

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023,  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STARTING AT 7:30PM**

Present: Councillors Henry Clark (Chair), Emma Crowson, David Fovargue, Sarah Smith and Anne Tuley. Hannah Swinburne, City Council Principal Climate Change Officer (for item 135)

131. Public question time – no members of the public were present.
132. Apologies received from Cllrs Jackson and Sisodia. Due to illness the Clerk was unable to be present. Cllr Smith to take notes of the meeting.
133. No declarations of interest were recorded.
134. The minutes of the previous meeting of 16th January 2023 were approved and signed as a true record.
135. Energy Plan: Hannah Swinburne – City Council Principal Climate Change Officer. The attached appendix details the discussion that took place.
136. Planning:
  - 136.1 Members noted application 23/00086/CTR for proposed tree works: - Silver Birch (Fell & Replant in another area of garden) and Spruce (Fell) at Peakirk Lodge, 16B St Pegas Road to which no objections were submitted.
  - 136.2 Members noted the comments submitted on application 23/00039/FUL: conversion of kennels building to three dwellings and erection of two car ports, relating to flood plain, walls at back of bungalows and flood defences.
  - 136.3 Consideration given to revisiting the terms of reference for the planning working group and the procedure for processing consultations.  
***Clerk to draft policy for circulation.***
  - 136.4 It was noted that the City Council has no Neighbourhood Planning Officer until the new Local Plan is published. The possible impact of the National Planning Policy Framework on the Peakirk Neighbourhood Plan to be reviewed at that point.  
***Cllr Jackson to lead.***
  - 136.5 Other planning matters - none.
137. Correspondence received:
  - 137.1 Letter of thanks from St Pegas Parochial Church Council.
  - 137.2 Deepings Leisure Centre Community Group. Cllrs Crowson and Tuley interested to discuss at next meeting.
  - 137.3 Police Neighbourhood Team - Community Engagement. Clerk to give further details at the next meeting.
  - 137.4 Parish Council Liaison Meeting to be held on 8th March.
  - 137.5 Parish Council Climate Change Summit – to be held on 29th March with focus on improving home efficiency.
  - 137.6 Other items of correspondence received: Cllr Smith advised that she was building another compost bin. Volunteers working on the Community Orchard to be advised not to use other allotment holders bins.

138. Finance:
- 138.1 Approval given for payment of Home Working Allowance and salary payment to Mrs A Hankins for February.
  - 138.2 Members noted the payment of website costs in the sum of £43.16 and £26.25 for hall rental for the energy day.
  - 138.3 Approval given for reimbursement to Cllr Fovargue in the sum of £27.42 for dog fouling signs, stencil and spray paint.
  - 138.4 Members approved reimbursement to Mrs A Hankins in the sum of £27.49 for paper.
  - 138.5 Approval given for reimbursement to Mrs A Hankins in the sum of £40 for data protection annual renewal fee.
139. Maintenance:
- 139.1 To note any urgent items. None.
  - 139.2 Annual Village Litter Pick – to agree date and arrangements – 8 May, see 143 below, possible litter pick for coronation.
  - 139.3 It was agreed to hold over items from the January meeting to the March meeting.
140. Needs Assessment (Cllr Smith) – agreed to hold over to the March meeting.
141. To consider donation to PECT for maintenance – agreed to hold over to March meeting.
142. Allotments, Speed Watch and Councillor reports – agreed to hold over to March meeting.
143. Coronation – members received an update relating to Parish Council involvement. Big help out eg litter pick 8th May (or church clean up, window cleaning etc), games on the green, bunting up, picnic for the day, messy church, cocktails. No beacon. Flyers to advertise. £300 budget allowed within the parish council budget, but there needs to be clarity on spending. Parish Council happy to support activities which could then be under the umbrella of parish council insurance cover. Suggestion of new bench on the village green with commemorative plaque.
- Members were advised that The Ruddy Duck public house is going to close. Previously an application had been made to designate it as an Asset of Community Value but was unsuccessful. Members queried whether this could be renewed. If listed the community would have six months to raise funds should the community wish to buy if the property came onto the market.
- Cllr Crowson to investigate and advise Clerk.***
144. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 20th March. The meeting closed at 9:25pm.

## Appendix:

Energy Plan, how can we work together and help each other. We have declared climate emergency. We are doing well on natural environment side, not energy efficiency. We need advice and support.

The local area energy plan was created for whole city of Peterborough from lead, research and on the ground action. Current and future needs. Retro fitting, insulate to a better standard, electrify heating, electrify transport, looking at domestic transport. And capability of electric network. Potential for renewable electricity generation. City subdivided and looked at insulation needed. Houses with a cavity wall have two brickwork layers, which can be filled with insulation, older properties insulation is internal or exterior. Houses with off street parking, which could charge an electric car.

Hannah has a copy of report.

Tangible actions: How to get there

1. Public engagement events
2. Host an event, present slides yourself, plus feedback form to collect information and views of residents
3. Would support if financial incentive, what sort of chargers, would you walk from charger to home. City council is not decision maker, private investment might support infrastructure, to support decarbonization of city
4. Public info ends on 9th March

Groups like us can have influence over

- I. insulation
- II. 1/3 of food goes to waste, local communities can try to reduce this
- III. Active Facebook marketplace
- IV. Sharing equipment
- V. Data on some types of emissions in city

So to prove working more difficult

Henry: very varied housing stock in Peakirk, First WW, stone built houses, no cavity walls. Only about half of houses have EPCS, to work out which ones to target.

Our carbon footprint is double that in city, i.e. more travel and housing. Central city emissions lower, more flats, also different cities, Cambridge is lower, as more bikes. Cambridgeshire has higher emissions than Peterborough.

E.g. Anne and Emma modern, and solar panels and David

David has blown in insulation, wonders about revelations from infrared camera, Henry could survey. Solar panels have helped like energy bills. £2 a day electricity

April to end Sept can completely switch gas off

Solar panels work until 10.00pm at night. David has iboost, which heats water all day. Water always boiling hot, anything over goes to grid, 5.5p per kilowatts hour paid

Listed buildings. As long as you can't see wind turbine.

E.g. 50% off electricity

We need to get message out and get people interested, solar panel shortage, 9 month waiting period

Insulations:

Cavity wall insulation makes sense

Solar panels are the same, with more up-front cost. About five years to recover costs.

Solar Together, Cambridgeshire: residents register interest in solar panels, reverse auction and suppliers bid, offering lowest price. This is collective buying power.

Peterborough cannot join alone, so need to join with neighbouring local authority. E.g. Cambridgeshire in the future. This could offer saving in up-front costs

Successful in funding for energy efficient costs for low income households, less likelihood for HMO. House has to be low EPC. Older houses might be eligible. Also on or off gas grid. In terms of low carbon heating, probably switching from gas boiler. Two funding pots, more money if off gas grid.

Local Energy Advice Partnership, can direct to the right funding scheme.

David, are there future plans for a solar farm..... No, not supported by local opinion in the past, no identified area for specific project plans. Peterborough, will need to increase use by 47%. NO plans.

David, general trend for wind or solar, how about nuclear. E.g. Sizewell C. Hannah has heard no opinions. Peterborough is densely populated and not on coast. RR submarine reactor, which could be a power station. We do have the foley river (Henry) e.g. big heat pump.

Hannah: city centre, suggests waste generating electricity from burning. Heat extract from rivers, sewage plants and geothermal.

80,000 homes in city could be heated by heat pump

Henry: difficult to know what to do

Hopefully generate ideas from research. We would like to be kept up to date, to help ourselves e.g. energy bills. 1/8th lives in rural areas.

Message out

Share good practice

Share experiences

Share solar panel savings and reliable contractor. Cambridgeshire council is producing a list of contractors. We can distribute list when realized at end of March

David: Scottish Power, asked to put excess solar PV power onto grid. Nightmare. After six months, supply national grid supplier, then Western Power would not accept docs. Supplier then did. 90 days to connect to grid.

Henry: things need to be easy. Perverse incentive from suppliers

When energy prices went up why didn't payments from households adding to grid. G98 form. Homeowner form. Supplier G90 form is easier.

Anne, current phase is what area needs, we could be a guinea pig village, we would love to be involved if there was an incentive. We have transport emissions, buses not good. Car clubs, parish council could own set of cars and lease out. Sign up to websites to share car for £4 an hour. Money stays in community and helps those experiencing cost of living crisis. 200 dwellings in village. 14,000 one way cars go through village a month. Top speed 78mph in 30 mph speed limit

School speed scheme, encouraging walking and cycling.

Helpston were going to try, but also main road into Stamford. But dropped.

Buses can be very good from Glinton. 15 minutes into town. bus pass has to be after 9.30pm. Also current scheme of £2 a trip on the bus.

Council to publish findings of report. Also insight from school children. Turn off gaming units etc.

Money for community leaders, community, school, rolls out training on carbon emissions

Spreading more knowledge

.....what is climate change, how relates to emissions, how to communicate, asks for action pledges.

Ann, poster for primary school children to reduce energy. Hannah to connect with school engagement officer. Materials for each of age groups. Primary more engaged.

David, people are a bit sceptical until it affects them. Motivation, grandchildren

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