**PEASENHALL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Peasenhall Parish Council meeting
held at Peasenhall Assembly Hall on Monday 17th October 2022

**2022/84 Attendance and Apologies**

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| **Attendees:**Cllr. Frank Potter – Vice-ChairCllr. Barry RowingCllr Roger BensteadCllr Zoe Horlock | **Apologies for absence:**Cllr. Steve PewseyCllr Stephanie ListonCllr Ric EarleCllr Nick Levett-Scrivener**In attendance:**Lisa Eveleigh - Parish Clerk3 members of the public |

**2022/85 Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations**

Cllrs Rowing declared a non-pecuniary in agenda item 5b. It was noted that this did not preclude him from taking part in debate or voting on the subject of the allotments.

**2022/86 Public Forum**

One member of the public wished to speak on the subject of the speed limit on Rendham Road. The Chair agreed that he would suspend the meeting immediately before this agenda item to enable the member of the public to speak then.

**2022/87 Minutes of Previous Meetings**

a) The minutes of the meeting held on 27th July 2022 were approved without comment.

b) Cllr Rowing requested a change to 2022/79 part b) from the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 31st August 2022. The Council approved the minutes, subject to this change, with the exact wording to be provided by Cllr Rowing after the meeting.

c) The draft Terms of Reference for the Allotment Sub-Committee had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Councillors noted that the draft incorporated the comments which had previously been made by Cllr Potter. The Terms of Reference were unanimously approved by the Council and it was noted that the Sub Committee had the Councils full authority to negotiate with the Mabels Walk developers on the subject of the proposed allotments.

**2022/88 Finance and Governance**

a) The financial position was noted as follows:

Balances
Current Account - £28,807.88
Savings Account - £33,150.93

 Receipts: A payment of £5978.69 for the balance of the 2022/23 Precept and payments of £250 for cemetery fees.

b) The bank reconciliations for Q1 and Q2 2022 were approved.

c) The expenses over £100 for the year to the end of March 2022 were noted.

d) The Internal Audit report for 2020/21 was reviewed. The auditors recommendations were noted.

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e) It was noted that a sum of money would be reimbursed to the Council from the Positive Peasenhall lottery funds in respect of the Jubilee party held as part of the Festival of Suffolk. The Clerk will produce a proposal for these funds and present it to the Positive Peasenhall committee.

f) 6 payments listed on the agenda were authorised, and also a payment of £20.00 to Peasenhall Assembly Hall for hire of the hall for the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 31st August 2022.

**2022/89 Planning**

a) It was noted that applications DC/22/2262/LBC and DC/22/3144/TCA had been circulated outside the July meeting and no objections were received from Councillors.

b) There were no objections to application DC/22/3378/DRC which covers the clearance of conditions from the Mabels Walk development and some other minor changes.

**2022/90 Highways**

a) It was noted that Halesworth Mens’ Shed had been commissioned to produce a new parish notice board with the cost likely to be in the region of £500.

b) Cllr. Potter suspended to meeting at this point to allow a member of the public to speak. Contrary to the view of Highways Department he had evidence of traffic accidents on the Rendham Road, including from newspaper reports. He was also able to demonstrate that the current 30 mph signs and the blue pre-warning sign do not comply with the guidance in the Department for Transport Traffic Sign Manual.

c) Cllr. Potter reconvened the meeting. It was noted that an e-mail had been received from Highways stating that they did not intend to take any action on the Rendham Road speed limit based on the data from the traffic survey. It was agreed that the member of the public who had just spoken would provide his package of information, including photos, to the Clerk who would produce a report to be sent to Highways to request that they reconsider their stance based on the inappropriate siting of the current 30 mph signs.

d) A member of the public had suggested that Highways be contacted to request the installation of mirrors at the Emmetts junction in the light of the two recent accidents at this location. Councillors did not believe that Highways ever installed mirrors on roads, but asked the Clerk to contact Highways proposing that the junction should be changed from Give Way to Stop.

**2022/91 Environmental Resilience**

Councillors agreed that this item should be moved to the November meeting.

**2022/92 Christmas Tree**

Councillors agreed that the Parish Council should again fund the provision of a village Christmas tree. The agreed expenditure up to £300 to cover the tree, new lights and electricity expenses.

**2022/93 Positive Peasenhall**

There was a discussion on the potential provision of warm spaces for resident from the Positive Peasenhall grant. It was proposed that the Positive Peasenhall Committee could provide a regular progress report to the Parish Council. Cllr. Potter agreed to discuss this with the Committee chair.

**2022/94 Correspondence**

The only notable correspondence was a request from a resident for speed bumps in the road at Emmetts Junction. Councillors did not believe that speed bumps at this location would be appropriate and noted the discussion on this junction earlier in the meeting.

**2022/26**

**2022/95 Date of Next Meeting**

a) Councillors agreed that ordinary meetings for the rest of 2022 would be held on Wednesdays. The Clerk suggested that 2023 meetings may be better in the second week of the month, rather than the third week as was presently the case. The Clerk was asked to bring a list of proposed 2023 meeting dates to the November meeting for agreement.

b) The Clerk notified Councillors that it may be necessary to hold an extraordinary meeting in December based on the number of pressing issues to be resolved. This would be discussed at the November meeting.

c) The next meeting was agreed as Wednesday 16th November 2022.

The meeting closed at 20:15hrs.

Cllr Frank Potter/Lisa Eveleigh

**2022/27**