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

Present: Councillors Emma Crowson, Sally Jackson and Tony Weaver.
Also in attendance: Angela Hankins (Clerk) and 2 member of the public.

It was agreed that Cllr Crowson would chair the meeting.

86. Public Question Time – no questions were raised.

87. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Clark and Tuley.

88. No declarations of interest were recorded.

89. The minutes of the meeting of 19th October 2026 were approved as a true record and signed accordingly.

90. Correspondence:
    - 90.1 Clerk's & Councils Direct November edition circulated.
    - 90.2 National Allotment Magazine – taken by Cllr Jackson.
    - 90.3 Information was received about the proposed Car Dyke Way Initiative to explore the feasibility of establishing a new long-distance heritage and walking routed linking Peterborough and Lincoln.
      Members expressed an interest in being involved with the project.
      The clerk to respond accordingly and make Dr Avril Lumley Prior aware of the project.

91. Planning matters:
    - 91.1 Members noted information about the National Scheme of Delegation (NSD). Cllr Weaver advised that a simple framework could be used for considering applications with the emphasis on planning-policy comments. Slides from the CAPALC training event attended by Cllr Weaver awaited.
      Clerk to chase.
      An email from the City Council in relation to the NSD and offering training had been circulated prior the meeting.
    - 91.2 Cllr Weaver provided an update on a submission to the Ombudsman in relation to unauthorised development at the former Folly Bridge Kennels site and subsequent lack of enforcement by Peterborough City Council. The Ombudsman found there is a case to answer and a lead investigator is to be appointed by 3rd December. All information to be made available to Cllr Weaver.
    - 91.3 Additional planning matters: The Clerk advised of a free member training on-line event arranged by CAPALC for Thursday 17th December, 7:30-9:00pm and delivered by the Planning Officers' Society.
      Clerk to circulate the email for councillors wishing to enrol.

92. Finance:
    - 92.1 Approval given for payment of salary and Home Working allowance to the clerk for November 2026.
    - 92.2 Authorisation given for payment of invoice from CAPALC in the sum of £35 for Budget and Precept training.

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92.3 Members approved payment of the National Allotment Society Annual Membership Renewal in the sum of £84.

92.4 Members authorised a donation to Magpas Air Ambulance in the sum of £50.

92.5 Members considered and discussed the initial draft budget for 2027/28 and suggested amendments required.
Clerk to obtain quotes for grass-cutting.

92.6 To note any other financial matters.

93. Emergency Plan – it was agreed to hold this item over to the February meeting.

94. Maintenance:

94.1 Updates on existing items of maintenance were provided.
Clerk to chase Lee Moore re overhanging shrubs.

94.2 Other items of maintenance: no volunteers had come forward offering to re-putty and re-paint the noticeboard. It was agreed to hold this item over to review in February for a date in the Spring for repair.
Cllr Jackson to speak with potential volunteer.
Repair to the wooden benches and re-painting of the Folly Bridge also to be left until the Spring.
A response in relation to re-pointing of the Village Monument is still awaited.

95. Allotments:

95.1 There were no updates in relation to access paths or plot numbering . It was agreed that this would need to wait for Cllr Clark's return.
Progress on an extension to the existing lease was uncertain. Members felt that an extension of the lease to 25years was appropriate, or more if the owner wished.
Clerk to check progress with Cllr Clark and make contact with Mrs Acker as necessary.

95.2 Oher matters relating to the allotments: Cllr Crowson advised that many whips had been planted along the edge of the allotments. Approximately 30 whips remain to be planted.
Cllr Crowson to try to obtain more whips.

96. Cllr Crowson reported that the training recently attended on the use of Social Media was useful.
Slides from the training to be circulated to all members.

97. Road Safety:

97.1 It was reported that the Older Drivers Workshop of 6th November was well attended and very well received. Thanks had been sent to Pc Boddington who delivered interesting and informative advice.

97.2 Speed Watch update: Cllr Crowson reported that a session undertaken during half-term on St Pega's Road recorded 4 vehicles speeding. More sessions will resume in the New Year. Data from the VAS signs remains to be downloaded.
Cllr Crowson to contact the Speed Watch Co-ordinator in relation to possible limits on the number of advisory letters sent by the police to drivers reported via Speed Watch activities.

98. Remembrance – members were pleased to see the crocheted poppy wreath laid at the Village Monument and fully supported the suggestion for a knitted remembrance post box topper for 2027. Consideration was given to purchasing large plastic poppies for erection on the entrance gates to the village in 2027 along with a donation to the Royal British Legion.
A sum of £175, including £25 donation to RBL was proposed to be included in the 2027/28 budget.

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99. Action Plan – no update was available.

Clerk to check with Cllr Clark if there was anything to report in relation to meeting dates and projects.

100. National Emergency Briefing – following the screening an email was sent on 31st October to all attendees by the clerk on behalf of the chair, suggesting possible follow-up actions.

101. Members agreed a temporary suspension until March of updates on Digital and Data Compliance and Review of policies during Cllr Clark's absence.

102. Councillor's Reports – it was noted that the deadline for submissions for the next edition of The Village Tribune is 11th December.
Christmas Lights - to be switched on 2 weeks before Christmas by Cllr Jackson.

103. Recruitment of additional councillors – it was agreed that the clerk should send information about councillor recruitment to Cllr Crowson for posting on the Village Facebook.

104. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 21st December. The meeting closed at 9:10pm.

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