

Draft, not yet approved by Council
PEASENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES

Of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 25th of September 2019

Present:- Parish Councillors: Norman Ball, Roger Benstead, Peter Dance, Ric Earle, Chris Norrington (Chairman), Kenneth Parry Brown and Steve Pewsey.

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

2019/133 The Chairman welcomed councillors and 7 members of the public.

2019/134 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

The Chairman suspended the meeting at this point.

2019/135 PUBLIC FORUM -

The Chairman read salient points from Stephen Burroughes reports as County and District Councillor. Full copies of the reports are available from the Clerk. Electric car charging point provision in the village to be an agenda item for the next meeting. A long discussion took place concerning the Parish Council's submission to the Sizewell C Stage 4 Public Consultation. The Chairman explained that the long-held view of the Council was that it should concentrate on mitigating factors for the expected increase in traffic through the village and also explained the reasons for the Extraordinary Meeting of 04/09/2019. Kenneth Parry Brown explained that the paper to be discussed at Agenda Item 7 was produced as a result of discussions of a previous paper at the Extraordinary Meeting of 04/09/2019. Discussion points raised by residents were as follows:-

Question concerning HGV monitoring. Anything over 3.5 tons would be monitored.

Request for a 20 mph limit through the village.

Question about the possibility of 'chicanes' at the crossroads and Sibton Road junction.

Question whether the construction of 'C' was required at all.

Question about the publication of the draft submission.

Discussion about villages along the A1120 getting together to present a united view.

Kenneth Parry Brown stated that he had attempted this earlier with little or no interest from other parish councils.

There was a comment concerning the improvement of the website.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting at this point.

2019/136 MINUTES of the Extraordinary Meeting of 04/09/2019 were approved and signed as a true record.

2019/137 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - None

2019/138 FINANCIAL REPORT - Balances (at 31/07/2019):- Current A/C - £21384.29, Deposit A/C - £7121.12. Cheques signed: Peasenhall Methodist Church £60.00 (room hire), M. Trovell £79.99 (anti-virus subscription), HMRC £140.80 (PAYE), M. Trovell £563.45 (Clerk salary July/Aug/Sept 2019), M. Trovell £97.42 (Clerk's expenses April - September 2019).

2019/139 SIZEWELL C STAGE 4 PUBLIC CONSULTATION SUBMISSION.

A draft submission of the Parish Council was presented to members for discussion and agreement. During the debate a number of amendments to the document were proposed as follows:-

At the end of the first paragraph in 'BACKGROUND' the addition of the words 'The village lies 11 miles west of Sizewell and Minsmere where there is a world-renowned nature reserve.' Upon being put to the meeting this was agreed.

At the end of the second paragraph on page 2 under 'TRANSPORT' the addition of the words after 'pollution' 'along with most of the village.' Upon being put to the meeting, this was agreed.

On page 3 the deletion of the words 'and not removed at the completion of the works' from the short paragraph 'Peasenhall Parish Council is also mindful.....' Upon being put to the meeting was agreed.

In the section headed 'Mitigation - as a minimum' addition of the words at the end of point 1 'or as an alternative, average speed cameras.' Under point 2. Replacement of the second bullet point with 'Appropriate planting of shrubs to mitigate the effect of pollution as well as noise.' And the addition of a point 4 'The PPC would wish for the installation of road calming and speed restriction measures'. Upon being put to the meeting, were agreed.

Under the section 'THE CASE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIZEWELL C' addition of a new first paragraph 'The PPC has concerns about the potential effects of Sizewell C on the eco-system of the internationally renowned nature reserve at Minsmere.' Upon being put to the meeting was agreed.

Under the section 'THE CASE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIZEWELL C', deletion of the two paragraphs after the sentence on Minsmere and its replacement with the following:-

1. Whilst the PPC is not against nuclear power in principle, on behalf of it's parishioners, the PPC is very concerned that Sizewell C may well be a step too far.

2. The site is unsafe and not suitable. In our opinion it fails the benefits versus negatives test because it will cause irreparable damage to the land, the environment and surrounding areas.

3. Due to the effects of climate change, erosion, rising seas and tides the proposed location is unsafe. As a result this is likely to lead to severe flooding not just in the immediate vicinity but also into and beyond Yoxford (which has flooded previously) but also Peasenhall (which has, similarly, flooded previously).

4 Already the Minsmere and Yox rivers are subject to risk assessments and warning from the DOE. Such is the strength and power of the North Sea along the entire stretch of the east coast that major erosion and, in turn, flooding is likely to occur. The seas will break and crash through around the site causing Minsmere and its rare wildlife to be decimated. The overall effect on the surrounding areas, communities and environment would be catastrophic.

5. Balancing the pros and cons we are very much against this site going ahead. However, we recognise that there are competing views to the contrary. Therefore, in the event that the site does go ahead, we have other real concerns that must be addressed.

This amendment was proposed by RE and seconded by PD. Upon being put to the meeting and with a request that names be recorded, was not agreed. RE and PD voting for, NB, RB, CN, KPB voting against and SP abstaining.

The submission as amended was agreed and is attached as an appendix to these minutes. 2019/140 PLANNING ISSUES - Planning Application Ref: DC/19/3429/TCA, tree surgery to 16 No. trees at The Hall, Church Street Peasenhall - The Council had no objection.

Planning Application Ref: DC/19/3360/FUL, Modern 2 storey side extension, extension and conversion of existing garage to annexe, new 3 bay cart lodge at Ash View, Bruisyard Road, Peasenhall. The Council opposed the proposal (6 votes to 1 with 1 abstention) on the grounds of intrusion into the historic setting of the Grade 2 listed Church.

The Clerk to inform East Suffolk Planning Department.

The Local Plan Examination concerning the Sibton Road site - Peasenhall Parish Council was represented by Ric Earle at the Examination on September 17th. He reported that the Inspector found that there had been a failure on the part of East Suffolk (previously SCDC) Planning Department to comply with the requirements of the sequential test and that they have asked to revisit this section of the plan. The outcome of this is awaited.

2019/141 It was proposed by Chris Norrington and seconded by Kenneth Parry Brown that, because of the length of the meeting so far and the need for the Church to be locked, that Agenda Items 9,10,12,13,14, and 15 (listed below) be postponed for discussion at the October 30th Meeting, all in favour.

2019/142 SPEEDWATCH - Ric Earle reported that there were 10 volunteers with 1 possible extra future volunteer, 7 of whom have had on-site training. The first speed monitoring on the road session had to be cancelled due to wet road conditions. The handover of the SID unit would be formally discussed at the next meeting.

2019/143 SAFEGUARDING ISSUES There were no safeguarding issues reported.

2019/144 CORRESPONDENCE - Invitation to an Open Forum with the Police Commissioner and Chief Constable on October 10th. Notice of a public meeting in Colchester 26th October 'Against Sizewell C'. News release from EDF re. Hinckley Point. All items of correspondence previously e-mailed to councillors.

2019/145 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE NEXT AGENDA - Items postponed from this meeting as follows:-

Improvement scheme for The Street

Highways Issues

Christmas Lights

Publication of parish Councillor contact details

Fly-posters around the village

Maintenance Issues

Additionally, Speedwatch (209/142) and Electric car charging point in the village

2019/146 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 30th October 2019 at 7.30pm at the Methodist Church Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.