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**PEASENHALL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**

**Of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2018**

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

Apologies were received from Nicholas Levett-Scrivener, Frank Potter and Stephen Burroughes, District and County Councillor.

2018/1 The Chairman welcomed councillors, and five members of the public.

2018/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

2018/3 PUBLIC FORUM - The meeting was suspended for this item.

Councillor Burroughes had provided reports in both of his capacities and these had been circulated to councillors and are available from the Clerk.

Comments were made concerning parking in close proximity to the A1120/Church road junction - the Chairman stated that this is a police matter and members of the public can report such parking infringements to the police. The pot hole at the above junction was commented upon as was the speed limit pole erroneously installed on private ground at the Rendham Road/Smythe Close junction - these matters to be considered under agenda items 14 and 13.

Questions concerning the Peasehall School site were raised - these to be discussed under agenda item 16.

It was reported that trees in Hackney Road are overgrowing the pavement - the Clerk to contact the Electricity Company as there are mains cables among the branches.

A suggestion was made concerning Christmas lights in the village - this to be included in the agenda for the next meeting.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

2018/4 MINUTES of the meeting of 29/11/2017 were approved and signed as a true record.

2018/5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - The Clerk confirmed that, following a point made in the Public Forum at the November meeting, Councillors had been formally requested to ensure that their 'Declarations of Interests' entries on the SCDC website were up to date.

2018/6 COUNCILLOR VACANCY (x-ref: 2017/144) - The Clerk reported that one application for co-option to the Council had been received, from Mr Roger Benstead. It was proposed by Chris Norrington and seconded by Peter Dance that Mr Benstead be co-opted. All were in favour. The Clerk to inform Mr Benstead.

2018/7 FINANCIAL REPORT - Balances (at 29/12/2017):-

Current A/C - £20837.31, Deposit A/C - £7098.61

Cheques were signed for:- Peasehall Methodist Church (room hire) £45.00, SALC (payroll services) £54.00, HMRC (PAYE) £140.80, MA Trovell (clerk's net salary, Dec2017/Jan 2018) £375.70, SGF Services (grass cutting) £1550.00, Westcotec (SID) £3810.00.

Budget Considerations - a) Funds for future requirements for play equipment and Cemetery extension to be left for future consideration. b) Funds for marking the Centenary of the 1918 Armistice. The Chairman referred to the contents of the 'Battles Over' leaflet supplied via SALC and his own paper previously circulated to councillors.

Councillor Parry Brown suggested that it should be a village event. There followed discussion after which it was agreed that a budget of £5000 should be reserved.

2018/8 PRECEPT FOR 2018/19 (x-ref: 2017/147) - The Clerk confirmed that the precept request was submitted on time.

2018/9 GRASS CUTTING AND OTHER MAINTENANCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS (x-ref 2017/140) A new specification for grass cutting was being produced prior to going out to tender.

The Chairman reported the possibility of using the Community Payback scheme to provide the labour to refurbish and paint the railings in Hackney Road. The Council agreed that this should be pursued.

The Clerk reported an e-mail from Peasenhall Nursery school regarding a gap between the railings and the footway on the easternmost bridge over the Gul. The Council that Carl Thurston should be contacted to establish what could be done to rectify this.

2018/10 PLANNING ISSUES - Planning application DC/16/3514/FUL concerning The Causeway, Peasenhall. The Chairman reported that amendments had been made to this application in that the bridge had now been removed from the plans. After discussion it was proposed by Chris Norrington and seconded by Peter Dance that the Council raised no objection to the application. This was passed by 5 votes to 1 with one abstention. The Clerk to inform SCDC Planning Department.

2018/11 THE CONDITION OF THE GUL (x-ref 2017/149) - The Gul has been cleared. The Council agreed that the contractors had made an excellent job of it. The Clerk has sent thanks to the Environment Agency.

2018/12 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES (x-ref 2017/133) - The Clerk reported that the SID had been delivered and that arrangements would be made to fix the brackets in the near future. With regard to the SID post erroneously located at the entrance to Smythe Mews, the Clerk reported that both the contractors and SCC Highways had been contacted in order for it to be moved and had agreed to carry this out.

2018/13 HIGHWAY MATTERS - The Clerk reported that the pothole at the A1120/Rendham Road junction had been reported to SCC along with the need to remark the white lines. The Clerk would similarly report the potholes along The Causeway.

2018/14 CEMETERY SEAT (x-ref 2017/135) - Councillors to met at the Cemetery at 08.00 on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November and decided on a suitable position for the new bench. This is to be eastward facing, under a tree at the northern end of the Cemetery.

2018/15 THE FUTURE OF THE PEASENHALL SCHOOL SITE - SCC is consulting on a proposal to dispose of the school playing field. After discussion it was suggested that a) funds raised should be used for the educational benefit of residents of Peasenhall by means of the formation of an Education Trust and b) that the possibility of the Parish Council purchasing the field could be explored.

2018/16 CORRESPONDENCE - An Electoral Review survey concerning Electoral Boundaries had been previously sent to councillors. It was decided that the changes would not materially effect Peasenhall. The dates of the next round of Police Locality Meetings were reported. SCDC have announced that, from May 2018, the garden waste collection service will be chargeable. SCC Highways have given notice that road repairs will take place in Mill Road, Peasenhall from February 12<sup>th</sup>.

2018/17 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE NEXT AGENDA -

Items from Minutes 2018/9/12/13 and Armistice Centenary, Christmas lights.

2018/18 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.30pm at the Methodist Church Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.