

### What do you want?

*Sarah Smith*

Parish councillors are elected to represent the residents of Peakirk Parish. This means we need a good understanding of the needs and wants of people.

We are developing exploratory work around the process of engagement with the residents and agencies in the village. The purpose of this is to work as we always do to fulfil our civic work as effectively as possible. It is a challenge to know who lives in our parish, but we do know from census data that the community is changing. Peakirk is becoming a younger village, and more people are probably working from home than ever before.

We would be able to apply for funding for village projects if we knew more about the needs and wishes of our community. This could include holiday children's clubs, Internet and computer classes for more senior residents and the organisation of village events.

We also have a dedicated climate change agenda and ongoing projects such as our new community orchard which we would love to share news and progress on. We work actively with other key agencies regarding this.

We are currently developing focus group work and a survey. Any comments are welcome to Cllr Clark assisted by Cllrs Jackson and Smith

In a nutshell, what can your parish council do for you?

### Travelling too rapidly

*David Fovargue*

The new speed sign near The Sanderlings has been logging vehicle speeds both towards and away from it. The fastest speed recorded was 93 mph on St Pegas Road heading towards Glinton.

Almost 1,400 vehicles travel through Peakirk each day. That's almost half a million a year.

#### *Speed Limits*

Speed Range	Percentage
Up to 40 mph	98%
41 to 45 mph	1.5%
46 to 50 mph	0.2%
51 to 55 mph	0.1%
56 to 75 mph	0.3%

As you can see above, a significant number of vehicles travel too fast in the village. We are considering reducing the speed limit in the village to 20 mph. This has been found to reduce the number of collisions and cause less injury and damage.

20 mph limits have been controversial where they have been introduced, so we would like to hear your views – for or against – to help us make a decision.

#### *Speedwatch*

Our Speedwatch group is looking for more volunteers. You'll only need to watch a 23 minute training video to prepare.

Contact Emma Crowson, [peakirk.cllrcrowson@gmail.com](mailto:peakirk.cllrcrowson@gmail.com)

### Climate Emergency

*Sally Ann Jackson*

Our Climate is changing, with increasing heatwaves, wildfires, floods, tropical downpours and storm force winds. The highest point in the Parish is only 35 m above sea level, with the lowest being 4 m! Climate Central map showing the areas of land projected to be below annual flood level in 2030 show Peakirk will be affected!

2023 was the hottest year recorded and 2024 may be even hotter! The problem seems too massive for us to make a

difference, but we can act now and reduce our village emissions!

#### **Consumption-based carbon footprint**

This shows the emissions produced as a result of what people within our parish use in their daily lives. This includes the obvious things like gas, electricity and petrol, but also products like food and drink, clothes, shoes, consumer electronics and appliances, as well as financial services, even where these emissions take place outside of the local area. If we weren't consuming them, they wouldn't be happening!

Peakirk has a Consumption-based Carbon Footprint of 26.1t CO<sub>2</sub>e per household per year. (3,764 t CO<sub>2</sub>e total emitted per year).

This includes heating and electricity, 21%, Food 20%, Goods and Services 34% and travel 25%.

### Territorial-based carbon footprint

This shows the emissions produced within the territorial boundaries of our parish and is based on what happens in that space, so this includes emissions from the presence of roads or other transport systems, or local agriculture and manufacturing, whether or not local people were travelling on that road or use those products and services.

Peakirk has a Territorial -based Carbon Footprint of 25.2 t CO<sub>2</sub>e per household per

year. (3,628 t CO<sub>2</sub>e total per year). This is mainly road transport and housing expenses.

This tool shows that Peakirk produces annually 5 t more per household than Glinton, (21.1 t CO<sub>2</sub> per annum per household (Consumption based) and 20.9 t per annum CO<sub>2</sub>e per household (Territorial based) and annually over twice as much CO<sub>2</sub>e per household (26.1 t) than the North Peterborough area in total (11.4 t per annum per household).

**We need to tackle this urgently. We can't wait for somebody else to do it!**

**Let's work together on this, make sure we are not overlooked and produce our own solutions for reducing our emissions!**

## Council Tax Precept

*Henry Clark*

On average, households in Peakirk pay about 83p per week for the parish council precept. This funds the running of the parish council, grass cutting, maintenance of the village green and other projects.

Mr Harding, our grass cutting contractor, who for many years did a great job, has retired. We sought quotes from 3 possible contractors, all of whom were considerably more expensive than Mr Harding.

We also had to fund extensive tree work on the old chestnut in Chestnut Close.

We need to have a balanced budget, so we are reluctantly increasing the average precept to £1 per week.

## Allotments

We expect to have three plots available from April. Please contact the clerk if you are interested.

## Biodiversity

*Henry Clark*

We have got a grant from PECT to carry out a biodiversity survey of the parish. We will employ a local ecologist to assess the current state of areas of the parish, such as the village green, the churchyard, the allotments and the millennium corner. This will give us a baseline from which to measure changes over time – hopefully improvements.

## Meadow Road

*Kam Sisodia*

Meadow Road is an "Access Only" road, meaning that it is only for accessing land or premises, not through traffic. The road is unsuitable for much traffic, being single track. We have asked the police to do spot checks, which could result in prosecution.

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