

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2022 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STARTING AT 7:30PM

Present: Councillors Henry Clark (Chair), Sally Jackson, Emma Crowson, David Fovargue, Sarah Smith and Anne Tuley.

131. Public question time: no members of the public were present.
132. To note apologies – all members were present.
133. There were no declarations of interest recorded.
134. The minutes of the previous meeting of 17th January were agreed and signed as a true record.
135. Members resolved to adopt the Local Government Association Model Code of Conduct 2020 (updated May 2021).
136. Correspondence: an invitation to reaffiliate to CAPALC for 2022/23 along with the benefits of membership had been circulated electronically. Subscription renewal to be put on the March agenda.
137. Planning:
 - 137.1 Consideration given to planning application 22/00102/HHFUL for single storey & 2 storey rear extension, barn conversion & removal of existing garage at 7 Rectory Lane. No objections.
 - 137.2 Members noted the withdrawal of application 21/01662/FUL for change of use with demolition of existing warehouse & construction of 4 one-bed maisonettes at St Pegas Warehouse.
 - 137.3 Enforcement case 22/00043/ENFOTH, unauthorised development at Meadow Road, was noted. Buildings on the site had been torn down, crushing of stone taking place on site, demolition materials being stored. The Clerk advised that planners had inspected the site and advised of a breach of planning control. The owner must now cease the use of the land and clear it of the materials or apply for planning permission in retrospect.
 - 137.4 Other planning matters – it was noted that Nick Harding, the Chief Planning Officer, has left the City Council.
138. Finance:
 - 138.1 Reimbursement to Cllr Jackson approved in the sum of £38.20 for wooden posts for the construction of a dead hedge in the rear corner of the Village Hall Car Park as part of PCEG activity.
 - 138.2 Approval given for payment of Home Working Allowance in the sum of £10 and salary payment to Mrs A Hankins for February.
 - 138.3 Members approved payment of the Data Protection Fee Annual Renewal in the sum of £40 and subsequent reimbursement to the Clerk.
 - 138.4 Approval given to payment of 50% of Peakirk Village website hosting and domain name costs for 2020 and 2021 in the sum of £71.94.
 - 138.5 Approval given to payment of invoice from Glasdon in the sum of £3,129.27 +VAT for Village Gateways.
 - 138.6 Members authorised the purchase of one Vehicle Activated Sign with 3 sets of mounting bars and one solar panel costing £2,258 plus VAT and jubilee clips (£34 plus VAT) and a high security padlock (£30 plus VAT).
139. Maintenance:
 - 139.1 Approval given for the trimming of the Village Green Yew hedge in the sum of £195.
Clerk to contact Mr Harding.
 - 139.2 The top of the village bore/standpipe near to the monument had been forced off due to rust. Cllr Clark has repaired it and will repaint when the weather permits.

- 139.3 Bus Stop – update: the Clerk advised that she is still waiting to hear from the City Council in relation to the licence. Cllrs Crowson and Tuley awaiting better weather before completing the painting.
- 139.4 Village Litter Pick – 9th April: the Clerk advised that the Village Hall was booked from 12-2 for refreshments to be provided. The litter pick will commence at 11:00am by the church gates. Health and Safety reminder cards given to Cllr Jackson by Cllr Fovargue.
Cllr Jackson to advertise on Village Facebook. Clerk to supply bibs, pickers and bags.
- 139.5 Cllr Jackson requested consideration of a policy in relation to the use of plastic in areas controlled by the Parish Council including ethical sourcing and disposal. Members considered that the No Dog signs on the Village Green were not single use – they are permanent and made from recycled plastic. The Clerk reminded members that a single use plastic policy had been discussed previously.
- 139.6 Other maintenance matters: the Clerk advised that a wooden slat on the bench adjacent to the church wall required repair.
Cllr Clark to cost replacement slats.
A report had been received of a tree close to the pumping station on Deeping Road leaning towards the road at an angle of 45 degrees.
Cllr Jackson to report it to the City Council.
140. Allotments – a proposed tenancy agreement had been circulated electronically. The keeping of livestock and beehives would not be allowed. Cllr Jackson expressed concerns about some of the clauses not in keeping with the aims of doubling nature and being eco-friendly and discussion ensued. Cllr Crowson proposed acceptance of the draft policy. This was seconded by Cllr Tuley and carried 4 votes to 2.
Members asked that a thank-you be sent to Christine Dearman for her administration of the allotments and expressed the wish that she continues to be involved with their management.
141. Village Gateways / Speed Watch:
- 141.1 It was noted that the Village Gateways have now been received and the City Council advised accordingly.
Cllr Fovargue to check that the contractors install them in the correct place.
- 141.2 Speed Watch: next activity to be in Meadow Road on 2nd March. Cllrs Tuley and Smith expressed willingness to assist. It was agreed that one further set of readings should be taken from the VAS on St Pegas Road to measure vehicles leaving the village. The sign will then be set to revert to measuring incoming traffic, but without displaying the speed.
Cllrs Clark and Fovargue to walk round the village to select sites for the new signs.
No contact has yet been made by Cllr Clark with the Police and Crime Commissioner. Cllr Smith suggested inviting Amanda Large from the Constabulary to attend a future meeting but Cllr Fovargue is hopeful that the next downloaded figures will be able to be converted to the new programme which should then be acceptable to her. All were agreed on the importance of the police knowing of the speeding problem.
142. Queens Platinum Jubilee: the Clerk advised that this matter had been discussed previously with little interest being shown at that time. A possible picnic on the Village was mentioned which Cllr Fovargue suggested could go to the next Village Hall Committee meeting.
143. Newsletter – it was suggested that a newsletter was overdue. Items to be included were Village Gateways, Vehicle Activated Signs/ Community Orchard / Litter Pick / Allotments / Speed Watch and Planning (Meadow Road).
144. Web-site proposals circulated by Cllr Clark prior to the meeting were discussed. Cllr Clark suggested that the Clerk should write to the City Council Cabinet Office requesting control of the peakirk-gov.uk domain name. Councillors could then use this for their own unique e-mails. The package recommended would allow for 25 e-mail addresses.
Cllr Clark to provide contact details and text to the Clerk.

The next sept would be for the parish council to consider having its own website.

145. Climate Emergency Group / John Clare Countryside Project report: Cllr Jackson gave a brief report, focussing on the work underway with the JCCP regarding a Werrington to the Welland trail.
146. Councillors Reports:
Cllr Clark advised that there will be a City Council parish conference in June on the theme of environment and climate emergency and invited ideas for topics/ speakers.
Cllr Clark reported that the management of the PCC Liaison Meetings is now undertaken by the Good Neighbours Charity who will produce the agendas and minutes. It is hoped that this will result in better attendance.
Cllr Fovargue advised that he had litter-picked on St Pegas Road from Glinton to the monument.
- 147 The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 21st March.
There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:32pm.

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