

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023, IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STARTING AT 7:30PM**

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

Also in attendance: Angela Hankins (Clerk). One member of the public for item 115 only.

115. Public question time: Cllr Jackson raised a query on behalf of a resident in relation to a smart water meter. It was suggested that Anglian Water should be requested to attend to check that the leak is not at the meter connection. The owner of a potential plot on St Pegas Road sought guidance on the type of development that the council might prefer. Any new development should be appropriate and in keeping. The Peakirk Neighbourhood plan contains a desire for smaller, eco-friendly properties.
116. There were no apologies, all members being present.
117. Cllr Clark, as the Chair of CAPALC, declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 119.3
118. The minutes of the previous meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022 were approved and signed as a true record.
119. Correspondence received:
- 119.1 An email of introduction had been received from Joanna Taylor, the new Local Democracy Reporter for the Peterborough Telegraph.  
***Clerk to invite Ms Taylor to attend a parish council meeting.***
- 119.2 Invitation received to join the Parish UK Network.  
***Clerk to confirm councillor names and email addresses for the network.***
- 119.3 Details of a proposed resolution for amendment to the articles of association at a CAPALC Special Meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting. Members agreed to support the resolution.
- 119.4 Clerks & Councils Direct (January Edition) to be circulated to Cllrs Crowson, Fovargue and Tuley.
120. Planning:
- 120.1 Members noted approval to 22/01371/HHFUL (retrospective) for erection of a garden room adjoining the existing car port at Peakirk Lodge, 16B St Pegas Road.
- 120.2 There were no other planning matters.
121. Climate Emergency:
- 121.1 A report from Cllr Jackson relating to the future of the Climate Emergency Working Group was circulated prior to the meeting. With the help of a village resident, the group has been instrumental in setting up a new village Facebook Site. This is a general village-based site (not solely climate emergency) the administrators for which are Cllr Jackson, Nikki Pepper and David Hankins. Thanks recorded for the help given by Nikki Pepper. Cllr Tuley has arranged with Peakirk-cum-Glinton primary school to provide an input to Year 6 pupils on the environment and energy. A competition to produce a poster will be held with a prize, possibly a solar light, awarded. The group are intending to contact Arthur Mellows Village College regarding possible involvement of Duke of Edinburgh award participants.  
***Cllrs Jackson and Smith to attend a John Clare Countryside cluster event.*** Group members are hoping to participate in the Recycling Scheme operated by Bourne Toys. It was suggested that Cllr Jackson produce a prioritised list of actions with rough timescales.  
***The Clerk to follow up a query relating to water butts.***  
The relationship between the working group and full council was explained by the Clerk.
- 121.2 Cllr Jackson provided background information on the Peterborough Local Area Energy Plan and how Peakirk could be involved prior to the meeting. Cllr Jackson felt that the City Council were not engaging well with the parish. A lot of information has already been obtained regarding ECP ratings of properties within the village and the parish council wishes to work with the City Council, viewing the plan as aspirational.

It was resolved that Peakirk Parish Council engages with Peterborough City Council regarding the local council energy plan. All agreed.

***The Clerk to request Hannah Swinburne, Principal Climate Change Officer at the City Council to meet with parish councillors.***

122. Defibrillator – Cllr Jackson advised that although the village defibrillator is registered with the Community HeartBeat Trust it does not show on some National Websites.  
***Clerk to check with the Ambulance Service that the defibrillator is registered with them.***  
It was suggested that a reminder about the availability of the defibrillator could be included on the regular church newsletter which is distributed to every household.
123. Finance:
- 123.1 Approval given for payment of Home Working Allowance and salary payment to Mrs A Hankins for January.
  - 123.2 Members approved reimbursement of 50% annual cost of Avast Cloudcare AV to Mrs Hankins in the sum of £23.
  - 123.3 Approval given to payment of invoice from Peakirk Village Hall Committee for 50% share of Peakirk Village domain and web-hosting costs in the sum of £26.25.
  - 123.4 Members noted payment of invoice to Dickens and Beales in the sum of £780 + VAT for refurbishment of village benches.
  - 123.5 Approval given to payment of invoice from PCVS for Salary Services for the period Oct-Dec in the sum of £36.
  - 123.6 Approval given to payment of invoice from Parish Online for Annual Subscription in the sum of £36.
  - 123.7 Members approved a grant of £750 to Peakirk Parochial Church Council for churchyard maintenance.
  - 123.8 The budget review to 31 December 2022 was noted.
124. Peakirk Emergency Plan – members noted and adopted the revised version.  
***Clerk to send revised copy to the City Council Resilience Department.***
125. Maintenance:
- 125.1 Village Green – Cllr Fovargue reported that the hole near to the picnic bench had been filled and will be grass-seeded in the spring.
  - 125.2 Folly Bridge – the city council has been chased regarding removal of the graffiti. A response from the highway department is awaited regarding repainting of the bridge by volunteers.
  - 125.3 Overhanging tree branches on St Pegas Road – clerk to check with City Council Tree Officer.
  - 125.4 Dog fouling – paint spray and a “Clean it up” template has been purchased. Reimbursement to Cllr Fovargue required.
  - 125.5 Allotments – Cllr Smith advised that she had obtained a quote of £10 per hour for maintenance work on the orchard plot. Cllr Jackson reported that an offer of a twice-yearly volunteer work party to undertake allotment maintenance had been offered by the Langdyke Trust. It was agreed that this was the preferred option.
  - 125.6 Village Green trees –the Clerk advised that differing recommendations for tree works had been received from 3 sources, so no quotes had yet been requested.  
***Cllrs Clark, Jackson and Tuley to meet on site to agree the works required for quotations to be sought. Cllr Sisodia to participate if required. The Clerk to circulate details of the various works suggested.***
  - 125.7 There were no other maintenance items.
126. Update on the Welland Bridge – Cllr Jackson advised that Deeping St James Parish Council has taken over the bridge application. The Langdyke Trust/ John Clare Countryside Project are still pushing for grant funding for the whole area which might make money available. Cllrs Jackson and Clark to discuss status of Northern Footpath Forum.

127. Road Safety and Speed Watch – Cllr Crowson advised that the next Speed Watch is planned for 25<sup>th</sup> January on the Deeping Road. Cllr Fovargue provided data from the VAS on traffic travelling along St Pegas Road, leaving the village. In a 30-day period 13,654 journeys had been logged with a total of 212 vehicles travelling in excess of 40mph. The fastest vehicle was travelling at 78mph at 3:24 in the afternoon.
128. Bus Shelter – nothing further had been heard from the City Council.
129. Councillors reports: Cllr Smith requested that a Needs Assessment be included on the agenda of the next meeting. Cllrs Smith and Sisodia to discuss young persons involvement in the project. Cllr Sisodia advised that the unauthorised site on Meadow Road used for storage and processing of landscaping materials had not yet been cleared. Cllr Sisodia to liaise with the City Council. Cllr Fovargue had undertaken a litter pick on both sides of St Pegas Road from Peakirk House to the Glinton end of the village.
130. Due to the Coronation Bank Holiday a revised date for the Annual Parish Meeting in May was agreed for 15<sup>th</sup> and the revised date for the parish council meeting agreed as 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:35pm