

Draft not approved by Council
PEASENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES

Of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 25th of October 2017

Present:- Parish Councillors; Norman Ball, John Bawtree, Christopher Bishop, Peter Dance, Teddy Forsythe, Nicholas Levett-Scrivener, Chris Norrington (Chairman), Kenneth Parry Brown and Tony Sore.

Apologies were received from Frank Potter.

2017/128 The Chairman welcomed councillors, Stephen Burroughes district and County Councillor and seven members of the public.

2017/129 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Councillors Levett-Scrivener and Parry Brown each declared a general interest concerning agenda item 7, Planning Issues.

2017/128 PUBLIC FORUM - Questions were addressed mainly towards Agenda Item 7 (Planning issues) and in particular The SCDC Local Plan Review - Issues and Options. The Chairman explained the purpose of this review and how it relates to the previous Site Allocations and Area Specific Policies document. Some discussion took place regarding the dissemination of information concerning this Review and Councillor Burroughes explained the way in which SCDC make these matters Public. The map showing sites within the village had been on the Parish Notice Board since before the September Council Meeting. Discussion took place concerning the provision of business (especially e-business) facilities in the village. It was pointed out that provision of this type had been included in the Smythe Mews development but not taken up and the units have reverted to dwellings.

Councillor Burroughes had provided reports in both of his capacities and these had been circulated to councillors. In addition to this he reported on the changes recently made to the organisation of the Suffolk Highways Department and the problems that the department is experiencing. He added that he was still trying to expedite repairs in Peasehall. This was taken at this point as agenda item 11.

2017/129 MINUTES of the meeting of 27/09/2017 were approved and signed as a true record.

2017/130 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - none.

2017/131 FINANCIAL REPORT - Balances (at 29/09/2017):-

Current A/C - £23722.30, Deposit A/C - £7098.61

Cheques were signed for:- Donations as follows:- Disability Advice Service (East Suffolk) £125.00, Leiston, Saxmundham and District CAB £200.00, Halesworth Volunteer Centre £50.00, East Anglia Children's Hospices £50.00, Royal British Legion £100.00, East Suffolk Foodbank £50.00; also Community Action Suffolk (website hosting) £60.00.

2017/132 PLANNING ISSUES - Planning application DC/17/3563/FUL to erect a purpose made building to store and dry wood chips in association with the client's business at Valley Farm, The Mounts, Peasehall. There were no objections to this application. The Clerk to inform SCDC Planning Department.

ISSUES and OPTIONS for the SUFFOLK COASTAL LOCAL PLAN REVIEW - The Chairman's draft submission (circulated earlier to councillors) formed the basis for an extended discussion.

Infrastructure concerns were, the Four Villages By-Pass (this has been needed for a long time and is more critical with the Sizewell C development), the Ipswich Northern By-Pass (which would relieve traffic flow on the A1120) and the need for a new route from the A12 to Sizewell.

Housing in the village should include both affordable housing and OAP provision, both of which will become more critical to the village in the future.

There is no physical limits boundary for the Mill Road area and the council expressed concerns with both traffic and services in this area of the village. A review of the physical limits boundary will be included in the next meeting agenda.

Comments concerning the individual sites were as follows:-

Site 2; Unsuitable, the eastern section of this site should be amenity land.

Site 37; Subject to a Planning Application. It was proposed by Peter Dance and seconded by Tony Sore that Peasenhall Parish Council's approval for this application should be underlined. 5 in favour, 2 against 2 abstentions.

Site 71; deemed not practicable without the field to the West of it.

Site 312; no objections.

Site 380; the council expressed a strong concern with traffic overload.

Site 718; the council expressed a strong concern that this site is outside of the village envelope and that it would extend development into open farmland.

Site 719; the council firmly disapproved.

Sites 778 and 779; disapproved on the grounds of adding to the traffic hazards at Emmett's crossroads.

Site 988; should be limited to two houses only (traffic hazards as above).

Site 1042; not in favour.

2017/132 THE CONDITION OF THE GUL (x-ref 2017/113) - The Chairman reported that, following his letter to our MP, he has received a copy of the e-mail which the Environment Agency sent to her stating that works will start in November. The Clerk has again met the EA supervisor on site to discuss arrangements for plant etc..

2017/133 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES (x-ref 2017/113) - The Clerk presented the Council with details of the three SIDs recommended by Suffolk Highways; those from Radarlux, Westmotec and Standard Signs. After discussion the Council accepted the Westmotec MiniSID quotation of £3175.00 excluding VAT and delivery. This includes a spare battery, charger, data collection unit and clamps for each post.

Proposed by Kenneth Parry Brown, seconded by Nicholas Levett-Scrivener, all in favour.

2017/134 SPEED STICKERS TO WASTE BINS - This agenda item is to be brought before the Council when research on costs, acceptability etc. have been carried out.

2017/135 CEMETERY SEAT - The Chairman reported that Tony Sore had a hardwood bench (still boxed), suitable for use in the Cemetery, at a cost of £250.00.

Nicholas Levett-Scrivener proposed and Peter Dance seconded a motion that the Council should purchase it. All were in favour. The Clerk to contact Carl Thurston to arrange a quotation to provide a concrete plinth to be laid, upon which it may be affixed.

2017/136 CORRESPONDENCE - A letter concerning the final consultation for changes to political constituency boundaries. The Council thought the changes to Suffolk Coastal to be so minor that comment was not necessary.

An invitation to councillors to attend the SALC AGM in Elmswell on 7/11/17 had been received.

2017/137 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE NEXT AGENDA -

Items from Minutes 2017/128//132/133/135, environmental improvements / physical limits boundary and village grass cutting.

2017/138 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 29th November 2017 at 7.30pm at the Methodist Church Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.