

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2023, IN THE VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING AT 2:00PM**

Present: Councillors Henry Clark (Chair), Emma Crowson, Sally Jackson, Kam Sisodia and Sarah Smith.  
Also in attendance: Angela Hankins (Clerk)

Apologies were received from Cllr Fovargue.

45. Members considered a quotation for grass cutting works in the village and agreed to appoint R W Landscaping as a temporary contractor based on 2 cuts per month, arisings uncollected, until the end of the season.
46. Consideration was given to three quotations received for trimming of the Yew hedge on the Village Green and R W Landscaping were appointed to undertake the work.
47. The payment of an invoice from CAPALC for new councillor training in the sum of £75 was noted.
48. Members authorised reimbursement to Cllr Clark in the sum of £56.60 for parts required to repair the power supply to the Vehicle Activated Sign on Thorney Road.

The Clerk advised that the Tree Decay Detection Survey and Assessment of a mature Horse Chestnut Tree on the Village Green had been completed by Robert Yates. The invoice for the work will be paid and reported to the September meeting.

The recommendation is to reduce the height of the tree by 4.5 metres, and the lateral spread to the south by 3 metres, the work to be carried out within six months. A further assessment of the structural condition of the tree will be required within five years.

***Clerk to contact the City Council's Tree Officer to seek his view on recommended works to the tree, opposed to felling the tree completely.***

***Clerk to obtain quotes from tree surgeons for both the recommended remedial work and complete felling for consideration at the September meeting.***

49. Consideration was given to comments to be submitted in relation to the Peterborough City Council Local Plan, Issues and Options Consultation Document. Members agreed that it was important to retain the importance of the city as an environment capital and to support the green agenda. Ten years was considered to be a more appropriate period for the duration of the plan and unused office space should be converted to housing.  
***Cllr Jackson to circulate the objectives of the local plan. Comments to be fed back to Cllr Jackson who will draft a response for the clerk to submit to the City Council.***

The meeting closed at 3:50pm.