

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 21ST JULY 2025, IN THE VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING AT 7:35PM.

Present: Councillors Henry Clark (Chair), Emma Crowson, Sarah Smith, Anne Tuley and Tony Weaver.
Also in attendance: Angela Hankins (Clerk) and 2 residents.

36. Public question time: no questions were raised.
37. Members noted apologies from Cllrs Jackson and Sisodia.
38. There were no declarations of interest.
39. The minutes of the meeting of 16th June 2025 were approved and signed as a true record.
40. Councillors agreed to adopt Peakirk revised Financial Regulations based on NALC's latest edition of Model Financial Regulations, circulated prior to the meeting.
41. Cllr Crowson had provided a copy of the current Asset Inspection Log to the Clerk. It was agreed that it could continue as an electronic version provided it is kept up to date. Cllr Crowson circulated a list of repairs required and allocation was agreed between councillors.
Cllr Crowson to purchase teak oil as recommended by the carpenter.
Cllr Weaver to paint 2 green information frames, authorisation given for purchase of paint as appropriate.
Progress report to be made to the September meeting.
42. Correspondence:
42.1 Clerks & Councils Direct – July Edition circulated to Cllrs Crowson, then Tuley and Weaver.
42.2 Cllr Crowson advised of a request from the Village Hall Committee to consider a change to a Tuesday evening for meetings. It was felt that Monday was the most suitable day for meetings which have been booked into members routines.
Members agreed by a majority vote (4:1) to continue with Monday meetings.
Cllr Crowson to notify the Village Hall Committee Chairman accordingly.
43. Planning matters:
43.1 Members noted planning application 25/00763/HHFUL for construction of garden room to the rear of the property (part-retrospective) at Greystones, 16 St Pegas Road Peakirk and the comments that had been submitted.
43.2 South Kesteven Local Plan Review (consultation period 03.07.25 – 28.08.25) – it was noted that there are several housing developments proposed within the Deepings area and agreed that the parish council's concerns should be made known. Cllr Jackson had circulated some comments prior to the meeting.
Cllr Clark to restructure these comments and recirculate for further comment.
It was noted that comments could be submitted on-line or emailed in. The Clerk requested receipt of the final agreed submission well before the closing date.
43.3 Other planning matters: Cllr Crowson advised that, having spoken with the landlord, she was continuing to work on the ACV application for the Ruddy Duck, focussing on the community use.
44. Commemorative bench – Cllr Clark advised that he is awaiting responses from councillors in relation to options for siting and will then consider designs and budget.
45. Finance:
45.1 Approval given to payment of Home Working Allowance and salary payment to Mrs A Hankins for July.

- 45.2 Members noted payment of invoice for grass cutting for May.
- 45.3 Approval given to payment of invoice from PCVS for salary service in the sum of £36.
- 45.4 Members approved payment of invoice from Community Heartbeat for adult defibrillator pads in the sum of £77.94.
- 45.5 The payment to HMRC for PAYE for the period April-June was noted.
- 45.6 The budget review to 30 June, circulated prior to the meeting, was noted and agreed with the bank statement.
- 45.7 Other financial matters: the clerk advised that a claim for refund of VAT had been submitted in the sum of £120.65.

46. Maintenance:

- 46.1 Installation of village sign – the completed Swan design for the sign at the Ginton end of St Pega's Road was much admired by members.
Cllr Clark to arrange with councillors a date for a photo with the sign, to be submitted to The Village Tribune.
- 46.2 Village history information board – it was noted that this had not yet been cleaned.
Cllrs Crowson and Tuley volunteered to wash the board.
- 46.3 Parish Council Noticeboard – **Cllr Clark to re-putty and sand down.**
- 46.4 Update on grass-cutting contract – Cllr Clark and the clerk had met with a representative of the contractor. Due to ill health the grass had not been cut so frequently. It was agreed that the situation would be reassessed in October.
- 46.5 The report from Cllr Clark on the state of the Village Green bollards was noted along with the £50 approximate cost for each new oak bollard. Members authorised expenditure of £250 on replacement and repair.
Cllr Clark to undertake the repair with the assistance of Mr Conway.
- 46.6 Other items of maintenance – the clerk advised of rotten metal posts on the 30-speed sign on St Pega's Road.
Clerk to report to the City Council.
The clerk advised that David Hankins and Greg Duggan had volunteered to maintain the Millennium Copse and were continuing to water and weed around trees planted by the parish. Thanks were given.
Clerk to report encroachment of the verges onto the footpaths between Peakirk and Ginton.
Clerk to contact James Collingridge regarding paint for the Folly Bridge.

- 47. Allotment report – the clerk advised that all rents had now been received. A suggestion for the setting up of a WhatsApp Group had not been well supported.
Cllr Clark to obtain a quote for filling the water tanks.
- 48. Councillor's reports: Cllr Clark reported that he is working with Councillor Neil Boyce to resurrect the Parish Liaison meetings, hoping to have a meeting in September about the Peterborough Local Plan. He also advised that the latest circular from The Great Collaboration (Net Zero and Nature Recovery over several counties) has numerous funding source links.
- 49. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 15th September.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:45pm.