

## PEASENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Peasenhall Parish Council meeting  
held at the **Assembly Hall on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

### **2024/079 Attendance and apologies**

#### **Attendees:**

Cllr. Barry Rowing (acting-chair)  
Cllr. Zoe Horlock  
Cllr. Gary Greenwood  
Cllr. Roger Benstead

#### **Apologies for absence:**

Cllr Sam Seddon  
Cllr John Bawtree

#### **In attendance:**

District Cllr Julia Ewart (joined the meeting at 7.50 pm)  
County Councillor Stephen Burroughes joined the meeting via mobile phone call at 7.10 pm  
Carol Hume - Parish Clerk  
1 member of the public

Apologies for absence were approved unanimously.

### **2024/080 Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations**

There were no Declarations of Interest or Requests for Dispensation

### **2024/081 Election of Chairman**

Cllr Barry Rowing proposed by Cllr G. Greenwood, seconded by Cllr R. Benstead and elected unanimously. It is hoped that at the October PPC meeting there will be a nomination for a Vice-Chairman.

### **2024/082 Public Forum**

- a) There were no comments from the public
- b) The reports from CC Burroughes and DC Ewart had been circulated prior to the meeting and are now published on the website. CC Burroughes highlighted some items from his report including the opening of the new Gull Wing bridge in Lowestoft; the success of the Tour of Britain cycle event in Suffolk and SCC has objected to the latest Sea Link plans. Cllr Rowing asked SB if the obscured speed limit sign at the entrance to the village could be cleared SB replied that he will speak to Wayne Saunders (Suffolk Highways) about it. There is some doubt about who owns the verge where the sign is situated. BR also said that he understood funding has been agreed for a sign at the entrance to Sibton village and would there be any funding for the damaged Peasenhall sign? SB replied that there are limited funds of £3k to repair/replace these signs but he will put Peasenhall on the list. BR then asked SB about the repair of the damage done by a vehicle at the bottom of Bruisyard Road. This involves an extra cost for SCC but SB will speak to Suffolk Highways. Finally BR mentioned Footpath 17 opposite the old school which has been closed for 6 months and is now closed again for an extended period. SB will speak to ESC about this situation but DC Ewart may have better contacts at ESC for this problem.

### **2024/083 Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Annual Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024 were approved as an accurate record and signed by acting-chair Cllr Rowing.

**2024/084**

**To receive progress reports for information**

- a) A second draft of the Emergency Plan had been circulated by Sam Bryant before his official resignation as a councillor. Cllr Rowing is hoping that Mr Oliver Charles (who it is hoped will be co-opted as a PPC councillor at the October meeting) will get involved with finalising the Plan and attend a meeting at the Hub in Huntingfield on 8<sup>th</sup> October for further information. If the Assembly Room is to be used as an emergency centre, the chairman of the AR committee will need to agree.
- b) Litter Bin - Cllr Horlock has no further information at this stage. Move to the next meeting agenda.
- c) The PPC Nuisance Issues Policy, having been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting, was approved unanimously and will now be posted on the PPC website.
- d) The brickwork debris in the River Yox, as reported to them by Cllr Rowing, has been cleared by the EA and they will return at a later date to clear remaining weeds and obstructions.
- e) The defibrillator is now in working order and the new pads should last for a couple of years. It is advisable to keep a spare set on hand. The Asset Register will need to be reviewed in view of these latest purchases. As well as being the PPC Tree Warden and responsible for the defibrillator, Cllr Benstead agreed to be the new PPC SALC representative. The clerk will find out what this involves.

**2024/085**

**Finance and Governance**

- a) The current financial position was agreed
- b) The mandate change form is finalised and will be posted to Barclays
- c) The payments as listed on the agenda were approved for payment.

It was agreed to review and update all PPC website information.

**2024/086**

**Planning – DC/24/2920/FUL – Construction of 2 custom-built dwellings Mill Road**

PPC are neither in favour of nor against this application and will register a neutral comment on the ESC portal. Cllr Greenwood will register his objections privately.

**DC/24/2435/FUL – Construction of a rear porch Swan Gallop, The Street**

PPC supports this application. This comment will be registered on the ESC portal.

**2024/087**

**Mabel's Walk/Allotments**

Cllr Horlock thanked Cllr Rowing for submitting the application to the SZC Community Fund, which is for match funding the amounts already set aside in the PPC budget for allotments and the play area. Nothing has been heard back yet and we hope to hear within a few weeks whether the application has been successful or not. On 6<sup>th</sup> September Cllr Rowing emailed a reply to Lorraine Francis, the ESC officer who is working within the S106 agreement to resolve the situation for all parties, in respect of the Revision 5 draft management plan revision put forward by the developer. Further updates are awaited.

**2024/023**

## 2024/088 Village Issues

a) Traffic - Cllr Sam Seddon attended the latest SZC Northern Transport Forum in August. He is heavily involved with this on behalf of PPC and will hopefully provide a report at the October meeting. The traffic surveys as requested have been set up. The one in Hackney Road is possibly there to monitor traffic for a change in road classification or even to do with Sizewell C traffic. The survey on Long Lane may well be outside the Peasehall boundary. The clerk has emailed Wayne Saunders asking him to arrange to move it. Cllr Horlock said the Speedwatch survey paperwork is now done, it has taken some time but training will be arranged. It was agreed to leave the SID where it is as the data from it is important. A village resident has suggested that if PPC are unable to get the speed limit reduced on Rendham Road then a flashing warning sign could be installed instead.

DC Julia Ewart arrived at the meeting at this point and spoke about some of the main points in her latest report. She will try and arrange for some police support to deter speeding in the village. Regarding possible future local flooding, a "Z" folder is to be supplied for villages containing useful contact information. ESC has CIL money available for any applications for a new capital project or play equipment. Local residents will be affected by the changes in the winter fuel allowance so the Warm Welcome Scheme will be important. Unfortunately, when this scheme was tried in Peasehall Assembly Hall previously no-one came. Cllr Horlock will contact Sam Kenward at ESC about this as there may be some funds available for running costs at the Village Hall. This will be on the next meeting agenda.

*The meeting was suspended at 8.10 pm while DC Ewart spoke to councillors about a confidential matter. The meeting resumed at 8.20 pm.*

b) Proposed new hub with sports facilities at Hubbards Hill - This item was put on the agenda at the request of Sibton PC. It is not a new idea but was mentioned in a joint village appraisal in 2005 and would not be in competition with the Assembly Hall as it would be completely different. Full details have not been agreed as yet. There will be a committee to discuss ideas and further updates will follow. It was felt it could be a good thing to have another village meeting place with different sports facilities.

## 2024/089 Correspondence

- a) The clerk will provide more information at the next meeting.
- b) After some discussion it was agreed unanimously to give a £300 donation to Citizens Advice ES.
- c) Further agenda items:
- Cllr Horlock agreed to attend the next SZC Community Forum on October 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Tour of Britain event on September 8<sup>th</sup> was very enjoyable and successful. Cllr Horlock was asked to extend thanks to Mrs Collins, Assembly Hall Committee chair and all the helpers involved.
  - The First Aid course on September 7<sup>th</sup> was a very good day with a mix of people from all sectors represented. There may be another course at the Hall in the future.
  - The Lions Club recommendation for a "message in a bottle" which is kept in the fridge and contains vital medical and important information was discussed and it was decided to order 20 of them for village use at a cost of just £5.95. A donation of £25 was suggested and will be discussed at the next meeting.
  - Eleven people came to the litter pick held on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Six bags of rubbish were collected. It is hoped to arrange another one in Spring 2025.

- Cllr Rowing had received a letter about Rose Harsent and the Peasehall murder. As there is no Peasehall recorder or historian currently, he will keep the letter for now.
- An email had been received by the Chairman and the clerk from Ben Woolnough, Head of Planning at ESC, giving an update on Valley Farm planning issues. The clerk will circulate the email to councillors for their information.

**2024/090      Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as being on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024** at 7 pm in the Assembly Hall.

The meeting closed at 20.55 hours.

Carol Hume

Parish Clerk/RFO

Minutes signed as correct:

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