request of the Parish Council to undertake some preliminary investigation into the issue and then report their conclusions to that body such that the Parish Council might respond to the owner's requests. The group do not represent the Council and as such the meeting was not minuted, but bullet pointed in note form

Observations & Recommendations: Following a recent site visit the area concerned was found to be in poor condition due to the grazing activity of horses. The existing buildings (previous visitor centre) are derelict. The site sits outside the Village envelope and development should thus be refused
The Neighbourhood Plan does not identify the site as suitable for residential development
The site is in an Flood Risk area and National Planning Policy dictates that such areas should not be developed. Safe vehicular access to the site is not available from either Deeping or Thorney Roads, with complications due to unsighted bends & a railway crossing.

The site lies between two threatened wildlife habitats and is identified in PCC policy as an important local green space. It is a valuable green space of significant species diversity in its own right

Whilst it is appreciated that the owners wish to utilise the site for housing and thus profit from their ownership, and the group appreciate and support appropriate use of the site, it is strongly felt that: The site is unsuitable for commercial or residential development, and that the Parish Council cannot support any such application. Additionally, there are a number of restrictive covenants which may place obligations on the Parish Council.

As noted, the site potential is being explored by the owners and whilst some small parcels have been sold to bordering properties for garden expansion, the site is not currently for sale on the open market. It is thus outside the current remit of the steering group to progress to detailed alternative used for the site, but current investigations show significant opportunities for the site to be developed for the wider community. Options would include a community open space, with a wildlife trail, An outdoor classroom and ecology centre for local schools, a cooperative arrangement with local community trusts such as the Langdyke Countryside Trusts and many others. It might even be possible to develop a community Eco Hub multi use facility, but these issues must remain pending at present. It might be appropriate to consider a PPC purchase of the site as a community asset should it become available.

179. Councillors' Reports.

- a) General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Report by Henry Clark: the new Regulation comes into force on 25 May 2018.
- b) Capalc Extraordinary Meeting to be held on 22 March 2018 to agree fees for next year.

180. Police.

- a) Rural Crime Report for February 2018.
No crime reported in Peakirk.

181. Visit by Member of Parliament.

It was Agreed to invite Fiona Onasanya MP, to the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm on 14 May 2018.
Action – Clerk.

182. Parish Council Election 3 May 2018.

Noted.

183. Annual Council Meeting 7.30pm on 21 May 2018.

Noted.

184. Date of Next Meeting: 16 April 2018 at 7.30pm.

185. The Meeting was closed at 8.51pm.

This is a true record of the MeetingChair 16 April 2018