

PEASENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Peasehall Parish Council meeting
held at Peasehall Assembly Hall on Wednesday 22nd June 2022

2022/56

Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

Cllr. Steve Pewsey - Chair
Cllr. Frank Potter – Vice-Chair
Cllr. Barry Rowing
Cllr Stephanie Liston

Apologies for absence:

Cllr Stephen Burroughes
Cllr Roger Benstead
Cllr Ric Earle
Cllr Zoe Horlock
Cllr Nick Levett-Scrivener

In attendance:

Lisa Eveleigh, Parish Clerk
3 members of the public

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Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations

2022/58

Public Forum

a) (i) Members of the public commented that the Platinum Jubilee Street party on June 3rd was much appreciated by all who attended. Cllr Pewsey praised the efforts of the team of villagers who had come together to organise the day. Cllr Rowing reported that the Chairman of Walpole Parish Council had attended and was impressed by the event. It had been suggested that this might become an annual event, but as Cllr Pewsey pointed out, the Assembly Hall were to hold a Village Party on 9th July and might do so annually. Interest had also been expressed in reviving the Pea Festival but the consensus was that this had required a colossal effort. Cllr Pewsey wondered if something might be jointly organised with Sibton, possibly at Sibton Abbey with the permission of Cllr Levett-Scrivener

(ii) A member of the public drew the Council's attention to complaints on Facebook about the overgrown hedges on Hackney Road and Cllr Pewsey replied that this would be dealt with.

b) The reports from County and District Councillor Stephen Burroughes were noted

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Minutes

The Council approved as accurate the minutes of the meeting held on 25th May 2022

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Finance and Governance

a) The financial position was as follows:

Balances

Current Account - £15,762.88

Savings- £33,140.77

b) CIL payments of £1716.80 and £2342.55 from Seaman's had been received.

c) Bottles of Pimms to the value of £128.00 were left over from the Platinum Jubilee Party. After some discussion it was unanimously decided to donate these to the Assembly Hall

d) 11 payments were approved

2022/17

- e) Cllr Potter said he believed that the 2020/2021 audit had not been received from SALC. The Clerk has already requested this

2022/61 Planning

- a) DC/22/1398/FUL – The Cottage, Hackney Road. There were no objections.
- b) DC/22/1848/LBC – Swan Gallop, The Street. There were no objections.
- c) DC/16/3514/FUL and DC/21/4795/DRC Mabel's Walk/Play Area. The Chair and Clerk updated the Council on funding available for play equipment. The Clerk suggested that we commission a survey to establish what the village would like to see. The Clerk has the application form for the project and intends to consult a villager with expertise in fund-raising for assistance with its completion. Cllr Liston asked if funding would cover special surfacing and Cllr Pewsey replied that only three companies provide this, one of whom is Wickstead. The funding will have to cover a maintenance contract and an annual inspection. A member of the public said it was more likely to be a monthly inspection. Cllr Rowing objected to the term 'community spaces' when referring to the allotments and commented that he didn't want funding to be diverted from the proposed allotments but Cllr Pewsey said that would not be the case as amount available is ringfenced for play areas
- d) A member of the public reported that there was interest in burying a time capsule in the Mabel's Walk play area, containing items related to the Platinum Jubilee and subsequently retrieving those buried on the Old School site. There was general support for this initiative.

ACTION: Clerk to source a water-proof/moth-proof and slug-proof time capsule

2022/62 Highways

- a) The Street improvement scheme. The Clerk had been tasked with obtaining two further quotes in addition to the one already received. Cllr Rowing said that a plan should be drawn up before going further and Cllr Liston echoed this, adding that it would not be possible to consider the quotations without sight on a plan. Cllr Potter said it would be good to see progress on this.
- b) Broken bridge – The Causeway. This was first reported to Highways in March 2021 and has been frequently complained about since by both the Council and members of the public. The cost of taking photographs of the damage may have exceeded the cost of repairs. Cllr Liston asked if we could arrange a repair and claim the cost back from Highways. Previously discussed options included mounting a weight-limit sign for the bridge, as residents are concerned about it being closed altogether. Another option would be to ask Highways to replace the Seamans temporary bridge with a permanent one, but this would be extremely costly and there is no one to pay for it. Cllr Potter suggested that we focus efforts on getting the bridge repaired. Cllr Pewsey suggested consulting the Causeway residents on their preferences.
- c) Parish Noticeboards. Cllr Pewsey wishes to replace the wooden one by Salter & King with a like-for-like wooden one. Suggestions for local craftsmen were requested. A member of the public suggested Men in Sheds, based in Halesworth, and the Clerk has a contact in Kelsale.

ACTION; Clerk to place an ad seeking craftsmen on Nextdoor Peasenhall

- d) Speedwatch - Cllr Potter reported that he has located the Hi-Vis jackets and the lap-top needed to access previous records. It was unanimously agreed to investigate a solar-powered Speed Indicator sign. Cllr Pewsey suggested that ordering three or four might attract a discount and there are 5 posts with mounting for SID devices.
- e) Rendham Road speed issues - The Clerk reported that two speed surveys had been carried out and the results would be known by the July meeting. A village speed sign could be ordered when the best place to site it has been established

f) Grit Bin – Bruisyard Road. It was unanimously agreed to apply for a grit bin to be sited on Bruisyard Road in time for winter. Cllr Pewsey told the back-story of the two grit bins in Mill Road and said that if two people with spades and wellington could help, the yellow bin could be re-sited and the green bin relocated

2022/63 Platinum Jubilee

a) Cllr Pewsey thanked everyone, including the individual Councillors who helped to make the day a success, saying that we wanted a day to remember and that's what we achieved.

b) Accounts – the Parish Council had earmarked a budget of £3000 for and although there are a couple more payments to make it looks as if the even cost £2600.

2022/64 Environmental Resilience

a) Innovative Resilience Fund – Reclaim the Rain. The Clerk reported that Peasenhall was not one of the 6 Suffolk villages selected for funding out of 37 applications but that our submission will be stored and passed onto our county council Flood and Water Management Team, the Environment Agency and Anglian Water as potential future project ideas

b) The Queen's Green Canopy – the Clerk reported that we can order trees and hedges for delivery in November.

2022/65 Cemetery

The cemetery grass-cutting contract was discussed. Cllr Pewsey said the current agreement provides for three annual cuts in February, May and September, down from four. The area at the Bruisyard Road end is unconsecrated ground and has only been cut once a year, which has concerned some families. Cllr Pewsey proposed extending the scope of the cut to include this area thrice-annually and Cllr Rowing seconded this. Cllr Pewsey also commented that the issue of cemetery maintenance divides opinions; some relatives would like a close-cut, 'bowling green' appearance whilst others support a wilder appearance. A median course has been adopted, not hugely successfully.

Meeting Suspended

A member of the public queried the meaning of 'bowling green' wondering if this is desirable. Cllr Pewsey replied that that is simply some people's preference, but because some relatives are cutting the grass around graves themselves, an imbalanced overall look has developed.

Meeting Resumed

2022/66 Correspondence

The clerk had received a message from a resident of The Causeway reporting a damaged drainpipe (leading into the Gull) which had damaged the tyres of two cars.

ACTION: Clerk to report this to Cllr Levett-Scrivener

2022/67 Date of Next Meeting

After discussion, it was agreed that from September, the monthly meetings would take place on Mondays rather than Wednesdays, making it possible for more Councillors to attend. There is no meeting in August, therefore the next meeting will be on **Wednesday 27th July at 7.00pm**

The meeting closed at 8.48 pm

Lisa Eveleigh, Parish Clerk