

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER 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)

92. Public question time: no members of the public were present.
93. No apologies received.
94. No declarations of interest were recorded.
95. The minutes of the previous meeting dated 20th November 2023 were approved and signed as a true record.
96. Correspondence:
- 96.1 Members noted thanks received from St Pega's Parochial Church Council.
- 96.2 There was no further correspondence.
97. Finance:
- 97.1 Authorisation given for payment of donation to MAGPAS in the sum of £50.
- 97.2 Members authorised payment of CAPALC invoices for training attended in the sum of £110 and £70.
- 97.3 Authorisation given for payment of PAYE to HMRC for the period Oct-December.
- 97.4 Members authorised expenditure on replacement oak bollards and cement for the Village Green up to £400. Cllr Clark to try cutting down and refitting the existing rotten bollards first.
- 97.5 Following discussion on expenses and engagement it was resolved to accept the proposed budget for 2024/25. All agreed.
- 97.6 The sum of £13,436 was agreed as the precept to be charged for 2024/25.
- 97.7 Authorisation given for reimbursement to Mrs A Hankins in the sum of £9.98 for office supplies.
98. Planning:
- 98.1 Consideration given to planning application 23/01577/CTR to fell a Field Maple at Rookwood, 7A Chestnut Close. Members objected to the felling of the tree, preferring pollarding should any action be necessary.
- 98.2 Planning application 23/01681/TRE to fell 4 Alders at 2 The Sanderlings – the planning group to take a further look and advise the clerk accordingly.
- 98.3 Consideration given to planning application 23/01594/HHFUL for extension to front wall of lounge and porch walls, removal of existing brickwork and replacing with natural stone, removal of existing concrete roof tile and replacing with Eternit Slate at 4 The Park, St Pegas Road.
Planning group to send comments to the clerk to respond.
- 98.4 Consideration given to planning application 23/01652/OUT for construction of a 3no. bedroom detached dwelling and vehicular access with access, layout and scale secured and all other matters, (appearance and landscaping), reserved at plot adjacent to 46 St Pegas Road. Members expressed concerns in relation to parking, reversing out, location of bin storage, reduced access to field, reinstatement of verge. Any permitted development to be in line with the Peakirk Neighbourhood Plan and the ridge height be the same as no 46.
Clerk to respond.
- 98.5 A response to the City Council Strategic Housing & Economic Land Availability Assessment (Stage 1) Report (SHELAA), site 2098 – Land to the south of Peakirk Road / adjacent Foxcovert Road, was agreed. The proposal is contrary to the Peakirk Neighbourhood Plan which is against coalescence with Glinton and the City Council's own policy in relation to open countryside. A response had been drafted by Cllr Jackson.

Clerk to respond.

- 98.6 Members considered a response to the Gladman public consultation on the development (250 homes), described at 98.5.

It was agreed that the same comments as submitted to the City Council should be made along with concerns about lack of infrastructure and children cycling to school.

Planning group to agree additional comments for the clerk to include in a response to Gladman.

99. Maintenance:

- 99.1 Cllr Clark reported that the pole holding the Best Kept Village plaque was made of thick steel and although rusty was not structurally weak.

Cllr Clark to remove the plaque. Ideas for replacement wanted.

- 99.2 The item "To receive a report from Cllr Sisodia held over from the previous meeting in relation to concerns of residents of Meadow Road of the impact of works on the Anglian Water Pipeline Project and any action required" to be held over to the January meeting in the absence of Cllr Sisodia.

- 99.3 Other items of maintenance or new items to be reported:

The replacement of the Waste Bin on Thorney Road had been reported by the clerk and work awaited.

The clerk advised that a deep blow hole had appeared on the verge adjacent to Deeping Road near to the South Drain, caused by a leaking sewage pipe. The matter was reported to the City Council by the Clerk as requiring urgent repair and warnings of the hazard put in place. Repair was undertaken by Anglian Water.

100. Speed Watch / Road Safety:

- 100.1 Cllr Clark reported that he had contacted the Chair of Helpston PC in relation traffic calming and is awaiting a reply.

- 100.2 Cllr Clark advised that no further updates had been received from Lewis Banks in relation to costs involved in 20mph zone implementation.

- 100.3 Cllr Fovargue updated members in relation to Bainton PC's meeting with the Police & Crime Commissioner regarding police recognition of speed cameras – the Police & Crime Commissioner had been supportive, but no further action has yet been taken by him, the police or the politicians. Data from the Vehicle Activated Sign on St Pega's Road showed 8,587 vehicle movements between 20/11/23 – 05/12/23 of which 40% travelled less than 40mph, 26 over 50mph but less than 60mph, 2 over 60mph, 2 over 65mph and 1 in excess of 75mph.

Cllr Clark to consult manual to check whether low speeds (vehicles turning into Penwald Court) are ignored.

Cllr Clark to investigate malfunctioning VAS on Deeping Road.

101. Climate Emergency:

- 101.1 Cllr Jackson advised that she has taken out a private membership of Community Energy England.

- 101.2 The item to reconsider membership of Community Energy England at a cost of £165 is no longer relevant.

- 101.3 Authorisation given for Cllr Jackson to attend CAPALC online Sustainability and Climate Change training on 17th January at a cost of £40.

Clerk to arrange.

102. No date agreed for the distribution of a Parish Newsletter and Good Neighbours information sheet around the village.

103. Cllrs Jackson and Smith reported on a course attended online concerning communication and community involvement. Both were keen to develop ideas further in relation to a vision, strategic plan and actions and getting to know the local community.

Cllrs Jackson and Smith to draw up a plan with time scales for the first steps, aiming to present their proposal at the March meeting. Progress reports to be provided for the January and February meetings.

104. Councillors' reports:
Cllr Fovargue asked for an item to be included on the agenda of the next meeting for a donation towards the costs of a new flag for the flagpole at the Village Hall.
Councillor Tuley advised she will continue to communicate with the Peakirk-cum-Glinton school science co-ordinator regarding Froglife.
Cllr Clark advised of the CAPALC AGM with subscriptions due to rise by 5%. He remains as Chair of CAPALC.
105. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 15th January. (Apologies from Cllr Crowson.)
- There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:35pm.

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