

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2025, IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STARTING AT 7:30PM

Present: Councillors Henry Clark (Chair), Emma Crowson, Sally Jackson, Anne Tuley and Tony Weaver.

Also in attendance: Angela Hankins (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

50. There were no questions raised under public question time.
51. Apologies were received from Cllr Sarah Smith.
52. No declarations of interest were recorded.
53. The minutes of the meeting of 21st July 2025 were approved and signed as a true record.
54. Correspondence:
- 54.1 Clerks & Councils Direct, September Edition – taken by Cllr Crowson to pass to Cllrs Tuley and Weaver.
- 54.2 National Allotment Society Magazine – taken by Cllr Clark.
- 54.3 MAGPAS donation appeal – members resolved to make a donation of £50.
- 54.4 Cambs & P'boro Local Nature Recovery Strategy Consultation – it was noted that no comments had been submitted by the parish council.
- 54.5 Deeping Patient Participation Group – it was agreed that the Clerk will attend and submit a question relating to UTI's.
55. Planning matters:
- 55.1 Members noted the approval given to planning application 25/00763/HHFUL for construction of a garden room to the rear of the property (part-retrospective) at Greystones, 16 St Pegas Road.
- 55.2 Planning breaches – Cllr Weaver had circulated a report prior to the meeting with concerns about the City Council Planning Department's poor service, an apparent willingness on behalf of planners to use a process of regularisation to convert an existing approval (in this case to seek permission for a new-build, rather than the original conversion) and unhelpful Planning Enforcement staff.
Cllr Clark to contact Adrian Chapman at the City Council to make him aware. Cllr Weaver advised to contact Steve Allen, the relevant Ward Councillor.
- 55.3 Members agreed that comments should be submitted in relation to the Planning Appeal ref: APP/J0540/W/25/3370685, Land South of Peakirk Road (24/00483/OUT – Gladman development) before 26th September. Cllrs Crowson and Tuley reported that several of the assertions in the developer's appeal should be challenged.
Cllr Jackson to send notes to Cllr Crowson. Cllrs Crowson and Tuley to meet with Cllr Jackson on Thursday 18th at 7:30pm for Cllr Crowson to then draft a response to be with the Clerk by Friday 19th. Submission to be a dozen bullet points at most. Clerk then to submit.
- 55.4 Asset of Community Value - Cllr Crowson to provide report to the next meeting.
- 55.5 There were no other planning matters.
56. Commemorative bench – it was agreed that the Village Green was the most appropriate site for a bench., with the cost estimated in the region of £500.
Cllr Clark to consider the materials to be used.
57. Finance:
- 57.1 Approval given for payment of Home Working Allowance and salary payment to Mrs A Hankins for July.
- 57.2 The clerk advised that no invoices had been received to enable the authorisation of payment of grass-cutting costs to Mr R Harding for June/July/August.
- 57.3 Members approved reimbursement of £272.94 to Cllr Clark for oak bollards.
- 57.4 Approval given for the payment of PAYE to HMRC for the period July-September.
- 57.5 It was agreed that a new laptop and accessories should be purchased for the use of the clerk.
Cllr Clark to look into a replacement, the cost not to exceed £500.
- 57.6 The budget review to 31st August, circulated prior to the meeting, was noted.

57.7 Other financial matters – the clerk advised of a new system for the payment of annual subscriptions to the SLCC due for renewal from 1st October at a cost of £110.

58. Maintenance:

58.1 Updates on maintenance items agreed at the last meeting – Cllr Clark has repaired the speed sign at the end of the village. Other items allocated to Cllrs Crowson, Tuley and Weaver had not yet been undertaken. It was agreed that Cllr Weaver should undertake repair/ redecoration as necessary to the Village Sign.

58.2 Update on maintenance items raised with Peterborough City Council – the clerk advised that a request had been submitted for the cutting back of shrubs/ brambles adjacent to the path between Peakirk and Glington. Work on the eastern side was awaited. No work would be undertaken on the western side. No progress had been made in relation to the repainting of the bridge over the Folly River.

58.3 A complaint had been received concerning an Increase in dog fouling on St Pega's Road.

Clerk to chase replacement dog waste bin. Cllr Clark to include a piece in the next Tribune.

58.4 The clerk advised of an increase in graffiti in the parish.

Clerk to deal.

58.5 Other items of maintenance: ***Cllr Clark to show Cllrs Crowson and Tuley how to download speed data from the Vehicle Activated Signs.***

Clerk to contact Stuart Dawks at PECT regarding the state of Green Wheel signage.

59. Allotments: Cllr Clark advised that it had not been possible to fill the water tanks due to their distance from the track. It was noted that a few allotment holders have started a WhatsApp group. The Clerk advised that a suggestion of a Saturday morning meeting on site for the allotment holders to meet had been received.

60. Engagement Survey – Cllr Jackson had circulated an engagement survey used by Doddington Parish Council example. Members felt that this was a good idea but expectations would need to be managed. It was suggested that the Project List resulting from the Peakirk Neighbourhood Plan could be revisited. ***Cllr Jackson to draft for the Peakirk Village Facebook.***

61. Councillor's reports – Cllr Clark advised that he would be attending the CAPALC Conference.

62. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 20th October.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:20pm