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PEASENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES

Of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 29th of November 2017

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

Apologies were received from Christopher Bishop and Stephen Burroughes, District and County Councillor.

2017/139 The Chairman welcomed councillors, and three members of the public.

2017/140 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Councillor Levett-Scrivener declared an interest concerning agenda item 10, Planning Issues.

2017/141 PUBLIC FORUM - Councillor Burroughes had provided reports in both of his capacities and these had been circulated to councillors and are available from the Clerk. It was noted at this point that the manholes on the A1120 east of the crossroads had been refitted in order to stop the noises made by traffic passing over them. The Chairman stated that Councillor Burroughes was dealing with several Highways matters in Peasehall and that we hoped for news very soon. This was taken here for Agenda Item 13.

A comment from the public was noted with regard to the need to repair and repaint the railings in Hackney Road - a County Highways responsibility. Also the bridges across The Gul were in need of repair and painting, the Clerk reported that Carl Thurston had been asked to put this in hand.

A question was raised by the public concerning whether councillors 'Declarations of Interests' entries on the SCDC website were up to date. The Clerk to formally request councillors to check that their entries are correct.

2017/142 MINUTES of the meeting of 25/10/2017 were approved and signed as a true record.

2017/143 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - none.

2017/144 COUNCILLOR VACANCY - The Chairman explained to the Council the reasons that Councillor Forsythe gave for his resignation. The Clerk then explained the procedure for co-option which will come into effect as soon as SCDC Elections Department informs The Clerk that an election has not been called and that co-option may take place.

2017/145 FINANCIAL REPORT - Balances (at 29/09/2017):-

Current A/C - £21837.01, Deposit A/C - £7098.61

Cheques were signed for:- BDO LLP (external audit) £120.00, SALC (clerk's networking day) £19.20, MA Trovell (clerk's net salary, Oct/Nov 2017) £375.50, Tony Sore (payment for bench for the Cemetery - as per Minute 2017/135) £250.00.

2017/146 GRASS CUTTING AND OTHER MAINTENANCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS - The Council decided that a new specification for the grass cutting contract should be produced. This should be a three year contract and three quotations should be obtained. The Clerk is to report to the Council at the January Meeting. Other maintenance and environmental matters are reported in minutes 2017 141 and 2017/147.

2017/147 PROPOSED BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2018/19 - The Clerk provided councillors with a Budget reconciliation as at 29/11/2017 in order for a decision to be made concerning the level of precept requirement for the next financial year. This has to be submitted to SCDC no later than the 19th of January 2018. After much discussion it was proposed by Councillor Parry Brown and seconded by Councillor Levett-Scrivener

that Peasenhall Parish Council should request a precept of £11685.48. This represents a tax charge of £50.12 which will show as a 0% increase on the 2018/19 council tax bill. The proposal was agreed with 7 votes for and 1 against.

The Chairman suggested considering the possibility of setting up funds for play equipment and a future cemetery extension and Councillor Parry Brown suggested that the Council could consider marking the Armistice next year. These items are for discussion at the next meeting.

2017/148 PLANNING ISSUES - Planning application DC/17/4693/VOC, variation of condition of CO6/1863 to replace render with weather boarding to be painted in a black satin finish and to paint existing yellow painted weather boarding in the same black satin, at Grove Cottage, Rendham Road, Peasenhall. There were no objections to this application. The Clerk to inform SCDC Planning Department.

The consultation submission by Peasenhall Parish Council concerning the Issues and Options for the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan Review was submitted on time and acknowledged by SCDC Planning Department.

Physical Limits Boundary - The Chairman explained his concerns with the unrestricted nature of developments along Mill Road leading to pressure on services and traffic loading. It was decided that a submission concerning the Physical Limits Boundary would be made to the first draft of the new Local Plan when it is published (expected to be late Spring 2018).

2017/149 THE CONDITION OF THE GUL (x-ref 2017/132) - The Clerk reported that the silt from the channel has been reclassified as non-hazardous and that permission has been obtained for the contractor to use part of the Village Hall car park for parking of plant. The contractor should be starting within the week.

2017/150 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES (x-ref 2017/133) - The Clerk reported that an order had been placed Westcotec Ltd. to supply a speed sign as agreed in Minute 2017/133.

2017/151 CEMETERY SEAT (x-ref 2017/135) - The Chairman invited councillors to meet at the Cemetery at 08.00 on Thursday 30th November in order to decide on a suitable position for the new bench.

2017/152 CORRESPONDENCE - A letter had been received from the Yox Valley Partnership (Yoxford and Middleton Primary schools) requesting support (non-financial) for a project to cover the swimming pool at Yoxford School and to add changing rooms, showers etc. in order to make it a year round facility for the schools that could also be opened for the community out of school hours. The council agreed to support this initiative. The Clerk to reply to Yox Valley Partnership.

2017/153 DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2018 - circulated to councillors.

2017/154 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE NEXT AGENDA -

Items from Minutes 2017/144/146/147/149/150/151.

2017/155 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 31st January 2018 at 7.30pm at the Methodist Church Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.