

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 19TH JUNE 2023, IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STARTING AT 7:30PM

Present: Councillors Emma Crowson, Kam Sisodia and Anne Tuley. Cllr Jackson from item 27 onwards.

Also in attendance: Angela Hankins (Clerk)

It was agreed that Cllr Crowson would chair the meeting.

22. Public question time: no members of the public were present.
23. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Clark, Fovargue and Smith.
24. No declarations of interest were recorded.
25. The minutes of the previous meeting dated 22nd May 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record. It was noted that Cllr Crowson is continuing to be a member of the PCEG (Peakirk Climate Emergency Group).
26. Correspondence:
- 26.1 Defibrillator training - an offer of training had been received from trainers acting on behalf of the East Anglian Air Ambulance.
Clerk to contact with a view to holding a training session in the Village Hall from September onwards, event to be widely advertised.
- 26.2 Meet the Mayor: dates for attending Open Days at the Town Hall had been circulated.
Cllrs Crowson and Tuley expressed an interest in attending and will decide upon a date.
- 26.3 Rearranged Police engagement event: the engagement event arranged for 28th May had been unable to go ahead due to a lack of police presence. Following correspondence between the Clerk and the Neighbourhood Police Team a revised date of either Saturday July 29th at 3.00pm or Sunday July 30th at 11.00am has provisionally been agreed.
27. Planning:
- 27.1 Consideration given to application 23/00549/HHFUL, proposed demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension and external alterations at 41 St Pegas Road. No objections raised.
Clerk to respond accordingly.
- 27.2 Consideration given to application 23/00743/CTR, proposed tree works to Horse chestnut - Reduce height by 4m and pull in lateral growth by up to 1.5m, crown raise to 4m and prune back off telephone wire by 1m at Rookwood, 7A Chestnut Close. No objections.
Clerk to respond accordingly.
- 27.3 Other planning matters including progress on application for ACV:
Members noted the refusal of planning application 23/00342/HHFUL for a two-storey rear extension and replacement doors and window to the rear elevation at 5 Chestnut Close which had included reference to the Peakirk Neighbourhood Plan, PK3 and PK5.
Planning group to ensure future applications are checked against the Neighbourhood Plan to avoid any contradictions.
Cllr Jackson to send Cllr Sisodia a copy of the plan.
There was nothing further to report on the Asset of Community Value application.
28. Finance:
- 28.1 Approval given for reimbursement to Cllr Clark in the sum of £23.77 for repair to allotment water tank.
- 28.2 Members approved reimbursement to Mrs J Harris in the sum of £25.35 for Coronation expenses.
- 28.3 Approval given for reimbursement to Mrs R Lancaster in the sum of £20.28 for Coronation expenses.
- 28.4 Members were unable to approve reimbursement to Cllr Smith for Coronation drinks expenses as no receipts had yet been received.

- 28.5 Approval given for payment of salary and home working allowance to Mrs A Hankins for June.
- 28.6 Members authorised payment of PAYE to HMRC in the sum of £231.20 for period Apr – June.
- 28.7 Approval given for payment of invoice from Mr R Harding for grass cutting in the sum of £780.
- 28.8 The budget review to 31st May 2023 was noted.

29. Maintenance:

- 29.1 Resistograph Testing – further to a report from the Clerk and advice received from John Wilcockson it was agreed to proceed with a Resistograph Test on the large Horse Chestnut tree on the Village Green.
Clerk to notify RGS Arboricultural Consultants accordingly.
- 29.2 A quote for the trimming of the yew hedge adjacent to the Village Green had not been received.
Clerk to chase.
- 29.3 Folly Bridge update: the Clerk advised that the City Council will provide paint and brushes to paint the bridge. A local farmer has offered to spray paint the main concrete bridge. The metal railings to be painted by volunteers from the village. Members hoped that the project would be a good engagement activity with the opportunity to involve residents as much as possible. It was advised that a full risk assessment would be required prior to the event.
Clerk to discuss paint options, health and safety and highway requirements with the City Council.
Cllr Jackson to give more details and advertise the opportunity on the village Facebook page when advised by the Clerk.
- 29.4 Other items of maintenance:
 - 29.4 (a) it was noted that the hedge and shrubs adjacent to the footpath next to the former Wildfowl Trust had been trimmed by Aragon following a request from the Clerk.
 - 29.4 (b) part of a step near the base of the Village Monument has broken off. The broken piece is stored safely, awaiting refixing.
 - 29.4 (c) Dead shrubbery adjacent to the substation site by the bus shelter to be cut down, Cllr Jackson dealing.
 - 29.4 (d) bus shelter awaiting repainting by Cllrs Crowson and Tuley. Cllr Jackson and the Clerk continue to tidy the books when possible. It is still very well used.
 - 29.4 (e) St Pega sign – retouching of dress needed, Clerk arranging.
 - 29.4 (f) verge encroachment on St Pegas Road - Clerk continuing to chase the City Council.
 - 29.4 (g) Weeds on footpaths / kerb edges - some complaints have been received from residents. Cllr Jackson advised that she is to have a meeting with City Councillors and Charlotte Palmer.

- 30. Allotment update: it was noted that all plots are currently let. The Annual Rent due on 1st April has been received from all but one of the existing allotment holders. The tap to the water system has been repaired by Cllr Clark who had provided instructions to Cllr Jackson for lamination and display. It was felt that the instructions need to be further simplified.
Following the positive response to the Coronation Big Help Out It was felt that a “Help Out” Village Event could be held twice a year, with various activities available.
Cllr Jackson to contact Nikki Pepper in relation to this.

- 31. Councillors reports: Cllr Sisodia reported on the training event he had recently attended. Cllr Tuley organised a lesson plan at Peakirk cum Glinton Primary School for the Big Green Week which the deputy head had used. Cllr Fovargue had submitted a report advising that the police had conducted a random speed check on St Pegas Road on 6th April. Cllrs Crowson and Fovargue to meet with Bainton Speedwatch team, date to be arranged. Cllr Jackson raised the suggestion of child football goal posts on the Village Green due to the number of children playing football. Most members were against the idea, wishing to retain the open aspect of the green and felt that users should use their own portable nets. Cllr Crowson had received a report of a suspicious vehicle and was advised to report it to the police via e-cops.
- 32. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 17th July (apologies from Cllr Sisodia). The meeting closed at 9:22pm.