MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STARTING AT 7.30PM.

Present: Councillors Henry Clark (Chair), Gary Wright, Emma Crowson, David Fovargue, Greg Prior and Anne Tuley.

Also in attendance: Angela Hankins (Clerk).

104. Public question time- Dr Lumley-Prior requested 3 additional archaeological test-pits on the Village Green

 and advised of the hope to tie these in with St Pega talks. No other members of the public were present.

105. Apologies received from Cllr Sally Jackson and Ward Councillor Holdich.

106. The minutes of the previous meeting dated 18th November 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.

107. Ms Anne Tuley was co-opted by members onto the parish council. A declaration of acceptance of office

 was completed.

 ***Cllr Clark to provide a hard copy of The Good Councillor Guide and lend a copy of Councils Explained.***

 ***Clerk to provide standing orders, code of conduct and register of interests form.***

 ***Cllr Tuley to check her availability for training in February.***

108. Members noted correspondence received:

 108.1 Neil Boyce of Castor Parish Council to attend February meeting to speak about the Good

 Neighbour Scheme.

 ***15 minutes to be allocated for this item.***

 108.2 CPRE Countryside Voices magazine circulated – taken by EC for DF/ GW & AT.

 No declarations of interest were recorded but Cllr Clark advised that he would be giving a report on

 CAPALC of which he is Chairman.

109. Planning:

109.1 Members noted the applications received:

 19/01696/LBC Installation of two roof windows into main roof (not chapel buildings) at
 St Pegas Hermitage Deeping Road -this was not felt to have any adverse effects and no comments

 would be submitted.

 19/01581/HHFUL single storey rear extension at 9 St Pegas Road – this is a significant extension but hardly noticeable from the front and no comments would be submitted.

109.2 The Clerk advised that advice from the Conservation Officer was awaited in relation to a garage

 building at The Old Station House in The Mallards.

110. Finance:

110.1 The budget review to 31 October was noted, there having been only one payment during the month.

110.2 Approval given to payment of Home Working Allowance in the sum of £10 to Mrs A Hankins for December.

110.3 Approval given for reimbursement to Cllr Fovargue in the sum of £26.12 for ink cartridges.

110.4 An amended budget for 2020/21 was presented to members including £15,000 for allotments and £12,000 for traffic management, spread over 2 years. All agreed.

110.5 Agreement given to the precept to be charged for 2020/21.

110.6 Approval given for payment to Mr Harding in the sum of £100 for grass-cutting in October.

111. Maintenance:

111.1 The offer of £3,000 from the insurance loss adjustor in relation to the damaged Village Sign situated at the junction of Thorney Road and Deeping Road was accepted.

111.2 It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the contractors who submitted quotes for the repair of the sign and ask them to contact Cllr Clark to discuss ideas for re-building/ re-design of the sign.

 Once a new design has been agreed a specification will be drawn up and new quotes obtained.

111.3 The Clerk advised that she had chased Anglian Water again in relation to repair to the wall in Thorney Road . Anglian Water is still in the process of obtaining quotes for the work.

111.4 Cllr Prior advised that the proposed planting of yew and holly trees on the south side of St Pegas Road leading towards Foxcovert Road would allow for a mixed hedge that will provide colour in the winter. There will be a 10metre gap between the holly or yew and the existing ash trees. If the ash trees die this will allow for replacement trees to be planted in their place, possibly limes. Members noted that PAST team members would be planting the trees and agreed reimbursement of the expenditure of £48 on holly and yew trees to Cllr Prior.

 Cllr Clark advised that he was to meet with Tony Cook, Environmental Officer for PECT on 23rd December to discuss trees and will show him Betty’s Wood (in Glinton parish). A plan can then be formulated for further tree planting within the village.

111.5 It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Tree Office to meet with Cllr Prior and seek his views in relation both to the holly tree on the Village Green at the corner of Chestnut Close and Deeping Road and the Willow Tree on St Pegas Road.

111.6 The Clerk advised that quotations had been received for the trimming of the hedge on the Deeping Road boundary of the village green from Peterborough Gardening and Mr Harding.

 It was agreed to accept the quotation from Mr Harding.

 ***Clerk to advise accordingly.***

111.7 Further maintenance items: the Clerk advised that the backing inside the notice-board was very damp and misshapen.

 ***Cllr Fovargue to inspect and advise on the cost of repair.***

 112. Members noted the advice received from Richardsons in relation to the land currently used as allotments.

 ***Clerk to contact Richardsons again seeking advice on value as agricultural land.***

113. Climate Change:

 113.1 To receive a report of action to date: the following items were noted

* A CPRE event on Climate Emergency and the Water Crisis to be held on April 29th at the Fleet Community Centre. Members to note the date.
* Buckden Parish Council – have set up a Climate Emergency Group – event to be held on
* 11th January 1-8. Cllr Jackson will be attending for CPRE. Other councillors welcome.
* Cllr Clark circulated hard copies of 20 Things Parish Councils Can Do in relation to Climate Change for members to read
* Cllr Jackson has been speaking with Richard Kay, Head of Sustainable Growth at the City Council for advice and support

 113.2 In the absence of Cllr Jackson the item “To consider date and format for an event run by the Beautiful Burial Grounds Project and financed by the Bats in Churches project” was postponed to the next meeting.

114. Road safety and Speed Watch:

114.1 Cllr Crowson reported that no further Speed Watch sessions had been carried out since the last report. Activity is likely to start again in the New Year.

114.2 Cllr Wright circulated a discussion document in relation to road safety.

 ***Comments to be fed-back to Cllr Wright on his new e-mail - peakirk.cllrwright@gmail.com***

115. Item on First Aid skills training course to be postponed to next meeting.

 The Clerk advised that the cost of replacement pads for the defibrillator is £78+VAT + £10 carriage.

 ***An item for approval of expenditure to be included on the agenda of the next meeting.***

Members noted the price of a replacement G5 4-year life battery at £225 + VAT + carriage.

116. Cllr Clark reported from the Northern Footpath Forum. He had attended a Funding Fair at PCVS, speaking with Big Lottery Funders in relation to the proposed bridge.

117. Councillors reports: Cllr Clark provided an update on the CAPALC AGM. A lot has been done over the last 12 months to reduce running costs, including moving to a smaller/cheaper office. An acting CEO is standing in for the CEO who has been on long-term sick leave. As the income is insufficient to meet expenditure subscription rates will increase. The organisation is to become a Company Limited by Guarantee. More training will be offered, and the organisation will be more responsive.

118. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 20th January.

 There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.