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PEASENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES

Of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 5th of September 2018

Present:- Parish Councillors; Norman Ball, John Bawtree, Roger Benstead, Peter Dance, Nicholas Levett-Scrivener, Chris Norrington (Chairman) and Frank Potter (Vice-Chairman). County and District Councillor; Stephen Burroughes

Apologies were received from Christopher Bishop, Kenneth Parry Brown and Tony Sore.

2018/93 The Chairman welcomed councillors and Seven members of the public.

2018/94 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none

2018/95 MINUTES of the meeting of 27/06/2018 were approved and signed as a true record.

2018/96 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - none.

The Chairman suspended the meeting at this point.

2018/97 PUBLIC FORUM - Councillor Burroughes presented his reports as County and District Councillor at this point. He reported that the District Council merger was progressing but some areas are still to be amalgamated, and that local elections will be held in 2019. From a county perspective GCSE results had improved and applications to universities by Suffolk students had increased. Highways are looking into improved management processes. The County is hoping to increase the number of retained firefighters. He also reported that funding requests from Peasehall Parish Council were being processed. Copies of the reports are available from the Clerk.

There followed a discussion concerning the possibility of Peasehall joining The Speedwatch Scheme. There were nine volunteers keen to be part of a scheme including a possible co-ordinator. The possibility of joining with Sibton in this venture was discussed. The Council support for the scheme was to be discussed at item 8 in the agenda. Other subjects discussed were; the tree clearance in Hackney Road and the Hackney Road Railings. Christmas lights for the village were discussed - this to be included in the agenda for the next meeting.

The Chairman then explained some of the content of The Local Plan:-

The major proposals were for 800 homes in Saxmundham and 1000 in Felixstowe.

Allocations for smaller villages were mixed. Peasehall has nothing.

The village envelope is unchanged.

None of the 'Call for Sites' submissions were included in the plan.

Peasehall is no longer a 'key service centre' but is denoted as 'a small village'. Policies are therefore very restrictive on the village.

Open discussion followed concerning; the survival of the Shop/Post Office, housing provision in small villages, commuting, problems with the A12 and non-expenditure on infrastructure.

A question was asked concerning The Causeway development. The Chairman reported that, as yet, no planning decision has been made.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting at this point.

2018/99 THE LOCAL PLAN, PEASENHALL PARISH COUNCIL SUBMISSION TO THE CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR THE FIRST DRAFT - The Chairman explained his draft for a response (previously circulated to councillors). After discussion concerning the lack of infrastructure improvements in the plan Chris Norrington proposed and Peter Dance seconded the motion that, 'the Chairman's draft response should form the basis for the Council's submission but comment on the lack of infrastructure measures should be included' All in Favour. The Chairman is to complete the submission and the Clerk submit it to SCDC Planning Department.

2018/100 OTHER PLANNING ISSUES - None

2018/101 SPEEDWATCH SCHEME FOR PEASENHALL - After discussion it was proposed by Nicholas Levett-Scrivener and seconded by Frank Potter that Peasehall Parish Council would support the village initiative to form a group to operate a Speed Watch Scheme in the village. All in favour.

2018/102 FINANCIAL REPORT - Balances (at 31/07/2018):- Current A/C - £19423.56, Deposit A/C - £7106.93. There were no cheques to sign.

2018/103 EXTERNAL AUDIT - The Clerk informed the council that, as the Council receipts and payments were both less than £25000.00 per annum and that other conditions had been met, it could apply for exemption from the External Audit for the year 2017/18. It was proposed by Chris Norrington and seconded by Nicholas-Scrivener that the Council applies for exemption from the External Audit for 2017/18.

All in favour. The Chairman and Clerk signed the Exemption Application form.

2018/104 WW1 CENTENARY - (x-ref 2018/87) The following amendments were proposed to minute 2018/87 (27/06/18). Because SCC Highways thought it unlikely that permission would be granted for tree planting at the Causeway, the planting will be at the Cemetery. An additional plaque explaining and dating the planting will be ordered.

This was proposed by Chris Norrington and seconded by John Bawtree. This was passed by a majority vote of six for and one against.

There are possible problems in the method of paying for some of the items for the planting as at least one supplier no longer accepts cheques. It was proposed by Frank Potter and seconded by Norman Ball that the Clerk would settle these invoices if necessary and then seek documented reimbursement from the Council. All in favour.

2018/105 CORRESPONDENCE - Notice has been received from The East Suffolk Principal Design and Conservation Officer that Peasehall War Memorial has been Grade Two listed as a Building of Special Architectural and Historic Interest. The Council may object to this listing by September 25th if it wishes. There was no objection.

The Council has received an invitation to The East Suffolk Annual Forum on Friday 9th of November. No councillors were available to attend.

Suffolk County Council Highways Department is proposing changes to the Grit Bin Process. It was decided to include this in the October meeting Agenda.

2018/106 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE NEXT AGENDA -

Items from Minutes 2018/86/87, S137 payments, Speedwatch, lay-bys in the Street, Cemetery extension, leasing of graves, Christmas Lights.

2018/107 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 27th September 2017 at 7.30pm at the Methodist Church Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.