

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 17TH APRIL 2023, IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STARTING AT 7:30PM

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

Also in attendance: Angela Hankins (Clerk)

159. Public question time: no members of the public were present.
160. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Sisodia.
161. Declarations of interest: Cllr Clark reminded members that he is the chairman of CAPALC.
162. The minutes of the previous meeting of 20th March 2023 were approved and signed as a true record.
163. Correspondence:
- 163.1 Countryside Voices, CPRE Magazine – Spring/ Summer Edition – circulated to Cllrs Crowson, Fovargue and Tuley.
- 163.2 The Clerk advised that 28th May has been agreed for the police engagement event. Matters to raise were agreed as traffic, escaped horses and data on village offences.
All councillors invited to attend, to meet at the Village Hall at 11:00am.
- 163.3 Other items of correspondence: a query had been received from a resident regarding the increase in council precept. Cllr Clark had responded.
Cllr Jackson to provide the same information to the query she had also received.
164. Planning:
- 164.1 Members noted the response to correspondence reference 23/00324/PIP - proposal for the erection of not more than one detached or two semi-detached dwellings on land adjoining 27 and 33 Foxcovert Road, Peakirk.
- 164.2 Members noted the response to application reference: 23/00302/LBC, proposed replacement of front elevation windows at 14 St Pegas Road, Peakirk.
- 164.3 Asset of Community Value Application – update: the Clerk advised that a response from Helen Harris at the City Council had finally been received and the query would be considered after Easter.
- 164.4 Other planning matters: consideration was given to application 23/00342/HHFUL, two storey rear extension and replacement doors and window to rear elevation at 5 Chestnut Close. Members noted slight errors in the application but had no objections to the proposed extension which would have no impact on the view from the road.
Clerk to respond accordingly.
165. Finance:
- 165.1 Approval given for payment of Home Working Allowance and salary payment to Mrs A Hankins for April and an increase in pro-rata annual leave entitlement, effective from 1st April.
- 165.2 Approval given for payment of invoice to PCVS for payroll services (Jan-March) in the sum of £36.
- 165.3 Members approved payment of a donation to PECT in the sum of £100.
- 165.4 Approval given for payment of the annual CAPALC subscription from 01.04.2023 in the sum of £311.56 (includes Data Protection Officer Membership Scheme).
- 165.5 The year end accounts, circulated prior to the meeting, were approved and signed.
166. Maintenance:
- 166.1 It was noted that a response from the City Council, Highways Department, regarding repainting of the Folly Bridge is awaited.
- 166.2 The Clerk advised that a response from City Council Highways Department regarding overhanging tree branches is awaited.

166.3 Tree works on the Village Green: the Clerk advised that quotes for tree works had not yet been requested, pending the results (and any actions advised) of a resistograph inspection of the Horse Chestnut. A quote from Aragon had been obtained for a resistograph survey. Members requested additional quotes be obtained. Cllr Clark undertook to carry out the minor tree works agreed on the Village Green.

Cllrs Clark and Jackson to inspect the ceanothus, planted by the parish council, around the substation adjacent to the bus stop and trim back shrubs from the nearby access to the Village Green.

166.4 Best Kept Village Plaque – action to be confirmed: Cllr Clark advised that his update in The Tribune magazine had requested ideas.

Matter to be raised at the Annual Parish Meeting.

166.5 Other items of maintenance:

Bins adjacent to 8 St Pegas Road – members noted that the property is for sale and hoped that the bins will be stored off the pavement.

Verge encroachment – the Clerk advised that she had chased the City Council regarding reinstatement of the grass verge in front of 46 St Pegas Road.

Clerk to send list of outstanding matters from the Village Walkabout to Lee Moore at the City Council.

167. Escape of horses onto the highway: members expressed concerns in relation to the recent escape of horses from the Glebe Field and considered action required.

Cllr Tuley to check date of incident last year. Clerk to check previous correspondence with the police and Carter Jonas, the managing agents. Clerk to seek a log of incidents with the horses to present to the police, tenant of the field and owner of the horses.

168. Needs Assessment: Cllr Smith provided an update. Key groups within the village to be identified who can suggest survey questions. She is hoping to have something in place in time for the Coronation Picnic Event. It was felt that a focus on younger families might be beneficial and a young person's perspective welcomed. It was agreed that the exercise should be relevant and responsive and progressed following identification of the groups.

169. Speed Watch Report and Traffic data: Cllr Crowson advised that the next Speed Watch would be carried out on Thorney Road. Data from the vehicle activated sign on St Pegas Road monitoring traffic entering the village recorded a total of 52,276 traffic movements from 08.02.23 – 13.04.23, with an average speed of 30 mph. A speed of 75mph had been recorded on 28th February at 3:20pm. The newer vehicle activated sign recording vehicles leaving the village showed 60,427 movements between 12.01.23 and 13.04.23. 97% of vehicles were travelling up to 40mph. 986 vehicles were travelling between 41-45 mph, 233 between 46-50mph, 71 between 51-55mph, 25 between 56-60mph, 13 between 61-65mph, 5 between 66-70mph and 10 exceeding 71mph. A vehicle was recorded on 23rd January at 2:30pm travelling at 89mph.

Cllr Smith offered to draft a piece on speeding for the next edition of The Tribune.

To be an item for discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Cllr Fovargue advised that he had spoken with Radio Cambridgeshire regarding speeding traffic. He will contact Newborough Parish Council in relation to the discussions that took place with the City Council in relation to speed data and cameras.

170. Coronation events: Cllr Crowson reported that Sunday 7th May would involve games and picnics on the Village Green. Litter picking, church cleaning and window cleaning of the Village Hall would be offered to volunteers wishing to take part in the Big Help Out on Monday 8th. Bunting to be put up on Friday 5th. The cost of children's prizes and drink for the loyal toast to be taken out of the Coronation event budget.

171. Parish Council Climate Change Summit: Cllr Clark reported that this was an interesting online event attended by about 20 people with excellent presentations from Dr Peter Brotherton of Natural England and Stephen Oliver, a conservation architect. Members expressed disappointment that nothing further

had been heard from Hannah Swinburne, the City Council's Climate Change Officer, since she attended a parish council meeting in February.

172. Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 15th May: apologies were given in advance by Cllrs Clark and Crowson. It was agreed that the meeting, to be held at 7:30pm, will be chaired by Cllr Jackson. Reports to be provided by the Village Hall Committee, St Pegas Church, Speed Watch and PAST.
Clerk to invite the new licensee to speak of their vision for The Ruddy Duck.
Cllr Jackson to invite Nikki Pepper to speak about the new village Face Book page.
Cllr Clark to provide a report from the Parish Council and to make his projector available.
The Clerk to produce a flyer for distribution by councillors around the village.
173. Councillor reports not covered above:
Cllr Jackson advised that she had received a query from The Circuit (the national defibrillator network) and would respond appropriately.
Cllr Tuley showed members the winning posters from her visit to Peakirk-cum-Glinton School. It was agreed that the A4 posters should be enlarged to A3, laminated and displayed in the Village Hall and Bus Stop. ***Cllr Jackson to provide a laminated note to accompany the posters.*** Extra copies to be returned to the school.
Cllr Jackson reported that the top layer has been taken off the Community Orchard plot and pollinator plants are ready to be planted.
Cllr Jackson to confirm to James Collingridge of the City Council the parish council's wish for the village weed treatment to continue as last year.
174. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 22nd May. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:20pm.