

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024, IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STARTING AT 7:30PM**

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

119. Public question time – there were no members of the public present.
120. Apologies were received from Cllr Sally Jackson.
121. No declarations of interest were recorded.
122. The minutes of the previous meetings dated 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 were approved and signed as a true record.
123. Correspondence:
  - 123.1 Members noted thanks received from MAGPAS.
  - 123.2 Members noted the response from Deepings Leisure Centre Community Group.
  - 123.3 Cllr Fovargue to attend the police rural drop-in surgery on 12<sup>th</sup> April from 3:00-5:00pm at Glington Village Hall and raise concerns regarding speeding traffic.
  - 123.4 Cllr Sisodia expressed an interest in attending the North Level Drainage Board Invitation to View Day to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> October.  
***Clerk to reply to NLDB.***
  - 123.5 National Allotment Society Magazine – taken by Cllr Clark.
  - 123.6 There was no other correspondence.
124. Finance:
  - 124.1 Approval was given for the payment of the Data Protection Registration renewal fee, due 5/03/24 in the sum of £40 and subsequent reimbursement to the clerk.
  - 124.2 The budget review to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024, circulated prior to the meeting, was noted.
125. Planning:
  - 125.1 Members noted the submission of “No objections” to application 24/00141/TRE to crown raise 2 Field Maples at rear of Rookwood, 7A Chestnut Close.
  - 125.2 Members noted “No objections” to application 24/00092/CTR for removal of all deadwood on a group of two mature ash trees and a single mature ash tree on land to the west of Deeping Road.
  - 125.3 The permission given for application 23/01681/TRE to fell Alder trees and treat stumps with eco plugs at 2 The Sanderlings was noted.
  - 125.4 The Werrington Neighbourhood Plan had been circulated prior to the meeting, It was agreed that Cllr Clark would reply if needed.
  - 125.5 Members noted City Council approval given to application 23/91483/HHFUL for hard and soft landscaping works at Peakirk House, 16 St Pega’s Road and application 23/01652/OUT for construction of a 3-bedroom detached dwelling and vehicular access on land adjacent to 46 St Pega’s Road.  
Planning Group to re-check permission for courtyard building against on-site build at Peakirk House.
126. Maintenance:
  - 126.1 The Clerk advised that the Best Kept Village plaque was now with Robert Moss for re-painting.
  - 126.2 Members discussed suggestions for a new sign. It was proposed that temporary information could be put onto the back plate regarding the size of the village, the altitude or age – more ideas are requested.  
***Cllr Clark to design and print the initial temporary sign.***

- 126.3 Cllr Sisodia advised that he had not yet spoken to all the residents of Meadow Road and had been unable to speak with the Anglian Water Pipeline Project site foreman to complain about the state of the road and the furrows on the verges.  
**Clerk to write to Anglian Water to ascertain when the works will finish and what and when reinstatement works will be undertaken.**  
**Cllr Sisodia to contact the City Council regarding re-starting of material storage on agricultural land ad Meadow Road.**
- 126.4 The clerk updated members in relation to:  
i) Folly Bridge – a response is still awaited from the City Council in relation to re-painting.  
**Clerk to contact James Collingridge again.**  
ii) Felling of tree on St Pega's Road by the City Council – the tree was infected with a fungal disease and was considered not to have been a viable option for pruning or maintenance. The felled tree will be replaced next winter with a suitable species.  
iii) Overhanging trees – any tree that has overhanging branches that interfere with passing traffic can be reported to the Highways Department.
- 126.5 It was agreed that a Village Litter Pick/ Maintenance Day would be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, meeting at 11:00am at the Village Green. Other tasks may be available in the church and village hall.  
**Cllr Crowson to promote on the Village website. Clerk to produce flyers to be distributed with the newsletter.**  
**Cllr Sisodia volunteered to organise a separate litter-pick event for Meadow Road residents and to liaise with the Clerk for use of equipment. Cllr Fovargue to send Health and Safety awareness cards for Cllr Sisodia to distribute to volunteers along with a risk assessment document.**
- 126.6 Other items of maintenance: Water on the bend on Deeping Road, near to Heartstone House is bubbling up through the manhole cover. The clerk advised that she had spoken with an Anglian Water Operative at the nearby pumping station.  
**Clerk to contact the City Council.**
127. Speed Watch / Road Safety:
- 127.1 Cllrs Clark and Smith reported on a recent meeting with James Collingridge of the city Council regarding traffic calming. He will send information on what has been done elsewhere. A meeting with other parishes along the B1443 is held with the City Council and Peakirk is invited to attend. Cllrs Crowson, Fovargue, Smith and Tuley keen to attend.  
**Clerk to confirm to James Collingridge that Peakirk wish to attend and ascertain date of meeting and how many representatives are permitted.**
- 127.2 Cllr Clark has continued to observe the faulty VAS on Deeping Road and will take it down when the weather improves and attempt to rectify the problem.
- 127.3 The recent Speed Watch session held on St Pega's Road counted 49 vehicles travelling out of the village of which 7 were exceeding 35mph.
128. Climate Emergency Group – in the absence of Cllr Jackson the item is deferred to the next meeting. It was noted that the PECT funding for a biodiversity survey has been received.
129. Allotments –it was noted that there will be 3 vacant plots from April. Cllr Tuley volunteered to paint some stones that could be used to identify the plot numbers and will bring them to the next meeting.
130. Councillors' reports: Cllr Tuley questioned whether any decision had been reached in relation to the archaeological finds unearthed by PAST.  
**Clerk to check whether PAST could assist in identifying the most appropriate pieces to be retained within the village.**  
Councillor Fovargue raised an issue with cars parked beside the Book Stop.  
A report of possible drug-dealing in Rectory Lane was mentioned– **Cllr Fovargue to raise at the Police Drop-in surgery in April.**

131. Parish Newsletters and Good Neighbours information sheets were allocated to councillors for distribution around the village.
132. The date of the next meeting was noted as Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:15pm.

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