MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2026 AT 7:30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

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

69. Public Question Time – there were no members of the public present.

70. There were no apologies, all members being present.

71. There were no declarations of interest.

72. The minutes of the meeting of 21st September 2026 were approved as a true record.

73. Correspondence:
    - 73.1 A YouTube video link from PCC on Code of Conduct had been circulated to all.
    - 73.2 The clerk advised that following receipt of a resident's concern regarding use of The Sanderlings for access, Network Rail had been contacted. Network Rail maintain that this access is required to support its inspection, maintenance and operational activities. The assurance given previously was an informal agreement made between Central Rail System Alliance (CRSA) who were part of a large programme of works, mainly upgrading of the line, and not binding on Network Rail.
    - 73.3 A request for a donation had been received from Magpas Air Ambulance. It was proposed that a donation of £50 be approved at the next meeting.

74. Planning matters:
    - 74.1 Members noted the approval given by PCC to 26/002727/CTR for tree works at 5 Thorney Road.
    - 74.2 Members noted Peterborough Local Plan Proposed Submission Consultation date, 2/10 – 12/11 and agreed that a response should be made. It was agreed that Cllr Jackson would draft a response citing the inadequate infrastructure to support planned housing development with no plans to do so.
      Cllr Jackson to list the relevant points and circulate to councillors for consensus. Agreed comments to be sent to the clerk for submission before 12th November.
    - 74.3 Approval for the removal of a crab apple tree at 1 St Pega's Road was noted.

(There is no item 75 due to an error is numbering on the agenda.)

76. Finance:
    - 76.1 Approval given for payment of salary and Home Working allowance to the clerk for October 2026.
    - 76.2 Members authorised payment of an invoice from PCVS for Salary service July- Sept in the sum of £36.
    - 76.3 Authorisation given to payment of reimbursement to Cllr Crowson in the sum of £45 for CAPALC Social Media Training Event.
    - 76.4 Members authorised payment of SLCC Annual Membership Renewal in the sum of £158.
    - 76.5 Approval given for payment of invoice from Mr R Harding for grass-cutting.
    - 76.6 Members noted the budget review to 30th September, circulated prior to the meeting.

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76.7 Consideration given for items to be included in the budget for 2027/28, suggestions being an increased budget for maintenance, especially the monument and possible Neighbourhood Plan Review costs.

76.8 ***Cllr Clark to put together a draft budget .***

77. Emergency Plan – Cllr Weaver to report to the next meeting.

78. Maintenance:

78.1 Updates received as follows

- Overhanging branches – ***Clerk to chase Lee Moore.***
- Folly Bridge repainting – rain likely to prevent the planned re-painting day. Paint, signs and cones to be stored in Cllr Jackson's barn until needed. ***Cllr Crowson to update position on social media.***
- Benches – ***Cllrs Crowson and Tuley awaiting good weather to complete 2nd coat.***
- Monument – ***Cllr Clark to pursue quote for re-pointing***
- Hedging – whips soon to be received for planting along the field edge of the allotments and the allotment boundary with the track. ***Cllr Crowson to lead the planting project with assistance from Cllr Tuley. Cllr Clark to confirm spacing.***

78.2 There were no other items of maintenance.

79. Allotments:

79.1 Councillors noted the letter of thanks from a plot holder for the support received.

79.2 A claim for £71.16 was approved to the tenant of plot 2 for reimbursement of costs resulting from the fire. Four slim-line water butts have been received from Anglian Water with 2 allocated to date.

79.3 Cllr Clark inspected the allotments with regard to access paths.
Cllr Clark to plot paths on parish map and supply copy to the clerk and Cllr Crowson.

79.4 Plot 11 has been identified with a plot number marker.
Cllr Clark to arrange numbering of remaining plots.
It was agreed that the Community Orchard plot should be offered to rent, possibly divided into two, on the understanding that the fruit trees and the beetle bank must remain and the fruit trees maintained.
Clerk to liaise with Mrs Dearman.
It was noted that there had been no further contact with the landowner.
Cllr Crowson to look at the proposed lease and then forward to the clerk for her to contact Mrs Acker with a copy.

79.5 Policy in relation to mid-term rents: it was agreed that rents would be charged on a pro-rata basis for mid-term lets with the clerk given authority to negotiate terms.

80. Road Safety:

80.1 Arrangements for Older Driver Workshop, 6th November – the clerk to check with Pc Boddington for any IT equipment required.
Cllr Crowson to post event on both the Village and Tribune Facebook. Cllr Tuley to provide tea and coffee.

80.2 Speed Watch update - Cllr Crowson advised of the imminent session.

81. Follow up from Action Plan Meeting: ***Cllr Crowson to send out an email to all those who attended the previous meeting or had sent apologies to advise of a further meeting in the New Year. Nearer to the date she will send minutes of the previous meeting.***

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82. Follow up for National Emergency Briefing: Cllr Clark advised that he has a list of everyone who attended and wished to remain in contact. Cllrs supported a resolution to write to Sam Carling MP asking him to support the national televising of the Emergency Briefing
Cllr Clark to draft, for the clerk to send.

83. Members noted the planned absence of the Chairman for a prolonged period, appreciating that their attendance at meetings during this period was essential to remain quorate. Cllr Clark advised that he would maintain electronic contact wherever possible.

. Digital and Data Compliance - £500 to be included in the budget for a new website, but progress on that and gov.uk email addresses to wait until Cllr Clark's return.
Review of policies – ***Cllr Clark to provide a short report.***

84. Councillor's Reports: Cllr Clark to put up Christmas lights on the monument if possible, with Cllr Jackson taking responsibility for re-charging the batteries.

85. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 15th November.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:12pm.

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