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PEASENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 25th of January 2017

Present:- Parish Councillors; John Bawtree, Christopher Bishop, Kenneth Parry Brown, Frank Potter (Vice Chairman) and Tony Sore.

Apologies for absence - Peter Dance, Teddy Forsythe, Nicholas Levett-Scrivener and Chris Norrington

2017/12. The Vice Chairman welcomed Councillors and Stephen Burroughes (County and District Councillor), one member of the public was present.

2017/13. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - Frank Potter declared a non-pecuniary interest concerning agenda item 10.

2017/14 **PUBLIC FORUM** - Councillor Burroughes presented his reports as County and District Councillor, copies of which had previously been circulated to councillors.

Discussions then took place concerning Peasehall School, Highway matters and traffic calming measures. As these matters were agenda items the Vice Chairman suggested that they should be considered directly after agenda item 5 (Matters Arising from the Minutes) while Councillor Burroughes was still present. All councillors were in agreement.

2017/15. **MINUTES** - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the 17th of January 2017 were approved and signed as a true record.

2017/16. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** - The clerk reported that SCDC Elections Office had been informed of the resignation of Councillor Oliver Platt and that the Elections Office had issued a notice to that effect for display on the Parish Notice Board from 18/1/2017.

The budget for 2017/18 had been revised according to the recommendations of the meeting of 17/1/17 and been circulated to councillors by e-mail.

The precept application for 2017/18 has been acknowledged by SCDC.

2017/17. **PEASENHALL SCHOOL**(x-refs 2016/115, 2016/131) - Further to Councillor Burroughes' report that the school role had dropped to 19 and that the pupils were now being bussed to Yoxford School, the Clerk reported a letter received from Joy Stodart, Project Lead, School Organisation, at Suffolk County Council. In this letter she agreed that the play equipment at the school would stay in the village and that Peasehall Parish Council would be involved in discussions about the future of the site. She further offered to meet representatives of the Council when she returns from leave on February 20th.

2017/18. **HIGHWAY MATTERS** - Discussions took place regarding the many highway issues in the village. Councillor Burroughes promised to arrange a date for a senior Highways official to walk the village in order to fully record the repairs that are needed.

2017/19. **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES** (x-refs 2016/78, 2016/119, 2016/135, 2016/153) - The Clerk reported that Sibton Parish Council had been approached by Ubbeston Parish Council with a view to a shared scheme. Councillor Burroughes informed the Council that such sharing was common. The Council remained in favour of sharing with Sibton only (x-ref 2016/153). Councillor Burroughes stated that locality money may be available to help fund a scheme.

2017/5. **FINANCIAL REPORT** - Balances (at 30/12/2016, unchanged from the meeting of 17/1/17):- Current A/C - £16504.33, Deposit A/C - £7097.73.

Cheques signed: Peasehall Methodist Church (room hire) £45.00, HMRC (PAYE) £140.80, MATrovell (clerk's salary Dec 2016/Jan 2017) £375.70.

Payment of PAYE - (x-ref 2016/146) This minute, from the November 2016 meeting, was cancelled by agreement of the council, as the process of arranging BACS payments with the Council's bank is extremely complex. HMRC agreed that cheques would still be accepted for PAYE payments.

2017/20. PUBLIC TRANSPORT PROVISION (x-refs 2016/118, 2016/134, 2016/152)

No reply from Whincops as yet, a second request for a quote to be sent.

2017/21. THE CONDITION OF THE GUL (x-refs 2016/91, 2016/117, 2016/133, 2016/151) - The Environment Agency cleared some top growth in December, but the silt build up and the plants colonising it were not dealt with. The Clerk to speak to the supervisor about getting full clearance.

2017/22. SIZEWELL C, STAGE 2, PUBLIC CONSULTATION (x-ref 2016/155) - The Council discussed its response at length. This included using information from literature provided by EDF and the presentation and workshop from Planning Aid England at the meeting of 17th January. It was decided to use the ideas submitted by Chris Norrington as a basis for the council response. Each section was scrutinised by the council and additional material added or ideas developed as deemed pertinent or necessary to properly state the council's position. All agreed with the additions and changes made. Councillor Kenneth Parry Brown undertook to write the response and to e-mail it to councillors for their comments prior to submission. Copies of the submission are available from the Clerk.

2017/23 CORRESPONDENCE - Safer Neighbourhood Teams, Terms of Reference - a clarification of the roles in the SNTs that will be working across East Suffolk.

Distributed to councillors by e-mail.

An invitation to the Community Emergency Planning AGM at Mid Suffolk DC offices on February 17th.

2017/24. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE NEXT AGENDA - items from Minutes 2016/151, 2016/152, 2016/154, and 2016/155. Highway matters including manhole covers. Peasenhall School. Footpath for Sibton Road.

2017/25. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 22nd February 2017 at 7.30 in the Methodist Church Room.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.