

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 15TH JANUARY 2024, IN THE VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING AT 7:30PM

Present: Councillors Henry Clark (Chair), David Fovargue, Sally Jackson, Kam Sisodia, Sarah Smith and Anne Tuley.
Also in attendance: Angela Hankins (Clerk)

106. Public question time: no members of the public were present.
107. Apologies were received from Cllr Crowson.
108. No declarations of interest were recorded.
109. The minutes of the previous meetings dated 18th December 2023 were approved as a true record and signed accordingly.
110. Correspondence:
- 110.1 Clerks and Councils Direct, January edition – taken by Councillor Fovargue for onward distribution to Cllrs Crowson and Tuley.
- 110.2 Further correspondence – a request was received from the Deepings Leisure Centre Community Group for a letter of support recognising the benefits of the project. Members agreed on a desire for the leisure centre to continue and for support to be given.
Cllr Smith to draft a response for the Clerk to send.
111. Finance:
- 111.1 Authorisation given for payment of invoice to The Village Tribune Limited for promoting the work of the parish council in the sum of £95.
- 111.2 Authorisation given for payment of invoice to Parish Online for the annual mapping subscription in the sum of £36.
- 111.3 Members authorised payment of an invoice from CAPALC for training (Sustainability & Climate Change) in the sum of £40.
- 111.4 Authorisation given for payment of invoice to PCVS for payroll services (Oct-Dec) in the sum of £36.
- 111.5 Members considered a request for authorisation for Councillor Jackson to attend an online CAPALC training on biodiversity in the sum of £40.
The request was approved with payment to be taken from the PCEG budget.
- 111.6 Consideration was given for a contribution to be made towards the costs of a replacement Union Jack for use on the flagpole sited at the Village Hall.
A contribution of £35 was agreed – Clerk to action.
112. Planning:
- 112.1 Members noted the refusal of planning application 23/01577/CTR to fell a Field Maple at Rookwood, 7A Chestnut Close.
- 112.2 Consideration given to planning application 23/01462/HHFUL for demolition and full re-build of utility building at Peakirk House, St Pega's Road. No objections.
Clerk to respond.
- 112.3 Other planning matters:
- 23/01652/OUT – re-consultation, 3-bedroom dwelling & vehicular access adjacent 46 St Pegas Road. Members raised concerns in relation to vehicles, the additional vehicles adding to hazards. Concerns were also raised that due to site limitations any development will extend over the measurements submitted and encroach on adjacent land.
Clerk to respond.
- 24/0021/WCPP – Variation of conditions relating to conversion of former Follybridge Kennels buildings to three dwellings at Thorney Road, Peakirk.
Planning group to consider and respond to the Clerk for submission to the City Council.

113. Maintenance:
- 113.1 It was agreed that the Best Kept Village plaque should be re-painted prior to re-siting at the Village Hall. Plans for a replacement plaque on the existing pole were no further forward.
Members to bring ideas to the next meeting. Clerk to pursue re-painting.
- 113.2 Cllr Sisodia reported on concerns held over from previous meetings of residents of Meadow Road of the impact of works on the Anglian Water Pipeline Project. Since that time the road has been temporarily closed. The closure has been enhancing for the residents who would favour the road being permanently closed to through traffic with pedestrian and cycle access to be maintained – would this be feasible? It was acknowledged that field access would need to be preserved.
Cllr Sisodia to advise the Clerk of residents wishes so that the Clerk can query with highways and inform Cllr Hiller.
- 113.3 Progress on other items of maintenance / new items to be reported:
It was noted that the waste bin on Folly Bank had still not been replaced.
Clerk to continue to chase.
Cllr Jackson raised concerns about lack of maintenance of shrubs adjacent to the “improved verge/footway” along the Deeping Road causing additional hazards to pedestrians already exposed to the danger of passing motorists travelling at speed.
Cllr Jackson to provide data re usage of the road by pedestrians along with incidents for the Clerk to raise concerns with Cllr Hiller.
114. Speed Watch / Road Safety:
- 114.1 Cllr Clark reported on the faulty Vehicle Activated Sign on the Deeping Road. The battery had been replaced but had failed to recharge. Tests to be undertaken on the solar panel and charger. Consideration to be given to a replacement if the existing sign is beyond repair. Discussion took place in relation to the reduction of speed limits, especially on the stretch of road over the Maxey Cut where vehicles are parked and visibility limited.
- 114.2 Costs involved with traffic management schemes – traffic regulation orders, signage changes, paint on the road etc had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- 114.3 Members agreed a resolution for the clerk to contact James Collingridge of Peterborough City Council Highways to request joining the other B1443 parishes (Barnack Ward) with traffic management requests.
- 114.4 Other matters relating to Speed Watch / Road Safety: Cllr Fovargue provided information from the VAS on St Pega’s Road, speed limit 30mph – between 20/11 and 5/12 a total of 8,587 vehicles were recorded including one travelling at 88mph. Between 5/12 and 3/1 15,344 vehicles were recorded, the average speed being 28mph and one recorded at 66mph. Cllr Clark advised that there is no facility to change the analysis of data to but the raw data could be investigated further to exclude the low speeds of those vehicles turning off.
115. Cllrs Smith and Jackson provided an update on the communication/ engagement project. A draft proposal will be presented in due course.
116. To receive reports:
Climate Emergency – Cllr Jackson reported that she is talking to Green Energy to raise awareness of available options.
Allotments – Cllr Clark suggested that a small dog tag with a number on a wooden post could be used for identification of plots. Alternative suggestions were made including old bricks and upside-down plant pots.
117. Distribution of Parish Newsletter and Good Neighbours information sheet around the village – contributions of up to 250 words from councillors were requested by Cllr Clark. To be submitted by 31st January and to include pictures as appropriate.
Cllr Clark to print and collate the leaflets by the date of the next meeting. The clerk to send Cllr Clark a copy of the distribution list.
118. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 19th February. There being no further business the meeting close at 9:15pm.