

PEASENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Peasenhall Parish Council meeting
held at Peasenhall Assembly Hall on Wednesday 23rd February 2022 at 7:00 pm.

2022/14

Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

Cllr. Steve Pewsey - Chair
Cllr. Frank Potter – Vice-Chair
Cllr. Nick Levett-Scrivener
Cllr. Ric Earle
Cllr Zoe Horlock
Cllr. Roger Benstead
Cllr. Barry Rowing
Cllr. Vaughan Harber

Apologies for absence:

Cllr. Stephanie Liston
Cllr. Stephen Burroughes

In attendance:

Lisa Eveleigh, Parish Clerk
4 members of the public

2022/15 Declarations of Interest

- a) Cllr Levett-Scrivener declared an interest in items 6 b, 7b and 7d and 9b of the Agenda
- b) Cllr Earle and Cllr Rowing declared an interest in item 9 b

2022/16 Public Forum

- a) A member of the public reiterated his concern about the number of vehicles speeding on the Rendham Road, the blind corner and pedestrian safety since there is no verge. Cllr Pewsey responded that he had raised this with Suffolk Highways in March 2021 and would again request a site meeting to discuss warning signage .
- b) There were no reports from County and District Cllr. Stephen Burroughes

2022/17 Minutes

- a) After two comments, the Council approved as accurate the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2022

b) **Matters Arising**

1. Cllr Pewsey asked for it to be minuted that the padlock on the fencing on the Old School site had been smashed, which has been reported to Suffolk County Council.
2. Cllr Levett-Scrivener reported that there are 180 pupils at Sibton Nursery School
3. Cllr Pewsey reported that the yellow grit bin at the junction of Mill Hill and Mill Road has not been damaged but knocked off balance by a tractor driver churning up the ground which compacted into a ridge. It should be possible to resite it by levering it with spades
4. Cllr Horlock reported that the Sizewell C Meeting at Snape was well-attended by local villagers to hear Declan Burke, the Director of Nuclear Projects and Development. The overriding concerns expressed were about the increase in lorry traffic, estimated to be 600 a day if construction begins, forcing other vehicles into country lanes. Cllr Horlock will continue to attend future meetings and it was unanimously agreed that she will be the PPC's Sizewell C representative

2022/18 Finance and Governance

- a) The financial position was as follows:

Balances: Current Account - £10,393.23 Savings Account - £33,137.39

- b) The Suffolk Local Code of Conduct was reviewed
c) The Cemetery fees were reviewed and approved
d) The Risk Assessment document was approved
e) Cllr Pewsey suggested two amendments to the Asset register relating to the date of the War memorial and the number grit bins and Cllr Earle reported that the Speedwatch equipment section needed updating
g) The VAT reclaim was approved
h) Payments due were approved

ACTION: Clerk has updated the Asset Register

2022/19 Planning

- a) Application DC/222/0355/TCA – 2 silver birch trees to be felled, Smyth Close. No objections were received.
b) Applications DC/16/3514/FUL and DC/21/4795/DRC - Mabel's Walk/Play Area and CIL/Section 106 money for play equipment. Cllr Potter noted that an email about costs of playground equipment has been sent to the Parish Clerk since the last meeting and she confirmed this.

ACTION: Clerk to circulate playground equipment information with the next agenda

2022/20 Highways

- a) **Quiet Lanes:** The Clerk reported that she had registered for Wave 5 of the Quiet Lanes initiative. Cllr Horlock suggested that Rendham Road might form part of the scheme
b) **The Street Improvement Scheme:** Cllr Pewsey and Cllr Levett-Scrivener suggested that improvements to The Street can be done in tandem with the Causeway development
c) **Speedwatch;** Cllr Horlock said that she had ordered batteries for the Speedwatch equipment at a cost of £127.00. She asked if Cllr Potter could let her have the handheld device. Of an original 18 volunteers there are now only 8 on the team. Cllr Earle explained that data collected goes to the PPC's laptop, which the Clerk has and will see where the data is recorded. Cllr Harber offered to help with related IT issues and asked if the data is needed for the PPC or the police. Cllr Potter says the data is readable and presentable and might confirm an increase in speeding.
d) Cllr Pewsey said he had reported the damaged brick bridge near Weaver's Tea Rooms to Highways which was closed on June 24th 2021 and has again reported it.

ACTION: Clerk to look for data on the laptop and bring it to the next meeting

2022/21 AGM Speaker

The Clerk had invited Cllr James Mallinder, Chair of East Suffolk Council's Environment Task Group to be the guest speaker at the AGM on May 25th but had not yet received a reply

2022/22 Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

a) Following a meeting on February 7th, Cllr Pewsey reported that it was agreed to have a street party on Friday 3rd June, possibly in Church Lane and the Churchyard, or on Weaver's Knoll, though permission for the latter would need to be sought from the Landmark Trust. Festivities to include bunting, flags, face-painting, and stalls. The Friends of St Peter's Sibton have already requested a stall. Other ideas are to have an ice-cream van, a bar in the Assembly Hall, live music, face-painting and balloon, and a local history display which could include the School Board from the Old School, and its punishment book. Reviving the Peashooting Contest for the occasion was also discussed. Joining the Festival of Suffolk was also mooted

ACTION: Clerk to research Festival of Suffolk

b) **Jubilee Garden and Allotment Proposal** Cllr Pewsey read out a summary of a proposal submitted to the Church Lands Trust for the field adjacent to Farthings in Sibton Road to be turned into allotments and a community open space. The Parish Council was asked to agree in principle that the provision of allotments in the village would be of benefit to Peasenhall residents and, subject to the Church Lands Trust approving this scheme, it would be supported by the Parish Council. The Church Land Trustees were meeting on 24th February. Cllr Earle summarised the written proposals submitted to the CLT. The plans are comprised of 12 allotments and a wildflower meadow, with a tree-planting initiative for children. The intention is to apply for a 10 year-lease at £500 a year. Cllr Rowing reported that Sibton Parish Council are very interested in the proposal.

Cllr Levett-Scrivener doubted that the CLT would offer that length of lease and that the proposal would stand more chance of acceptance if it was purely for allotments. Cllr Pewsey state that the Parish Council is not considering supporting the Jubilee Garden or tree-planting elements, which relate to Sibton.

Cllr Potter expressed doubt about involving the Council with the lease issue. Cllr Rowing stated that there is no intent to overload the Council, but to seek approval in principle. Cllr Pewsey then proposed that approval be given which was carried with one abstention.

2022/23 Environmental Resilience

Cllr Pewsey thanked Laurence Moss, Cllr Horlock and Cllr Benstead for their work on the Environmental Resilience report but felt that everything in a document produced by the Parish Council should be outcome focussed and that he would like to see it turned into a bullet point list of action points, taking into account that the Council don't have the power to tell residents what to do in their own homes and gardens. Statements that are factually incorrect should also be put right. Cllr Potter said that the document was a good start.

ACTION: Cllr Pewsey and the Clerk to work on a further draft

2022/24 Correspondence

The Clerk mentioned a letter from Kenneth Parry-Brown who wishes to stand down from organising the Poppy Appeal and asked if any Cllr would take over. Cllr Potter says this is a matter for the Royal British Legion

2022/25 Any Other Business

Cllr Rowing reported that a resident had asked if there would be a litter-picking initiative. Cllr Pewsey said that this usually takes place in April but not in 2020 or 2021. Cllr Rowing had also received complaints that there is no information on the Parish Noticeboard (currently broken) and Cllr Pewsey suggested there should be a second board in Mill Road. Cllr Pewsey commented that we do post on the Peasenhall Village Facebook page but Cllr Rowing said that non-users of Facebook are at a disadvantage. Cllr Potter said that the agenda and minutes of the meetings are on the website.

ACTION: The Clerk will put a hard copy of the Agenda on the Parish Board in a plastic folder as well as maintaining the website.

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2022/26 Date of Next Meeting

The Clerk confirmed the date and time of the next meeting of the Council which is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23rd at 7:00 pm. The meeting is to be held at Peasehall Assembly Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Lisa Eveleigh, Parish Clerk, 17th March 2022

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