

**MINUTES OF PEAKIRK ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11TH MAY 2026 IN
THE VILLAGE HALL, STARTING AT 7:30PM**

Present: Henry Clark (Chair, Peakirk Parish Council), Angela Hankins (Parish Clerk), 12 residents and Pc Boddington (to item 6).

Apologies: Cllr Emma Crowson, Christine Dearman, Brian Lever and Ward Councillor Peter Hiller

Parish Council Report and Accounts: Cllr Clark reported that the precept for this year had not increased. There are currently 2 vacancies on the parish council. In relation to speed the parish council would like to see a speed limit between the villages of Peakirk and Glinton of 30mph before any additional housing development starts. The parish council had objected to the Gladman development and attended the planning inquiry. Peakirk should receive some CIL money when the houses are built and occupied. It will be essential to keep an eye on developments going forward. Vigilance and subsequent action will be vital. Councillors had met with Phil Moore, the Head of Planning at the City Council and had also had a visit from the local MP, Sam Carling. It is hoped to draw up an Action Plan with re-painting of the Folly Bridge and hedge planting at the allotments included. Thanks were given to Rod Gall for his role as Internal Auditor, to Christine Dearman for help with the allotments, David Burton for the web-site and to Sarah Smith and Kam Sisodia who had both recently stood down as parish councillors,

Allotment report: a report was given on behalf of Christine Dearman. The allotments are appreciated and enjoyed by tenants not only for providing the chance to grow fresh produce but also for the peaceful surroundings. Last year's cold, wet Spring delayed planting and the prolonged drought and high temperatures in the Summer brought obvious problems. The communal water capture and storage facility helps but during a long dry spell the reserves are soon depleted. All 25 allotments are rented out and there are 4 people on the waiting list.

St Pegas' Church Report: Sheila Lever delivered a report on behalf of Revd Keir on the work of the church over the last year with the church continuing to act as a hub of mission, outreach and community life. A rich variety of events had been held including seasonal and cultural events, social and hospitality-focused activities, creative and intergenerational opportunities and acts of remembrance and reflection. Regular donations to the Peterborough Foodbank remain a priority. A broad range of fundraising activities have contributed significantly to church finances. All funds raised in or for Peakirk are ring-fenced exclusively for the life, mission, maintenance and ministry of St Pega's Church. The church building continues to be used and available for community benefit and is open regularly, offering a place of quiet, reflection and welcome. The church is grateful for the ongoing support and co-operation of the Parish Council.

Village Hall Committee Report: David Hankins reported that works this year have been re-gravelling of the carpark, installation of new front doors and an on-line booking system. Several long-serving committee members will be retiring this year and new members are needed. Refurbishment of the kitchen is currently under consideration. The initiative for

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arranging social events need to come from residents. It was suggested that a weekly or monthly list of activities taking place in the hall could be posted on the Village Facebook site.

Police Casualty Reduction Officer: Pc Boddington, a Police Officer with 20-years' experience, some within the Roads Policing Unit gave an interesting presentation including an overview of the police response to Speed Watch. There are 1100 members of Speed Watch across the county. High speeders receive a letter and if found speeding a third time, will get a visit. For high-end speeders a new procedure has been set up with a marker putting on that vehicle for ANPR as there will often be MOT and insurance offences. This procedure has been running since December 2025 and will be monitored going forward. He spoke of the need to work closely with local authorities in relation to possible speed limit reductions within villages, no two villages being the same. There are pros and cons for drivers and cyclists in 20mph zones but physical measures can make a difference. In order for drivers to reduce their speed between Peakirk and Glington the road would need to look like a 30mph limit – currently it doesn't. Physical measures would be needed. Pc Boddington spoke of the campaigns that he is currently involved in - drugs, drinks, bike awareness, schools visits, young drivers and motorcycles and older driver (65+) workshops. Bespoke workshops can be offered to villages.

Concern was raised by a resident about motorbikes that can be heard on Saturday nights / Sunday morning travelling at high speeds on the parkways between Glington / Werrington/ Crowland and Deeping.

A further concern raised was the poor lining and lack of cats eyes on the Deeping Road (between Peakirk and Deeping Gate). It was advised that this is the responsibility of the City Council and could be raised with the local Ward Councillor.

Speed Watch: Cllr Emma Crowson is the local co-ordinator for Speed Watch. Her written report advised that the latest Speed Watch Session in the village counted 70 vehicles over a period of 1 hour, with 4 travelling in excess of the speed limit. New volunteers are welcome.

A resident volunteered for Speed Watch – the Clerk will notify the Speed Watch Co-ordinator.

Proposed Action Plan: Cllr Clark listed some of the ideas for projects that had been suggested as part of the Peakirk Neighbourhood Plan some years ago. It is hoped to get a group of people from the village together to decide what would be nice to do, check the feasibility, the benefit for the community and any grant funding available. Other suggestions made were a new footpath along Deeping Road, a monthly or bi-monthly village newsletter and improved sewage plant.

Volunteers will be sought to sit on the Action Plan Group.

Residents' matters: a query was raised about the long grass on the verge in front of 26 St Pega's Road. The clerk advised that this always tended to be the last verge to be cut by the City Council due to the daffodils.

The meeting closed at 9:02pm.

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