

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2026, STARTING AT 7:30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Councillors Henry Clark (Chair), Emma Crowson, Sally Jackson and Tony Weaver.
Also in attendance: Angela Hankins (Clerk & RFO) and 2 residents.

126. Public question time – as the query from a resident was in connection with a Commemorative / Remembrance Bench it was agreed to move Agenda Item 137 to this point.
Cllr Clark advised that the bench preferred by the resident who had raised the matter, and offered a contribution, would cost almost £2,000 with delivery and installation. No additional offers of contributions toward the cost had been received following the piece in the Village Tribune magazine. No allowance had been made for these costs within the parish council budget and expenditure was not approved. Cllr Clark advised that the parish council would support the idea of a bench if residents were to form a project group and raise the necessary funds.
127. Apologies were received from Cllr Tuley.
128. There were no declarations of interest.
129. The minutes of the meeting of 19th January 2026 were approved and signed as a true record.
130. Correspondence:
- 130.1 Members noted the amended date of Friday 27th February for a meeting with Sam Carling MP.
Posters to be put on noticeboards and Cllr Crowson to publish on Facebook.
- 130.2 Allotment Society Magazine, Issue 1 2026 taken by Cllr Clark.
- 130.3 CPRE Annual Report and AGM notification taken by Cllr Crowson.
- 130.4 Monkey Challenge Climbing Wall - Cllr Jackson to look further into this as a possible Summer Activity.
- 130.5 Woodland Trust Community Tree Pack (hedging).
Cllr Clark to apply for free hedging for infill on the allotment field boundary.
- 130.6 Correspondence was received from the Deeping Patient Participation Group regarding a new appointment system to be introduced at the Deepings Health Centre from the beginning of March.
131. Planning matters:
- 131.1 Members noted the submission of “No objections” to the amended Listed Building Planning application 26/00114/LBC for replacement of existing windows and doors at Butterfly Barn, 8A St Pegas Road.
- 131.2 Members considered planning application 26/00162/WCPP for variation of use from wedding venue only at Sissons Farm, Thorney Road and had no objections.
Clerk to respond accordingly.
- 131.3 Members noted application 26/00184/CTR for pollarding tree works to Ash and Maple at 18A St Pega’s Road and had no objections.
- 131.4 Cllr Clark advised that we will need to look out for a detailed application for the Gladman site in due course, but one of the conditions of the housing development will be a reduction in the speed limit between the villages to 30mph.
Clerk to contact Highways to request reduction in speed limit immediately and to request reduction to 30mph of the existing 40mph stretch on the Deeping Road.

132. Defibrillator – it was agreed that a new reserve set of pads should be purchased when the current pads are replaced by the existing reserve pads.
Authorisation for the purchase of new pads to be included on the March agenda.
133. Finance:
- 133.1 Approval given for payment of annual data protection renewal fee in the sum of £52.
 - 133.2 Members approved payment of St Pega’s churchyard maintenance grant in the sum of £750.
 - 133.3 Authorisation given for reimbursement to Mr D Burton in respect of Peakirk Village Website Costs in the sum of £23.98.
 - 133.4 Members noted the new s137 expenditure limit for 2026/7 of £11.60 per elector.
 - 133.5 Approval given for payment of salary and Home Working allowance to the clerk for February 2026.
 - 133.6 The clerk advised of the increase in Unity Trust bank charges.
 - 133.7 There were no further financial matters.
134. Consideration was given to submitting a response (by 26th March) to the Statutory Consultation on Proposals for Unitary Local Government for Peterborough and Cambridgeshire.
Clerk to circulate emails with proposals.
135. Allotments – no progress has been made in relation to plot identification. The clerk advised that she was waiting for a photograph to include with proposed correspondence to tenants which would include comments from Mrs Dearman. It was agreed that the Orchard Plot could be offered for rent, subject to retention of the fruit trees and the beetle bank at the end of the plot. Removal of the dead hedge could be permitted.
Cllrs Clark and Jackson to try putting a post in to determine appropriate height for plot markers.
136. Maintenance:
- 136.1 The Village Litter Pick has been organised for Saturday 21st March. It was agreed to meet on the Village Green at 11.00am with refreshments available from 12:30.
Clerk to print off flyers to be delivered 2 weeks before by councillors.
 - 136.2 Village Green – maintenance items.
Cllr Jackson to check whether any work required at the corner of the green adjacent to Deeping Road/Chestnut Close. Weeding along the hedge to be undertaken after the daffodils have finished.
Cllr Clark reported that he had removed and cut up a fallen branch from the horse chestnut.
 - 136.3 Folly Bridge re-painting.
Clerk to check with the Environment Agency whether a permit is required for the proposed works to the road-facing sides of the bridge and any costs involved.
 - 136.4 Cllr Weaver advised that he had cleaned the village gateways on Thorney Road.
Cllr Crowson to update asset maintenance log accordingly.
Cllr Crowson offered to have a further try at cleaning the village gateways on St Pega’s Road.
137. Commemorative bench – current position (Cllrs Clark and Crowson). This item was covered at agenda item 126.
138. Digital and Data Compliance – Cllr Clark advised that as part of the next Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) parish councils are expected to own their own domain name. The

email used by the clerk is owned by Peterborough City Council. Whilst the clerk uses a gov.uk email address, councillors do not. Neither is the website owned by the parish council and it is not fully accessible. If the council does not take steps to remedy this it will not be able to claim exemption from audit. Cllr Clark working with the clerk to consider appropriate action. Item to be kept as an agenda standing item.

139. Councillor's reports:

Cllr Tuley had advised that no Carbon Literacy Training was available with PECT until April, when they will contact her to arrange a date.

Cllr Clark has invited the Police Forcewide Watch Co-ordination Officer, Julie Clark and Casualty Reduction Officer A J Boddington, to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 11th May.

Cllr Crowson reported that Speed Watch has another volunteer to train within the village.

Cllr Clark suggested that the village should have an action plan, building on the actions that were included in the Peakirk Neighbourhood Plan. A working party would be needed.

Item to be included on the agenda of the next meeting.

140. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 16th March.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:06pm.