

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2022,
STARTING AT 7:30PM, IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors Sally Jackson (Chair), Emma Crowson, David Fovargue, Kam Sisodia, Sarah Smith and Anne Tuley. Also in attendance: Angela Hankins (Clerk)

Others present for item 69 only: Anglian Water Representatives – Keir Dawson, James Cowley (Project Manager) and Pippa Adams (Archaeology Lead) and village residents.

69. An update and presentation were received from Anglian Water Community Engagement Team in relation to the local area resulting from the Grantham to Bexwell water pipeline. Grantham to Bexwell is one section of the total pipeline which starts in Elsham/ Scunthorpe and finishes at Ipswich / Colchester. This section, which is 90km in length, passes through Peakirk Parish. Planning Permission was submitted in February of this year. The relevant Lincolnshire authorities have granted planning permission but Peterborough, Fenland and Kings Lynn councils have not yet done so. The network will cost 0.5 billion pounds and should be in operation by 2025. The pipework is on order and should be available in January 2023. Groundworks in this vicinity should start by March 2023. It was advised that there should be very little disturbance on the surface and the intention is for ground works to be completed and reinstated before Winter. A total of 189 watercourses will need to be crossed, steel pipelines manufactured in Spain will be inspected at port and then again on site and will always be sealed. The intention is for the ground water level to be disturbed as little as possible. When the drill rig is used noise barriers will be placed around it. A noise level of 70 decibels is likely and it is anticipated that drilling activity will last for 3-4 days. Access via the Sanderlings will be for 4x4 vehicles only. A resident suggested that an alternative access could be via the Folly bank off Thorney Road – AWA will investigate and respond. It was confirmed that the public notice on St Pegas Road near to the entrance of The Sanderlings related to access only, not a “working area”. AWA will confirm this in writing.
- Regarding archaeology a number of surveys have been undertaken along with aerial photos, trial trenches and geological boreholes. Assessment is continuing. Bronze-age activity has been found at Etton with funerary activity along the corridor and evidence of salt manufacture outside the Peakirk area. Trenching close to Foxcovert Road showed prehistoric, Roman and Mediaeval agricultural land use, but most were not rich in artefacts. Archaeological remains are avoided where possible. The trenching report for the wider area is publicly available – Pippa Adams to send the link to the Clerk.
- Meadow Road closure – AWA are currently working with the City Council regarding hours of working, routes of closure etc. Details to be sent to the Clerk when available.
70. Public question time – no members of the public remained after item 69.
71. Apologies were received from Cllr Clark.
72. No declarations of interest were recorded.
73. The minutes of the previous meeting of 5th October 2022 were approved and signed as a true record.
74. Anglian Water Pipeline – the query raised by Cllr Fovargue was covered at item 69.
75. Planning:
- 75.1 The Clerk reported that use of the land in Meadow Road (22/00346/FUL) for unauthorised purposes should cease by Christmas. Lee Walsh, the Planning Compliance Team Leader at the City Council to meet with the operator of the site during the week commencing 24th October.
- 75.2 Consideration was given to application 22/01371/HHFUL – proposal (retrospective) for erection of a garden room adjoining the existing car port at Peakirk Lodge, 16B St Pegas Road. Members felt that such a massive structure adjacent to the boundary of a listed building was inappropriate. The visual impact of the construction was considered detrimental to the conservation area.
- Clerk to respond accordingly.**

- 75.3 Other planning matters – it was noted that an application would be received for works to a tree on the boundary of the allotment site.
76. Archaeological pottery remains – Cllr Crowson advised that more time was needed for the archaeologist at the City Council to get the view of the officer covering the Peakirk area.
77. Finance:
- 77.1 Approval given for payment of Home Working Allowance and salary payment to Mrs A Hankins for October.
- 77.2 Members noted payment of the invoice from the Community Heartbeat Trust for 1 further set of replacement defibrillator pads in the sum of £63.60
- 77.3 The Clerk advised that reimbursement of expenses for the Queens Platinum Jubilee to Cllr Smith in the sum of £60 had not yet been paid, BACS details awaited.
- 77.4 The Clerk advised that no invoice had been received from Mr R Harding for the latest grass cutting.
- 77.5 Suggestions for possible projects to be considered for inclusion in the budget for the year 2023/24 were put forward by Councillors - £500 for village profiling, £100 for the Climate Emergency Group, £300 for the Coronation, unspecified amount for maintenance of the allotment site, mainly grass cutting and hedge maintenance. It was agreed that the allotments would be included in the village walk-about for further opinions.
- The Clerk to check responsibilities within the tenants' licence agreements.***
78. It was noted that confirmation had been received from Alistair Gartshore of Network Rail that The Sanderlings will not be used in future for access - access will be at Werrington Junction.
79. Maintenance:
- 79.1 Bus shelter –Cllr Crowson advised that the painting of the highest point of the sides with preservative was still in need of completion. The Clerk advised that no progress had been made with Helen Harris of the City Council in relation to the licence.
- 79.2 Litter Pick – a mutually convenient date could not be agreed for a Village Litter Pick Event. Councillors agreed to undertake individual litter picks - the Clerk to provide Councillors Crowson, Jackson and Tuley with pickers and vests. Health and Safety advice to be adhered to when undertaking litter picking activities.
- 79.3 Other maintenance items: the Clerk reported that graffiti had been daubed on the bridge over the Folly on Thorney Road and the bridge over the Maxey Cut on Deeping Road.
- Clerk to report to the City Council and send photo to Cllr Sisodia.***
- It was noted that a Village Walkabout was planned by councillors to take place on Friday 21st October.
80. Climate Emergency Group Update:
- 80.1 Councillor Jackson advised that an event was being planned, possibly on 12th November at the Village Hall, for residents to drop in between 11.00 and 3.00 in relation to a Village Energy Plan.
- 80.2 Consideration was given to membership of the Carbon Co-op at a cost of £35 per year but decided against. It was felt that similar advice is available from PECT.
81. Village Profiling – Councillor Smith advised that she had researched Community Needs Assessments and obtained data from the 2011 Census in relation to the population profile. The next step would be to recruit representatives from different groups within the village who then draw up the questions to be asked. A suitable method would then be agreed. Cllr Smith hoping to start getting a team together at the Village Energy event.
82. Councillors' reports:
- Cllr Tuley reported that work was required to the steps leading from the South Drain – ***Cllr Jackson to deal.***
- Cllr Jackson had attended a meeting of the JCC access group where Quiet Lanes were raised – ***Cllr Jackson to provide details to Cllr Sisodia.***

83. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 21st November. (Peakirk Emergency Plan Revision and Draft Budget).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:50pm

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