

PEASENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Peasenhall Parish Council meeting
held at the Methodist Church Room on Wednesday 20th March 2024

2024/023 Attendance and apologies

Attendees:

Cllr. Barry Rowing (Chairman)
Cllr. Jane Collins
Cllr. Zoe Horlock
Cllr. Sam Seddon
Cllr. Gary Greenwood
Cllr. Roger Benstead
Cllr. Sam Bryant

Apologies for absence:

County Cllr Stephen Burroughes

In attendance:

Carol Hume - Parish Clerk
District Councillor Julia Ewart
2 members of the public

2024/024 Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations

None were received.

2024/025 Public Forum

a) A resident thanked the chairman for trying to clear the sand on Hackney Road which now needs to be swept. She also complained about the potholes in the A1120 saying as it is an "A" road these should be dealt with. Cllr Horlock said that the best way is to plot potholes on the SCC highways website and if she was unable to do that herself then phone ESC who will do it for her. The same resident asked if there is any information about the old school. Cllr Rowing said that it is owned by Suffolk CC and they would know of any planning applications that may be going ahead. That is when the Parish Council would know of any planned development on the site.

b) The District Councillor's and the County Councillor's reports had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. DC Julia Ewart joined the meeting at 8.20 pm and highlighted post offices closing in many villages; funding for the Assembly Hall; village signage; Flood Procedure resident input and the importance of having a village emergency plan.

2024/026 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st February 2024 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

2024/027 Matters arising

a) The chairman said he was waiting for a job list from Cllrs Horlock and Seddon but it was agreed that the application for the Self-help Scheme can be submitted first, followed by training for the Highway Rangers who will then proceed with project details. Cllr Rowing will contact Wayne Saunders for advice before completing the application form.

b) The new position for the solar SID post will be opposite the tennis courts on Hackney Road. The chairman will contact residents living near the proposed site and then get a quote from Suffolk Highways for installation cost. The SID currently near the school will be moved to a new location.

c) The chairman will contact Mr Potter to meet him and finalise which items he still holds which are listed on the asset register.

d) The contractors have done a first grass cut at the cemetery and have made a good job avoiding daffodils and primroses. It was confirmed to a member of the public that PPC had discussed and approved the quote from the contractors at a previous meeting. Cllr Collins asked if the hedge will only be cut annually which will encourage growth and thickening which will be beneficial for birds and flowers. It was agreed to leave the arrangements for this year and to discuss again for next year at a future PPC meeting. The cemetery is a conservation area so no trees will be cut without permission. Cllrs Greenwood and Horlock thanked the chairman for the work he has done at the cemetery recently.

2024/028 Finance and Governance

a) Internal Controls still has changes to be made and so is ongoing. A list of councillor responsibilities will be drawn up after the PPC AGM.

b) The current GDPR policies were approved. An allotment policy will be added at a later date.

c) The current bank account balances were confirmed by the RFO:

Current account: £34,398.63 – receipts £50 cemetery fee

Savings account: £36,514.74

d) After some discussion a proposal from Cllr Rowing, seconded by Cllr Horlock to increase all cemetery fees by 10% (rounded-up figure) was unanimously agreed.

e) A proposal from Cllr Rowing, seconded by Cllr Collins, that any future requests for donations should be circulated to PPC for consideration when received was unanimously agreed. It was agreed not to contribute to the Lighthouse Women's Aid charity but to focus on supporting charities with local connections in future.

f) The payments as listed on the agenda were approved.

2024/029 Planning

DC/24/0342/FUL – Cllrs Rowing, Horlock and Greenwood met at the site. They would recommend that as long as mitigation hedging around the installation was provided then the application should be supported by PPC. This was proposed by Cllr Rowing, second by Cllr Greenwood and agreed unanimously.

2024/030 Mabel's Walk/Allotments/Play Area

Soil testing on site has been provided by the developer to a greater depth so Condition 13 is now discharged. The allotment committee will discuss the results. Section 106 is still outstanding along with receipt of the management plan. A report has been prepared for any PPC legal representation once appointed. Grants may be available for the allotments and the Open Space play area.

2024/031 Village Issues

a) The clerk will email Wayne Saunders to ask whether the tubes have been ordered for speed surveys along Heveningham Long Lane and Hackney Road. The clerk will also ask Mr Saunders to confirm that rumble strips are no longer allowed to be installed. Also PPC are not willing to pay for the new signage at the entrance to the village from Yoxford as suggested by Mr Saunders in his email of 13th March.

b) The clerk will circulate the Freckenham Emergency Plan as an example of a simple plan. Councillors will discuss a plan for Peasenhall with input from Mr Moss regarding flooding. Dist. Cllr Ewart suggested it would be helpful to involve Yoxford in discussions too.

2024/032 Correspondence

a) Following a suggestion in the Assembly Hall ideas box, there is a proposal for a First Aid course to be held leading to a nationally recognised qualification. Cllr Collins said the cost of a one-day course for a maximum of 12 people would be £580 or £60 per person. As the Assembly Hall is not in a position to help financially it was suggested that PPC might be able to help with 50% of the cost. It would be good to have a WhatsApp group of qualified first-aiders eventually. Cllr Collins will look into this further and get course prices from St John's Ambulance and the British Red Cross. This will be included on the next agenda.

b) The next Community Partnership meeting will be held at Huntingfield Hub on 25th April.

Following her resignation as a Parish Councillor after the last PPC meeting, the chairman formerly thanked Stephanie Liston for her time and support whilst serving on Peasenhall Parish Council.

2024/033 Date of the next meeting - The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 17th April 2024 at 7 pm in the Assembly Room.

The meeting closed at 21.00 hours.

Carol Hume

Parish Clerk/RFO

Minutes signed as correct:

Date:

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