MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 20TH JANUARY 2020 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STARTING AT 7.30PM

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

Also in attendance: Angela Hankins (Clerk), 3 residents for item 119, 2 residents up to item 122.

119. Public question time:

120. Apologies were noted from Cllrs Sally Jackson and Gary Wright and Ward Cllr John Holdich.

121. Cllr Clark declared and interest in items 124.1 and 126.4 as Chair of CAPALC.

122. Members received a request from Poppy Revell for Parish Council support to volunteering activities for the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme within the village for 1 hour a week for 3 months. It was noted that Mrs Revell is prepared to accompany Poppy during activities which would be during day-light hours and mainly at the weekend. Councillors happy to support the request. Suitable SMART activities to be agreed at the February meeting, possibly including data collection / sustainability survey. Activities undertaken to be recorded weekly and signed off. Members requested that Poppy report back half-way through the time period and again at the end.

123. The minutes of the previous meeting dated 16th December 2019 were agreed as a true record.

124. To note correspondence received:

124.1 CAPALC incorporation – Cllr Clark gave the background to CAPALC wishing to become a non-profit, incorporated body in the form of a company limited by guarantee. Members supported the proposal. Clerk to submit response to CAPALC.

124.2 Clerks & Councils Direct, January edition circulated – DF, EC & AT.

124.3 Having circulated Stay Well Winter Packs last year it was felt there was no demand for additional packs.

124.4 No further correspondence had been received.

125. Planning:

125.1 No new applications received.

125.2 Other planning matters:

Approval to single storey rear extension at 9 St Pega’s Road, 19/01581/HHFUL was noted.

Members noted that the owners of The Old Station House are working with the Conservation

Officer for an alternative garage building.

126. Finance:

126.1 The budget review to 31 December was noted.

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

126.3 Approval given for payment to HMRC in respect of PAYE for the period Oct-Dec in the sum of £219.

126.4 Members noted the CAPALC affiliation fees for 2020/21, an increase of 9%, to £238.19.

126.5 Approval given for payment of invoice to PCVS for salary service October – December in the sum of £36.

126.6 Approval given for expenditure on cork and adhesive for repair of the noticeboard backing.

***Cllr Fovargue to organise.***

126.7 Approval given to expenditure in the sum of £78 +VAT and carriage on replacement defibrillator pads.

***Cllr Jackson to order pads.***

127. Maintenance:

127.1 Cllr Clark reported in relation to discussions with builders concerning the re-building of the Village Sign. A quote has been received from Barry Cooke for refurbishment of the post and plaque of St Pega. Quote received from South View Building Company for re-building of the base, 2 further quotes still awaited.

***Cllr Clark to continue discussions.***

127.2 The Clerk advised that despite further chasing no update had been received from Anglian Water in relation to the repair of the pumping station wall in Thorney Road.

127.3 Cllr Prior advised that he has yet to meet with the City Council Tree Officer in relation to the holly tree on the Village Green at the corner of Chestnut Close and Deeping Road.

Cllr Fovargue advised that Aragon Services are due to pollard the willow tree outside 31 St Pega’s Road in the New Year.

Cllr Prior advised that the London Plane on the Village Green requires the removal of the 2 lowest limb back to the branch collar. No action until work agreed to holly tree. He also presented a list of suggested planting locations for trees on the highway verge on St Pega’s Road.

***Cllr Prior to contact Mr Chesney-Beales, the City Council Tree Officer, to arrange to meet.***

127.4 Cllr Clark advised of a meeting with PECT’s Environmental Officer, Tony Cook, on tree-planting within the parish. It was a good meeting with various suggestions that will feed into the Climate Change Working Group event on 1st February.

127.5 Village Litter Pick –it was agreed that a date should be arranged in March for the Annual Village Litter Pick.

***Clerk to liaise with Village Hall and circulate agreed date.***

127.6 There were no further maintenance items.

128. No further advice had been received from Richardsons in relation to the allotments.

***Clerk to follow up.***

129. Climate Change:

129.1 Cllr Clark advised that action to date included the tree walk-about with PECT, Cllr Jackson attending a Climate Day at Buckden and the forthcoming meeting on Saturday 1st February of the Climate Emergency Working Group.

129.2 Information on the Beautiful Burial Grounds Project and Bats in Churches project was given on behalf of Cllr Jackson.

130. Road safety and Speed Watch:

130.1 A report on Speed Watch was received from Councillor Crowson. The latest Speed Watch activity took place on 16th January between 8-9am on St Pegas Road, heading out of the village. 172 vehicles were recorded with 10 above the trigger level.

Cllr Fovargue advised that further data had been downloaded from the camera.

***Cllr Clark to refer to the manual to assist with interpretation of the data.***

130.2 Cllr Wright had advised that he had received no responses to his paper on suggested process to advance road safety initiatives and agreement of next steps.

***Cllr Wright to provide detailed update at the next meeting.***

131. Cllr Clark advised that the battery for the defibrillator is at the 50% level, no replacement required at present.

First Aid Skills Training to be held over to future meeting.

132. Cllr Clark provided a brief update from the Northern Footpath Forum who are putting together a package to get new bids and will then apply for funding.

133. Councillors reports: it was noted that Open Reach have been very busy in the village installing fibre to

Premises.

134. The date of the next meeting was noted as Monday 17th February. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:55pm.