

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

Present: Councillors Henry Clark (Chair), Emma Crowson, Kam Sisodia, Anne Tuley and Tony Weaver.
Also in attendance: Angela Hankins (Clerk)

141. Public question time – no members of the public were present.
142. Apologies were received from Cllr Sally Jackson.
143. Cllr Clark, as Chairman of CAPALC, declared an interest in item 147.4.
144. The minutes of the meeting of 16th February 2026 were approved as a true record and signed accordingly.
145. Correspondence:
- 145.1 Information regarding the forthcoming election process had been circulated electronically. Cllr Crowson offered to take completed nomination forms to the Town Hall.
Clerk to provide Electoral Register numbers.
- 145.2 Clerks & Councils, March Edition was taken by Cllr Crowson for onward circulation to Cllrs Tuley and Weaver.
- 145.3 Cllr Clark advised that he had responded to a resident raising concerns about the increased traffic that would arise from the proposed Gladman Housing Development.
146. Planning matters:
- 146.1 Members noted application 26/002062/TRE for crown raising of two oak trees at Chapel View Cottage, Deeping Road and had no objections.
Clerk to respond accordingly.
- 146.2 Members agreed that no further action was required in relation to consultation on the South Kesteven District Council draft statement of community involvement.
147. Finance:
- 147.1 Authorisation was confirmed for Cllr Jackson to purchase a new set of adult defibrillator pads.
- 147.2 Approval given for the payment of salary and Home Working allowance to the clerk for February 2026.
- 147.3 Members authorised payment of PAYE & NI to HMRC for the period Jan-March.
- 147.4 Authorisation given for the payment of the affiliation fee to CAPALC in the sum of £342.88, inclusive of DPO scheme.
- 147.5 There were no other financial matters.
148. A draft response to the Statutory Consultation on Proposals for Unitary Local Government for Peterborough and Cambridgeshire was circulated prior to the meeting. Following discussion members agreed a preference for Option D, Greater Peterborough, which would merge Peterborough with 9 western Huntingdonshire Wards.
Clerk to submit agreed response.
149. Maintenance:

- 149.1 The final details for the Village Litter Pick of 21st March were agreed.
Cllr Crowson to ensure individual Health & Safety cards are available and update the risk assessment form.
- 149.2 Village Green – the clerk advised that the grass would be cut within the week.
- 149.3 Folly Bridge update: the clerk reported that a flood risk activity exemption had been registered with the Environment Agency.
Clerk to contact James Collingridge to request paint and brushes / rollers.
- 149.4 It was noted that an Interim Tree Survey for the Chestnut Tree on the Village Green, opposite Rookwood on Chestnut Close, was due in May.
Clerk to contact Caroline Hall of Peace Arboriculture.
- 149.5 Other items of maintenance:
Cllr Clark has re-pointed one step on the monument and is to do another. Other works will follow pending better weather.
The clerk advised of the prompt response from Anglian Water in re-painting the sewage pumping station on Deeping Road to cover the graffiti. No response has yet been received from Cadent Gas Limited in relation to the graffitied gas station in the tree belt opposite Fox Covert Road.
It was noted that a deep puddle has again formed on Deeping Road near to Heartstone House with water escaping as reported on previous occasions.
Clerk to check that an incident report has been raised.
150. Action Plan – it was agreed that a separate Working Group of about six residents should be set up to draw up a 5-year plan. The group to obtain suggestions from residents for items to include in the plan then consider feasibility and time-scales. Action Plan to be updated periodically.
To be raised at the Parish Meeting and volunteers sought.
It was also agreed that work should start now on a review of the existing Neighbourhood Plan with a view to adopting it after the Peterborough Local Plan is completed.
151. Digital and Data Compliance – a response from the City Council is awaited in regard to transfer of the domain name.
152. Allotment Report: Cllr Clark reported that number labels for plots have been ordered but a site meeting to agree locations and sizes of possible posts has not yet taken place. Members discussed the idea of four raised beds on the Orchard Plot along with the use of waste organic matter. It was suggested that this could be a project for the Action Plan.
The clerk advised that no response to an email had yet been received from the freeholder.
153. Speeding / Road Safety: Cllr Crowson reported that the Speedwatch team now consists of 5 volunteers and a session is planned for mid-April. It was confirmed that the police Speedwatch Co-Ordinator and Road Safety Officer will be attending the APM.
154. Councillor's reports: problems had been encountered with the City Council Planning Portal following a recent upgrade. Information previously accessible no longer seems to be available.
Cllr Weaver authorised to contact planning to submit details and request an "idiot's guide".
155. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 20th April.

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