

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18TH JULY 2022 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STARTING AT 7:30PM

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

Also in attendance: Angela Hankins (Clerk) and one member of the public (item 38 only).

38. Public question time: Dr Avril Lumley-Prior advised that Peakirk Archaeological Survey Team (PAST) had been affected by the loss of members but would be continuing by working under the umbrella of PECT. A dig on the Village Green is anticipated for late September/ October. The parish council is happy for the dig to go ahead with the relevant safeguards and insurance in place. Shards of pottery from previous digs on the Village Green, along with digs at Bull Lane and Butterfly Barn are currently in storage. Greg Prior was the pottery expert and had expressed a wish for the pottery to remain in Peakirk, however there are two sheds full. ***Councillors to consider the options and discuss at the next meeting.***
39. Apologies: non received.
40. No declarations of interest were recorded.
41. The minutes of the previous meeting dated 20th June 2022 were approved and signed as a true record.
42. Correspondence:
- 42.1 Clerks & Councils Direct, July Edition – circulated EC, AT and DF.
- 42.2 Village Tribune – the Clerk advised of information received from Tony Henthorn, the editor of the Village Tribune magazine relating to possible changes to the format, frequency and distribution of the magazine in order for the magazine to remain financially viable. It was agreed that the magazine is valuable to residents who would not wish to lose it. Members suggested that a more appropriate pricing for parish council would be to base the charge on the size of the village. Members agreed the importance of having parish council news included in future editions. ***Councillor Clark to draft response for Clerk to send.***
- 42.3 There were no other items of correspondence.
43. Planning:
- 43.1 Consideration given to application 22/00943/CTR, proposal: T1 - Fell and remove Ash tree T2 - Fell and remove Ash tree at The Old Rectory, Rectory Lane – No Objections.
- 43.2 It was noted that planning application 22/00346/FUL for change of use from agricultural field to storage of landscaping materials (retrospective) on land west of Meadow Road, Peakirk had been refused by the City Council. As the applicant has the right to submit an appeal within six months members wished to know whether the applicant would be allowed to continue his unlawful activities during this time. ***Clerk to check with planning.***
- 43.3 Cllr Crowson advised that she had been made aware of a possible unauthorised structure on property within the conservation area at 16b St Pegas Road. ***Cllrs Crowson and Fovargue to obtain more information for the clerk to check with the planning department.***
- 43.4 There were no other planning matters.
44. Finance:
- 44.1 Approval given for payment of Home Working Allowance in the sum of £10 and salary payment to Mrs A Hankins for July.
- 44.2 Members approved payment of invoice from PCVS in the sum of £36 for payroll service April-June.
- 44.3 Approval give for payment of invoice from Community Heartbeat Trust for 1 set of replacement defibrillator pads in the sum of £63.60.
- 44.4 Members authorised reimbursement to Cllr Clark in the sum of £30.21 for items from Screw Fix for the water harvester.

- 44.5 Authorisation given for reimbursement to Cllr Clark in the sum of £31.28 for items from B&Q for the water harvester.
- 44.6 Members authorised payment of £15.78 due to Cllr Clark for correction of previous underpayment.
- 44.7 Reimbursement authorised in the sum of £21.78 to Cllr Clark for expenditure on the Jubilee Brazier.
- 44.8 Following discussion it was agreed that reimbursement of £58.04 would be made to Rebecca Lancaster for Jubilee expenditure and to Cllr Crowson in the sum of £42.49 for printing expenditure. Reimbursement to be made to Cllr Smith for drink expenditure when receipt received.
- 44.9 Members authorised payment to Mr R Harding for grass cutting during June upon receipt of invoice.
45. Use of The Sanderlings by Network Rail – Cllr Fovargue advised that he had received nothing further from Network Rail. The Clerk reported on the difficulties experienced in trying to contact Paul Schmassmann through Network Rails switchboard who were unable to either confirm an e-mail address or transfer the call.
Clerk to pursue.
46. Defibrillator: members considered the usefulness or otherwise of an ICPR device (a device to measure speed and pressure of compressions). The current defibrillator does not have an ICPR fitted and the Heartbeat Trust does not recommend them. It was agreed that an ICPR device was not necessary. Approval given for Cllr Jackson to order a further set of standard pads.
47. Maintenance:
- 47.1 Bus shelter – it was agreed that the outstanding preservative treatment would be completed by Cllrs Crowson and Tuley.
Following the decision at the last meeting a request for use of the bus shelter to house and promote a Seed Exchange Box had been received. Cllr Jackson and the Clerk had met with Heather Revell to discuss the request. Councillors agreed that the seed exchange box would be allowed back into the bus shelter, monitored and reviewed in 3 months. It was further agreed that any items other than books put into the bus shelter without prior permission will be removed.
Clerk to respond to Mrs Revell. Cllr Jackson to put back the seed exchange box.
- 47.2 Benches – the Clerk advised that quotes for refurbishment works to the benches had been requested. J Bradley Fencing had declined to quote. A quote is awaited from Pettitt Joinery.
- 47.3 Other maintenance matters – Cllr Jackson reported that several of the Peakirk signs and street names were looking dirty.
Clerk to check with Lee Moore for City Council action. Working party to be arranged if necessary.
48. Cllr Jackson reported from the Climate Emergency Group and John Clare Countryside Project. A working party, including volunteers from the BGL Group and PECT was held on 22nd June. The rainwater harvester on the allotments is now completed. A further work party had been planned for the allotments but cancelled due to the excessive hot weather. The JCCP is due to end this year but they are hoping to obtain more funding to continue. Consideration being given to having an overall lead within the JCCP to connect different areas. Cllr Jackson continues to attend the Glinton Climate Emergency Group who wish to have a wind turbine. She advised that she was awaiting links from Hannah Swinburne at the City Council for a “library of things” but Cllr Clark suggested that this should not be pursued. Effort should be concentrated on reducing energy consumption within the village.

49. Cllr Jackson advised that she had walked with others from the carpark at Deeping Lakes Nature Reserve to the site on the River Welland for the proposed footbridge. Deeping St James parish council would maintain the bridge and the tender bid is to be led by Cllr Shinkins-Hoppe.

50. Councillors reports:

Speed Watch – Cllr Crowson advised that a speed watch had been undertaken on 29th June on the Thorney Road. 201 cars were counted entering the village of which 7.96% were travelling in excess of 35mph. The highest speed recorded was 51mph.

Vehicle Activated Signs – Cllr Fovargue presented data from the new VAS on St Pegas Road which measures traffic from both directions. 49,227 vehicle journeys leaving the village were logged and showed 97.73% travelling at less than 40mph. 12 vehicles were logged in excess of 61mph. 46,579 vehicles were counted coming into the village with 71 vehicles travelling in excess of 51mph. The data has been sent to the police co-ordinator, Amanda Large.

It was reported that the parish council lap-top computer is struggling to process data.

Cllr Clark suggested a new solid-state drive might be a solution and will look into.

Allotments - it was noted that PECT have provided 200 whips for a boundary hedge to provide shelter.

Parish Liaison Meeting - Cllr Clark advised of the trial scheme for parish councils to have a permit for the Waste and Recycling Centre. A contractor is employed by the City Council to put covert cameras in fly-tipping hot-spots. A climate summit is to be held later in the year, organised by the City Council. Cllr David Over is trying to get a blanket speed restriction of 50mph between villages and 20mph within villages.

51. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 19th September. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:55pm.