

PEASENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Peasenhall Parish Council meeting
held at Peasenhall Assembly Hall on Wednesday 19th April 2023

2023/37 Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

Cllr. Frank Potter Vice-Chairman
Cllr. Nick Levett-Scrivener
Cllr. Roger Benstead
Cllr. Zoe Horlock
Cllr. Barry Rowing
Cllr Stephanie Liston

No apologies for absence

In attendance:

Lisa Eveleigh - Parish Clerk
6 members of the public

2023/38 Preamble

- a) Cllr Potter chaired the meeting following the resignation of Chairman Cllr Steve Pewsey in April.
- b) Cllr Rowing notified Cllr Potter that he would be recording the meeting.

2023/39 Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations

Cllr Levett-Scrivener declared an interest in item 8.

2023/40 Public Forum

- a) A member of the public expressed concern about the promised provision by the developers Seamans of a play area on the Causeway development and that purchasers of the houses might object to it, causing great disappointment to the village.

Cllr Potter replied that under the Management Plan this open space can't be used for anything else for 12 months from completion of the development, and this should be a simple transaction in which the land is conveyed to the Parish Council.

Another member of the public asked if purchasers will be aware that a play area has been promised and Cllr Potter replies that the plans are public knowledge.

- b) Cllr Horlock commented that their may be families with children moving to Mabel's Walk who would welcome a play area.
- c) A member of the public commented that the railings on the Gull are in poor repair and need repainting. These are not owned by the Parish Council but it might be possible to arrange for the work to be carried about by the Community Payback initiati as previously.

2023/41 Minutes of Previous Meeting

After some discussion and a request from Cllr Rowing for an amendment to a typo in 2023/26 the minutes of the meeting held on 15th March 2023 were approved.

2023/42 Finance and Governance

- a) The Council authorised the Clerk to prepare the Annual Governance and Accountability Return.
- b) The previously circulated Quarter 4 bank reconciliation was approved.

- c) The Clerk reported on the current financial situation:
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| Community Account: | £30,221.76 |
| Savings Account: | £36,215.38 |
- e) Four payments listed on the agenda were approved

2023/43 Planning

There were no recent planning applications

2023/44 Elections

- a) Cllr Potter expressed his regret that Cllr Steve Pewsey had resigned and asked the Clerk to contact him to express thanks for his tremendous service to the Parish Council
- b) Cllr Levett-Scrivener was also standing down as a Councillor after 12 years, and a vote of thanks was unanimously approved
- c) Though nomination papers for Councillors had already been submitted and Declarations of Acceptance circulated, Cllr Liston was in touch with a local businessman who had expressed interested in being co-opted following the 4th May elections and Mr Sam Seddon was considering co-option.

2023/45 Mabel's Walk/Allotments

Cllr Rowing reported that earlier in the day, the Allotment Sub-Committee had held their first public meeting and that six members of the public had attended. This and future meetings would be recorded on the website and Parish Noticeboard,

Cllr Rowing asked if the Committee could now contact East Suffolk Council's Section 106 department to try and progress matters regarding the service charge, and other outstanding matters relating to the provision of allotments.

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Birketts, the solicitor recommended by SALC to appoint them as solicitor for the conveyancing and that the Committee would write to ESC.

Action: Clerk to contact Birketts

Action: Cllr Rowing to contact ESC (actioned)

2023/46 Highways

- a) Rendham Road speed issues/signage. This is still unresolved following the second refusal by Suffolk Highways to reconsider the results of the two traffic surveys. White gates may not be a solution since the verge on Rendham Hill is both narrow and has a ditch.

Action: Clerk to arrange a visit from Wayne Saunders of Suffolk Highways

- b) Cllr Horlock asked if a decision could be made on purchasing a new SID from Westcotec. It was suggested that a budget of up to £4000 could be made available and this was approved.

2023/47 Positive Peasenhall

- a) The sponsored bingo sessions were extremely popular and well-attended
- b) The photography workshop and exhibition were also a success

- c) As a result of the Rural Coffee Caravan's visit, it might be possible to use the budget set for transport for the elderly to purchase taxi-vouchers

Action: Clerk to look into taxi vouchers

2023/2048 Coronation Day Event

The Parish Council have allocated £500 for this event at the Assembly Hall, from 10.30 to 2.30 pm. Cllr Horlock reported that lunch and a live-streaming of the Coronation would be provided. Tickets costing £3 ckets were on sale in the village.

2023/2049 Guest Speaker – Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed to approach Mr Peter Hamilton-Dyer to be the guest speaker at the Annual Parish Meeting

2023/2050 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the Annual Parish Meeting and the next Parish Council Meeting is **Wednesday 17th May** from 6.45pm in the Assembly Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Lisa Eveleigh

Parish Clerk

11th May 2023