

## PEASENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Peasenhall Parish Council meeting  
held at Peasenhall Assembly Hall on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023

### 2023/74 Attendance and Apologies

#### Attendees:

Cllr. Frank Potter- Vice Chair  
Cllr. Roger Benstead  
Cllr. Zoe Horlock  
Cllr. Barry Rowing  
Cllr. Gary Greenwood  
Cllr. Sam Seddon  
Cllr. Stephanie Liston

#### Apologies for absence:

Cllr. Jane Collins

#### In attendance:

District Cllr. Julia Ewart  
A number of members of the public

The council agreed that Cllr. Potter would act as Chair of the meeting.

### 2023/75 Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations

None.

### 2023/76 Public Forum

- a) There were no comments from the public.
- b) Cllr. Julia Ewart presented the District Councillor report. She provided a report on the recent District Council planning workshop and discussed the Community Partnership meeting to be held next week. Cllr. Horlock will attend this for the Parish Council. Cllr. Ewart also encouraged Peasenhall to join the Sizewell C Joint Parishes group.

### 2023/77 Minutes

- a) The minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023 were approved as an accurate record.
- b) Under Matters Arising Cllr. Potter reported that an application had been received for the post of Parish Clerk. The Council agreed that the candidate should be interviewed and that Cllrs. Potter, Liston and Rowing would form the interview panel. The Council also agreed that it would participate in efforts to make Kelsale and Yoxford the first net zero focused ward in the East Suffolk District Council area.

### 2023/78 Finance and Governance

- a) Cllr. Potter reported on the current financial situation:

Community Account:	£28,898.34
Savings Account:	£36,290.79
- b) The bank reconciliation report for Q1 2023/24 was approved.
- c) The payments listed on the agenda were approved, as were the following:
  - Peasenhall Assembly Hall hire for the traffic meeting £20.00
  - Notice Board sign writing £50.00

### 2023/79 Planning

There were no comments on planning application DC/23/2432/FUL.

## **2023/80 Mabel's Walk Allotments and Open Space/Play Area**

- a) Cllr Rowing presented the report from the Allotment Sub-Committee. The water supply to the allotments is not in the expected location and verification of the soil remediation has not yet been received. The planning officer has said that we should expect the developer to be in touch with a reassessment of the proposed service charge formula. The sub-committee is proposing to request funds from the Council for the initial set-up of the allotment site. The Council agreed that it would consider any such request once a costed proposal was received.
- b) The Council discussed the lack of progress with taking over the Open Space area, which we intend to use as a childrens play area. Cllrs. Seddon and Greenwood agreed to be the point of contact with the District Council. They will contact the planning officer to determine what is required to move this forward.

## **2023/81 Highways**

- a) Cllr. Horlock presented a report on the village traffic meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The meeting was well attended with 23 people present. Issues raised included speeding, particularly Heveningham Long Lane, Rendham Road and Sibton Road. It was noted that parking outside Emmetts obstructs visibility at the crossroads, the Speed Indicating Devices could be moved around the village, speed signs are obscured by hedges and that it would be better to have 40mph buffer zones before the 30mph limits. The 20's Plenty campaign was mentioned and it was noted that Cllr. Horlock already has 30 signatures on a petition to ask the Parish Council to pass a proposal to campaign for a 20mph limit in the village.
- b) Action points agreed were:
  - Seek volunteers for training on the use of the speed gun.
  - Obtain data from the highways department regarding accidents and the speed and type of traffic in the village.
  - Investigate traffic calming measures, rumble strips, speed humps, one way system at Sibton Road.
  - Change the location of the SIDs and install taller posts.
- c) Cllr. Horlock reported that the new SID was now deployed, but it's location was limited by the height of post.

## **2023/82 Notice Board**

Cllr. Horlock reported that the notice board repair had been completed and the notice board has been re-installed.

## **2023/83 Village Issues**

- a) The requirement for a new grass cutting contractor was discussed. Cllr. Potter offered to try to find the specification and the existing contract.
- b) Cllr. Potter reported that we had been approached by the Hedgehog Highways Project with an offer to purchase 50 Hedgehog Highway surrounds for £150. The Council decided not to go ahead with this on the basis that the vast majority of gardens in the village are not enclosed

## **2023/84 Correspondence**

The Council have been contacted by a resident concerned about the amount of vegetation growing in the Gull. Cllr. Potter offered to try to find the contact in the Environment Agency who would deal with this. The Council noted correspondence from a resident providing advice for coping with a heatwave. The Council have been contacted by the Parochial Church Council enquiring about the possibility of a grant towards repairs required to the church spire. The Council would be happy to consider a written request from the PCC.

**2023/73      Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7pm** in the Assembly Hall

The meeting closed at 21:00hrs.

Frank Potter

Acting Parish Clerk