

PEASENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Peasenhall Parish Council meeting
held at the Methodist Church Room on Wednesday 21st February 2024

2024/013 Attendance and apologies

Attendees:

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

Apologies for absence:

Cllr. Sam Bryant
County Cllr Stephen Burroughes
Dist. Cllr Julia Ewart

In attendance:

Carol Hume - Parish Clerk
4 members of the public

2024/014 Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations

None were received.

2024/015 Public Forum

a) Two members of the public, Laurence Moss and Martyn Burnside expressed concern about alleged development plans for the wildlife area of the cemetery. They requested assurance that PPC, being the owners of the cemetery, had discussed any plans and voted on them. Cllr Rowing replied that there are no plans for development in the cemetery. The specification for this year's grass-cutting in the cemetery has already been discussed and agreed by PPC and a grass-cutting contract with East Suffolk Services has been signed. It was felt that a compromise is needed regarding concerns over some areas highlighted for cutting. Cllr Rowing encouraged all councillors to visit the cemetery to familiarise themselves with these areas so that discussions can take place at the next meeting when the cemetery will be on the agenda.

b) The District Councillor's and the County Councillor's reports had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

2024/016 Minutes

a) The minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2023 were signed by Cllr Liston. The minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2024 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Rowing.

b) Cllr Horlock has sent pictures of the damaged road sign at the entrance of the village to County Cllr Burroughes. He said there is only a little funding available but there may be some other help available. The hedge near the sign has now been cut. A resident has reported there is debris in the Gull following the recent floods. The clerk will contact the Environment Agency later in the year when it is drier for work to be requested. The Sibton Road SID worked for a week but now needs to be mended and moved to a site outside Weavers Tea Rooms. Nothing has been heard about the speed survey which was to be done outside the Assembly Hall. Cllr Rowing attended the Sizewell C Northern Transport meeting held recently at Darsham Village Hall. Peasenhall doesn't meet the criteria for mitigation measures at present, but future traffic survey details may well prove useful for this. The planned village litter pick will be on Saturday 9th March 2024. There had been no reply from Duncan Haydon to the request from PPC for permission to arrange their own independent soil test to a total depth of 600mm of the proposed allotment land. The clerk will write to Mr Haydon in her official capacity and ask for his permission again. The clerk will also research an Emergency Plan for Peasenhall which will be included on a future agenda for discussion.

2024/017 Finance and Governance

- a) Carol Hume (RFO) confirmed the current account balances:
Current Account: £34,970.37 – Receipts: Cemetery fees £950
Savings Account: £36,514.74
- b) Q3 Bank Reconciliation was approved.
- c) Q3 Budget v Actual figures were approved.
- d) The Suffolk Local Code of Conduct was reviewed. Cllr Rowing stressed that councillors should complete their full address including street names on the Registry of Interests.
- e) Cemetery fees will be reviewed at the next meeting after comparison with other parish fees.
- f) The updated Risk Assessment was approved. It was agreed not to include the defibrillator as it belongs to the EAAA.
- g) The updated Asset Register was agreed after some items were removed or listed as being kept at a different location. Mr F Potter will be contacted as some items on the register are listed as being kept at his address and this needs to be clarified.
- h) As no formal request has been received for a donation to the Playing Fields this item was postponed.
- i) The payments as listed on the agenda were approved.

2024/018 Planning

DC/24/0271/FUL – Following some discussions it was agreed that the clerk should comment on the Public Access area of East Suffolk website that the PPC is “neutral” with certain reservations regarding road access and visibility. This is preferable to simply making a “no comment” response.

2024/019 Mabel’s Walk/Allotments/Play Area

Cllr Rowing has been in touch with Lorraine Francis of East Suffolk Council. She said following communications with Mr Haydon that PPC should soon be receiving information regarding the management plan.

Cllr Greenwood said it would be better to wait for the management plan before obtaining further play area quotes. Cllr Rowing had received a brochure for a climbing wall, and he will consult the original management plan for detail about land ownership transfer.

2024/020 Village Issues

- a) Cllrs Horlock, Seddon and Rowing will arrange to meet and decide on the new location for posts for the SID. They will also download the instructions for the SID and go through them.

The Community Self-help Scheme, as suggested by Wayne Saunders of Suffolk Highways, is when SCC allow volunteers to complete works adjacent to highways in the village. Cllrs Horlock and Seddon will train as “Highway Rangers” when Cllr Rowing has completed the application form. The clerk will check insurance is provided under the PPC policy. All councillors were in favour of going ahead with this scheme.
- b) The clerk will contact Katy Hampshire to withdraw the application for Plug in Suffolk made by PPC and give full support to an application made by the Assembly Hall committee.
- c) Cllr Rowing proposed Beth Benstead for the vacancy on the Peasenhall United Charity. This was seconded by Cllr Collins and agreed unanimously.

2024/021 Correspondence

a) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Collins outlined what is needed to create a plan. She had attended a meeting in November 2023 at High Lodge, Darsham where representatives from other villages/towns who have created a plan described what was involved. It was felt that it is a massive task and would need lots of work which could take years to complete. Cllr Rowing felt that at present Peasehall doesn't have the resources to create a plan and we will simply have to refer to the existing Local Plan; the Play Area and Allotments are already in hand.

b) The next Sizewell C Transport Forum will be held in May and then in August. Cllr Horlock said she will attend the May meeting. If nobody else is available to go the clerk will attend the August meeting.

2024/022 Date of the next meeting - The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 7 pm in the Methodist Church Rooms.

The meeting closed at 21.05 hours.

Carol Hume

Parish Clerk/RFO

Minutes signed as correct:

Date:

