

## PEASENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Peasehall Parish Council meeting  
held at Peasehall Assembly Hall on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### 2022/96 Attendance and Apologies

#### Attendees:

Cllr. Steve Pewsey - Chair  
Cllr. Frank Potter - Vice-Chair  
Cllr. Stephanie Liston  
Cllr. Nick Levett-Scrivener  
Cllr. Roger Benstead  
Cllr. Zoe Horlock

#### Apologies for absence:

Cllr. Ric Earle  
Cllr. Barry Rowing  
Cllr. Stephen Burroughes

#### In attendance:

Lisa Eveleigh - Parish Clerk  
2 members of the public

### 2022/97 Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations

Cllr Levett-Scrivener declared an interest in items 7, 8c and 12 of the agenda

### 2022/98 Public Forum

- a) As a member of the public, Cllr Levett-Scrivener wondered whether the Parish Council might consider giving village pensioners a joint, a chicken or a ham in response to the cost of living crisis. Cllr Pewsey responded that Peasehall United Charities were giving a Christmas lunch for 35 pensioners known to them on 16<sup>th</sup> December. Others could be identified from the electoral register and Cllr Liston commented that it might be nice to do something of the sort.
- b) The Clerk read out the sections of interest from Cllr Burroughes' two reports

### 2022/99 Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a) The minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022 were approved without comment.
- b) There were no matters arising.

### 2022/100 Finance and Governance

- a) Council approved the Standing Orders
- b) The Council approved the Financial Regulations
- c) The 2021/2022 Internal Audit was approved and comments noted. Cllr Pewsey added that he has seen correspondence which reveal that the dog-litter bins in the village should be added to the Asset Register
- d) Council approved the appointment as SALC as Internal Auditor for 2022/2023
- e) The financial position was noted as follows:

#### Balances:

Current Account - £29,271.60  
Savings Account - £33,150.93

Receipts: a CIL payment of £4851.95

- f) 9 payments listed on the agenda were authorised

## **2022/101 Planning**

- a) The Clerk reported that she had emailed Rob Hancock at Suffolk County Council to enquire about progress on the proposed development of the Old School site but that he had not so far replied
- b) Carter Jonas had contacted the Clerk concerning land behind the Assembly Hall on behalf of the owners suggesting the site might be suitable for affordable housing. After discussion about the chances of affordable housing being of any practical use in an area where there are few job opportunities, it was agreed that the Clerk would ask Carter Jonas to define which parcel of land they are referring to and ask them to attend a future meeting.

## **2022/102 Mabel's Walk/Allotments**

Cllr Rowing and Cllr Earle both sent apologies and Cllr Earle has resigned from the Allotment Sub-Committee since the last meeting. Cllr Pewsey stated that negotiations on this cannot be much longer delayed and a way forward must be found. Cllr Horlock reported that although the committee had visited the site since the last Parish Council meeting, the foreman was not present. Cllr Pewsey reported that he has received two requests for allotment plots which Cllr Horlock said should be passed to Cllr Rowing. She also reported that some applicants would be happy with a half-plot. It was agreed that further attempts should be made to contact Mr Duncan Haydon of Seamans.

## **2022/103 Highways**

- a) Parish Noticeboard. Cllr Horlock reported that a new board is now being made and will mirror the existing one except that the glass will be replaced by Perspex with insulation
- b) (i) The Clerk reported that she had sent Suffolk Highways a detailed rebuttal of their verdict on the Rendham Road speed/ 30 mph signage issue with photographs and references from a member of the public.  
  
(ii) Cllr Potter and the Clerk outlined a separate but related issue at Emmett's Corner, which has also been reported to Suffolk Highways. Visibility and signage at the junction is poor. The Clerk has taken action on this at the request of two residents following the last meeting.
- c) The Street Improvement scheme. The Clerk provided Cllr Levett-Scrivener with a copy of a map of the area and it was agreed to defer further discussion of this until measurements have been taken.

## **2022/104 Environmental Resilience**

Cllr Pewsey welcomed the general tenor of the draft Resilience Report circulated last year, but commented that it frequently referred to matters beyond the control of the Parish Council ie the energy crisis, and the climate crisis, and for that reason he had tabled a revised, shortened and updated version of the report. Cllr Benstead agreed that parish councils were limited in the scope of their responses to the omnicrisis. Cllr Pewsey noted that the draft report also failed to mention the cost-of-living crisis, but this was an area where parish councils could take practical action. Cllr Horlock and Cllr Pewsey discussed ways of identifying vulnerable people in the village. Cllr Pewsey commended the adoption and promulgation of the revised version of the Report, which was agreed.

## **2022/105 Positive Peasenhall**

- a) The Clerk, Cllr Pewsey and Cllr Horlock outlined the activities of Positive Peasenhall to date, though some events had not yet taken place ie Art Group on December 14<sup>th</sup> and Bingo.
- b) Cllr Potter proposed that the Council agree to authorise expenditure on Positive Peasenhall events in between meetings and this was unanimously agreed

**2022/106 Christmas Tree Light Switch-On**

Having agreed at the last meeting that the Parish Council should again fund the provision of a village Christmas tree up to £300 to cover the tree, new lights and electricity expenses, the Clerk undertook to liaise with Chris Norrington and Sara Benstead of Weaver's, and to arrange flyers, and Cllr Pewsey said he would arrange music.

**2022/107 Coronation May 2023**

Cllr Levett-Scrivener kindly gave permission for the use of The Causeway for a Coronation celebration on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Cllr Potter proposed that Positive Peasehall organise the event, seconded by Cllr Pewsey, who noted that a budget equivalent to the amount that the lottery grant refunded the Parish Council should be allocated to this.

**2022/108 Correspondence**

The Clerk reported that Yoxford Youth Club have invited Peasehall teenagers to join their youth club and that she will promote this locally.

**2022/109 Meeting Dates**

It was agreed that meetings in 2023 would take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month and therefore the date of the next meeting is **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7pm**

The meeting closed at 20:25hrs.

Lisa Eveleigh

