

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING AT 7:30PM**

Present: Councillors Emma Crowson, David Fovargue, Kam Sisodia, Sarah Smith and Anne Tuley.

Also in attendance: Angela Hankins (Clerk)

It was agreed that Councillor Crowson would chair the meeting.

99. Public question time – no members of the public were present. Cllr Fovargue advised that he had received notification from Anglian Water that St Pegas Road would be closed near to No 41 from 3<sup>rd</sup> January for several days for water installation works.
100. Apologies were received from Cllrs Clark and Jackson. Cllr Sisodia apologised for his absence from the previous meeting.
101. No declarations of interest were recorded.
102. The minutes of the previous meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 were approved as a true record and signed accordingly.
103. There were no items of correspondence to report.
104. Planning:
  - 104.1 Peterborough Local List (Heritage Assets) – members agreed that there were no comments or objections to the Village Green being included in this list.
  - 104.2 Other planning matters – it was noted that the site on Meadow Road (22/00346/FUL) refused retrospective planning permission for the change of use from agricultural field to storage of landscaping materials is still operational. The clerk advised that the latest information from the City Council advised that the unauthorised use would finish by Christmas and reminded members that the parish council has no powers in relation to planning enforcement.
105. Archaeological pottery remains – the Clerk advised that she had spoken with Dr Lumley-Prior and confirmed that the best pieces should be retained for the village. Discussion had taken place on the possible use of some of the more numerous, common pieces in a village art project. As there is no urgency it was agreed that no further action is required at present.
106. Finance:
  - 106.1 Approval given to payment of Home Working Allowance and salary payment to Mrs A Hankins for December.
  - 106.2 Members approved payment of PAYE for the period October – December.
  - 106.3 Approval given for payment of invoice to East Midlands Tree Surveys Ltd for condition assessment, report and recommendations relating to trees on the Village Green in the sum of £480.
  - 106.4 Members approved payment to Dickens and Beales in the sum of £780 + VAT for refurbishment of village benches on receipt of the invoice.
  - 106.5 Approval given for payment of invoice from the Village Tribune Ltd in the sum of £95 for 2023 entries in this local magazine.
107. Allotments – the Clerk advised that most of the tenants are Peakirk residents with others from Glington and Northborough. Tenants are currently being advised of the rent increase that will be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 and an electronic database established.
108. Bus Shelter – the Clerk advised that confirmation of any fees for legal works was still awaited from the City Council.
109. Maintenance:

- 109.1 Village walkabout actions - The re-painting of various assets will be undertaken in the warmer weather.
- 109.2 Dog fouling – Cllr Fovargue provided prices for eco and non-eco friendly paint. It was agreed that the eco-friendly paint should be purchased (£12.49 per can) along with a “Clean it up” stencil, approximate price £6. As a regular walker around the village, Cllr Tuley will undertake spray-painting as required.  
***Clerk to chase Paul Robertson at the City Council in relation to signage.***
- 109.3 Allotment maintenance –no details available yet from Cllrs Smith and Fovargue re specification of work to be agreed for obtaining maintenance quotation for parish council held plots.  
***Cllr Smith to notify Cllr Crowson when her possible contractor visits.***
- 109.4 Village Green – Cllr Fovargue will fill the hole on the Village Green near to the play equipment when weather permits. Cllr Smith offered sand to assist.
- 109.5 The report from East Midlands Tree Surveys on the condition of the trees on the Village Green had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that quotes for only the tree works recommended in the survey should be obtained.  
***Clerk to action accordingly.***  
It was agreed that work to the shrubs near to the bus stop entrance should be undertaken when the yew hedge is trimmed.
- 109.6 There were no other maintenance items.
110. Road Safety and Speed Watch – the next Speed Watch will take place in January on the Deeping Road. Cllr Sisodia offered to assist Cllr Fovargue with the downloading of data from the Vehicle Activated Signs.
111. Climate Emergency Group Update:
- 111.1 Village Energy Plan update held over from previous meeting. It was agreed that this item be held over until Cllr Jackson is present.
- 111.2 There were no other matters to note.
- 112 Peakirk Emergency Plan – the Clerk advised that replies from some of the contacts within the plan were still outstanding so it was not possible to note or adopt the revised version.
113. Councillors reports not covered elsewhere – nothing to report.
114. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:36pm.