

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

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

146. Public question time: no members of the public were present.
147. Members noted with regret the resignation of former Councillor David Fovargue and wished to record their thanks and appreciation for his contribution over 7½ years.
148. Apologies were received from Cllr Sisodia.
149. There were no declarations of interest.
150. The minutes of the previous meeting dated 18th March 2024 were agreed as a true record and signed accordingly.
151. Correspondence:
151.1 Carbon Literacy Project – Cllr Jackson recommended that all members should undertake training. More information to be obtained in relation to costs.
Cllr Jackson to obtain information on costs and re-circulate the link.
151.2 There was no other correspondence.
152. Finance:
152.1 Approval given for payment of invoice to Mr J Walker for grass-cutting for March in the sum of £550.
152.2 Members approved payment of invoice to pcvs in the sum of £36 for salary service Jan-March.
152.3 Approval given for reimbursement to Peakirk Village Hall Committee in the sum of £23.97 for contribution to the hosting costs of Peakirk Village website.
152.4 Members authorised payment of invoice to CAPALC for affiliation fees for the period 1.4.24-31.3.25 in the sum of £329.95 to include the DPO scheme.
152.5 Authorisation given for payment of PAYE to HMRC for the period Jan-March in the sum of £248.80.
152.6 Members approved payment of reimbursement to Mr D Hankins in the sum of £22.55 and stated their thanks for the refreshments provided at the village litter pick.
152.7 Approval given for payment of contributions to MS Office and Avast Cloudcare to Mrs A Hankins in the sum of £63.
152.8 Authorisation given for reimbursement to Cllr Jackson in the sum of £30.89 for a noticeboard in the Book Stop.
Cllr Jackson to send a copy of the invoice to the clerk.
152.9 Members approved payment of invoice to Newton Flag & Banner Makers in the sum of £28.80 for D-Day flag.
152.10 Members approved the year end accounts, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting.
152.11 Members agreed a resolution to remove David Fovargue as an authorised signatory along with all other permissions from the council's current account with Unity Trust Bank.
152.12 Members agreed a resolution to approve Anne Tuley as an authorised signatory for internet banking.
153. Maintenance:
153.1 Members noted that a response from Anglian Water in relation to Meadow Road had been received on 4th March with an offer from the Stakeholder Lead to come out to site. No request for a site meeting had been made by any councillor.

- 153.2 Repainting of the Folly Bridge: a piece has been submitted to The Tribune regarding colour and Cllr Clark to contact James Collingridge.
- 153.3 Issues relating to the grass-cutting contract – it was noted that some of the spring flowers had been prematurely cut down, most notably daffodils. Residents had expressed upset and concern that the bulbs would not now flower next year. The clerk confirmed that a clause had been included in the specification to leave any cutting of bulb areas till 6 weeks after flowering has finished.
Clerk to correspond with the contractor.
- 153.4 It was noted that the Best Kept Village Plaque had been reinstalled following refurbishment. Thanks were recorded to Mr Moss for the repainting.
Cllr Clark to repaint the post.
154. Planning:
- 154.1 Application 24/00407/LBC for the proposed demolition and full re-build of a utility building at Peakirk House had been considered. Councillors had no objections.
- 154.2 To note any planning matters: an application for Outline Planning Permission ref 24/00483/OUT had been received for up to 250 dwellings with public open space & associated works on land south of Peakirk Road, Glinton, part of which is within Peakirk parish. A response is required before the next meeting. It was agreed that the proposed development would have a substantial impact on Peakirk and would be against the Neighbourhood Plan.
Planning Working Group to consider along with Cllr Jackson and circulate proposed comments to all in time for the Clerk to respond by 7th May. Emergency meeting to be arranged if necessary.
Cllr Clark reported that the owner of the old cottage at the bottom end of Rectory Lane had advised that the barn had to be demolished but will be re-built using original stonework.
155. The Annual Parish Meeting was noted for Monday 13th May. Reports to be invited from the Village Hall Committee, Church, Climate Emergency Group and Speed Watch.
Clerk to draft A5 flyers to be distributed around the village.
156. Active Travel Fund – Cllr Jackson reported on this recently launched government fund from which Cambridgeshire has been allocated £961,200. There are concerns about the safety of pedestrians and cyclists on both Thorney Road and Deeping Road – could an improved path be installed.
Cllr Jackson to explore the application process, obtain details and advise the Clerk accordingly.
157. Rural Community Green Spaces – Cllr Jackson to find out more about this funding and qualifying works and then to be considered by the Climate Emergency Group before reporting back.
158. Speed Watch / Road Safety:
- 158.1 No response had yet been received from the Police & Crime Commissioner to Cllr Clark's queries.
- 158.2 Speed Watch – Cllr Crowson to check whether David Fovargue is continuing with Speed Watch.
Cllr Crowson to obtain the lap-top and take advice regarding the downloading of data from the VAS.
- 158.3 Confirmation given to the Clerk to proceed with the ordering of 2 new solar-powered Vehicle Activated signs.
159. Allotments:
- 159.1 To receive an update on numbering of plots from Cllr Tuley – this item to be deferred to the next meeting.
- 159.2 The clerk advised that all the plots were now let and most of the annual rents received. Cllr Clark advised that many of the hawthorn whips planted had not taken and should be replaced if any more can be obtained from PECT.
160. Councillors' reports: Cllr Tuley queried the position in relation to the retention of finds from archaeological excavations on the Village Green. The clerk advised that the matter had been discussed with Dr Lumley-Prior who was requested to select the best items for retention by the village.

161. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 20th May.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.48pm.

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