

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PEAKIRK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18 MARCH 2024, IN THE VILLAGE HALL, STARTING AT 7.30 PM

Present: Councillors Henry Clark (Chair), Emma Crowson, David Fovargue, Anne Tuley and Sally Jackson

133. Public question time – there were no members of the public present.

134. Apologies were received from Angela Hankins (Clerk) and Councillors Kam Sisodia and Sarah Smith.

135. No declarations of interest were recorded.

136. The minutes of the previous meeting dated 19 February 202 were approved and signed as a true copy.

137. Correspondence:

137.1 Clerks & Councils Direct issued for circulation to Councillor Crowson and then Councillors Tuley and Jackson.

137.2 No further correspondence received.

138. The purchase of a D-Day commemorative flag at a cost of £28.80 was approved. Clerk to purchase. It may have to be put on the memorial as the Village Hall committee will be flying the Union Jack.

139. The purchase of an additional noticeboard to be sited inside the bush shelter was approved in principle. Councillor Jackson to do some more research into the best alternative and circulate details of that before the next meeting and the cost so it can be added to the agenda items and approved. She has found one possibility which is eco-friendly, in a beech frame and at a cost of £55.20.

140. Maintenance

140.1 No response as yet from Anglian Water in relation to Meadow Road.

140.2 In respect of the painting of the Folly Bridge, a meeting was held on site with Angela Hankins, Henry Clark, David Hankins and Ben Harris. The latter has some concerns about the colour of the paint as he does not want it to be the same as now. Councillor Clark to contact James Collingridge to see whether a different colour paint can be obtained from PCC.

140.3 Councillor Jackson reported that John Clare Countryside have a verges working group. Sarah Lambert has sent her the minutes of the meeting. Any areas of damaged verges need to be reported to Rowan Rumball. Councillor Jackson will ensure this is done.

Councillor Clark is going to report the appearance of a pothole on Chestnut Close.

It is noted that the village green has been cut.

Councillor Jackson showed a poster from Plantlife that may be of use in areas where the Council have decided not to cut to allow for a more natural environment.

Additional item missed off the agenda – approval of PAYE from January to March.

141. Planning. No new applications to consider but it was commented by Councillor Fovargue that the works to Greystones House seem extensive and he is going to look at the submitted plans again to ensure the works are in accordance with those. Councillor Jackson said she had also been asked for advice about a large conifer at 16 Firdale Close blocking the light for 3 St Pega's Road. It was decided that the Parish Council can do very little about this but was suggested that the residents approach PCC.

142. Speed Watch/Road Safety

142.1 Responses received from the parish newsletter in relation to traffic. Councillor Crowson read out an email she had received that appeared to be advocating a further speed sign on Thorney Road but did not advocate the introduction of a 20mph speed limit. Councillor Fovargue said he had had 4 responses, two for and two against the 20mph limit. Councillor Clark said he had received a question about whether there has been any accidents in the village that would warrant the introduction. It was decided that the evidence is against such an introduction at present. Councillor Crowson also stated that she has a potential two further candidates for the Speedwatch group and will chase this up.

142.2 Councillor Fovargue has downloaded the VAS information from 4 January to 16 March. The fastest speed was 68mph on 18 February at 4pm. 98% of vehicles were travelling at a speed of up to 40 mph but the average speed was 28.18 mph.

142.3 -It was ~~resolved~~decided to pursue the purchase of two additional Evolis Vision Solar Version Speed Signs for the sum of £3,0999 plus VAT plus shipping. We have permission from PCC to use the CIL -money.

143. Allotments

Councillor Tuley has looked into the purchase of stones to demark the allotment plots. She found them to be expensive but has also realised that they will not be very visible. She has done further research into signposts for each plot but will look into further alternatives and report back at the next meeting.

144. Councillors reports

Councillor Jackson is now attending the Glinton Climate Emergency Group meetings so Peakirk can collaborate with them to achieve better results for both villages. If anyone has any issues to be brought up, please let Councillor Jackson know.

Councillor Tuley reported that Avril Lumley-Prior had been asking about the archaeological finds. This has been discussed at previous meetings and it was felt the outcome was that the clerk should write to her to let her know that the parish council cannot house the finds but she could perhaps go through them and create a small collection of the best items that can be retained in the village. Councillor Crowson has also found out from her partner who does voluntary work at the museum and who asked the archaeologist there who suggested that she contacts the finds officer at PCC to ask them if they want any of the finds.

Councillor Clark reported that there is a new climate change initiative called the Great Ceollaboration. He has been asked to join the steering group between-for all local parish councils in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. ~~and has been asked to be a part of this.~~

145. The date of the next meeting was noted as Monday 15 April. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.36pm.