

PEASENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Peasenhall Parish Council meeting
held at Peasenhall Assembly Hall on Wednesday 27th April 2022 at 7:00 pm.

2022/28

Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

Cllr. Steve Pewsey - Chair
Cllr. Frank Potter – Vice-Chair
Cllr Zoe Horlock
Cllr. Roger Benstead
Cllr. Barry Rowing

Apologies for absence:

Cllr. Vaughn Harber
Cllr. Stephen Burroughes
Cllr. Nick Levett-Scrivener
Cllr. Stephanie Liston
Cllr. Ric Earle

In attendance:

Lisa Eveleigh, Parish Clerk
3 members of the public
Rob Hancock, Suffolk County Council Planning
Sara Garcia and Joe Hall, Concertus Design

2022/29

Guest Speakers

Rob Hancock of Suffolk County Council's planning department and Joe Hall and Sara Garcia from Concertus Planning outlined pre-application plans for the Old School Site, which has been vacant since 2016, and showed copies of their preliminary plans (circulated with the minutes).

The School building itself is to be retained, renovated and developed into apartments. Only some sheds, a portakabin and outbuildings will be removed from the site. The existing right of way will be maintained and a minimum of trees will be removed during the development.

Two of the proposed new plots can be self-build, there is provision for one or more bungalows and a mix of three and four bedroom properties.

A member of the public asked if this meeting constituted a consultation and Mr Hancock replied that there will be a formal consultation in due course. For the time being, the County Council are merely seeking opinions

- a) Cllr Levett-Scrivener declared an interest in items 6b, 7b and 10 of the Agenda
- b) Cllr Liston declared an interest in item 7d
- c) Cllr Pewsey declared an interest in item 7a

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Public Forum

- a) A member of the public thanked Cllr Pewsey for arranging a site meeting in relation to item 7d (Rendham Road) .
- b) There were no comments on the reports from County and District Cllr. Stephen Burroughes

2022/31

Minutes

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

b) **Matters Arising**

The Church Land's Trust (CLT) decision to plant a wildflower meadow on Clerk's Close was noted. Cllr Rowing read out a statement summarising the allotment proposals. The PPC has since received a request from the CLT to contribute 50% of the cost of the seed.

Cllr Pewsey thanked Cllr Rowing for his hard work and expressed regret for the disappointment but stated that the wildflower meadow was good news in terms of bio-diversity, and that the CLT's decision was final. He reiterated the PPC's support for an allotment scheme in the village in principle.

Cllr Earle asked whether it would be possible to obtain free wildflower seed. Cllr Pewsey said that while free wildflower seed was available in single packets for back gardens from some charities, this was not applicable to Clerk's Close, where 20kg of seed was required. Cllr Levett-Scrivener said the intention was that the seed would be sown in April. A lively discussion ensued and Cllr Pewsey intervened to remind Cllrs of the Code of Conduct.

Cllr Horlock asked if the site would have open access. Cllr Levett-Scrivener confirmed that the pathways in the meadow would be open to all and would be maintained by the CLT. Cllr Benstead proposed agreeing to contributing 50% of the cost of the wildflower seed which was seconded by Cllr Liston and carried.

2022/32 Finance and Governance

a) The financial position was as follows:

Balances

Current Account - £9,608.86

Savings: £33,138.22

Receipts: £355.90 (VAT reclaim)

b) Four payments were authorised

c) The Council reviewed and approved the Internal Controls statement

2022/32 Planning

a) Application DC/222/0731/PNH Flat roof with parapet approx. 3500mm high and approx. 5.5 metres deep. No objections were received.

b) Application DC/16/3514/FUL and DC/21/4795/DRC - Mabel's Walk/Play Area and CIL/Section 106 money for play equipment. The Clerk reported that she had researched play equipment websites and given a brochure to a young mother to circulate

Cllr Rowing asked whether planning permission is necessary for the siting of a play area. Cllr Pewsey replied that he is seeking to find what obligations are mandatory or simply advisory and feels we may need to take legal advice. Cllr Potter asked if CIL money is due from the Causeway developers and Cllr Pewsey confirmed that it is, and referred to the East Suffolk planning website. Cllr Liston queried whether this is a legal matter, and suggested that any questions asked should be clearly defined. Cllr Potter asked whether the play area and allotment provision will be delivered. Cllr Rowing commented that these would be a considerable cost to the developer. Cllr Pewsey reported that there is an excess of naturally occurring lead in the soil which might make it unsuitable for allotments. Cllr Liston offered to advise on the legal provisions of the development

2022/33 Highways

- a) **Quiet Lanes:** The Clerk reported that she had attended a Zoom meeting and had requested help in progressing an application as the paperwork is confusing
- b) **The Street Improvement Scheme:** Cllr Levett-Scrivener outlined how the surfacing of the Street could be improved using permeable material . One quote of £8000 has been received and the Clerk will invite to other contractors to a site meeting with a view to tender. Cllr Potter queried whether a plan would be needed and Cllr Pewsey replied that if a plan is necessary, a plan will be commissioned.

ACTION: Clerk to contact contractors

- c) **Speedwatch;** The Clerk reported that she had been unable to find Speedwatch data on the Council's laptop. Cllr Earle said it was definitely there as he had viewed it with the previous Clerk.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Sharon Smith

- d) **Rendham Road Speed Issues.** Cllr Pewsey reported that he had met with a Highways Community Liaison Engineer and residents Mr Seddon and Mr Greenwood at the appropriate location to discuss the problem. The Engineer was doubtful that the existing sign could be moved outside the village 'envelope' but showed a good understanding of the issues. It was suggested that the PPC pay for a traffic survey which would cost £365 plus VAT. It is not the highways engineers that are opposed to moving the sign, but the back office. A partial solution would be to instal a village gateway with signage at a cost of approximately £800. Cllr Horlock asked if we could put the SID there. Cllr Pewsey assented, saying that we have five possible sites in the village. Cllr Liston asked if we could commission 2 surveys one by the Peasenhall Village sign and one by the 30 mph sign. Cllr Potter agreed and proposed this, seconded by Cllr Liston

ACTION: Clerk to contact Mr Sparrow and request the surveys

COMPLETED ACTION: Clerk has sourced providers of a village gateway.

2022/34 AGM Speaker

Cllr Pewsey requested suggestions and Cllr Earle suggested the Reverend Tim Rogers. This was unanimously agreed.

COMPLETED ACTION: Clerk has invited the Rector, who has accepted

2022/35 Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

- a) Cllr Pewsey thanked Cllr Levett-Scrivener for permitting the Causeway to be used for the Village Street Party on June 3rd. An informal Jubilee working group is meeting fortnightly to form plans. Residents will bring and share picnics and Salter & King are providing a hog roast, Cllr Horlock is organising bunting-making workshops and musicians are being contacted. Cllr Rowing reported that had suggested a scarecrow competition, which had been agreed.
- b) Suffolk Torch Relay – 29th May. A local 'hero' to occupy the e-rickshaw. Cllr Potter suggested leaving the nominations to the Jubilee working group.
- c) The Clerk reported that she is investigating applying for trees/hedging as part of the Queen's Green canopy
- d) Cllr Pewsey reported that resident Samantha Hyde is making a bid for £10,000 of lottery funding in connection with the Platinum Jubilee and proposed that the Parish Council/Clerk be the responsible body for administering any funds, which can be used for ongoing projects ie filling in the pot-holes in the Assembly

Hall car-park. This was unanimously agreed.

2022/36 Church Lands Trust

Cllr Pewsey thanked Peter Dance (in absentia) for acting as the Parish Council representative on the CLT and asked for nominations for his successor. Cllr Earle proposed Cllr Rowing, and was seconded by Cllr Liston

2022/37 Environmental Resilience

a) Reclaim the Rain. The Clerk reported that Peasenhall is being considered as one of six villages in Suffolk which could receive funding for water conservation

b) Litter pick. The county-wide scheme is on hold at present and is likely to relaunch in the autumn, when litter-picking kit will be available. Cllr Rowing commented that there will be litter following the Jubilee Street party, but this will be organised by the working group.

2022/38 Correspondence

There was no correspondence to note

2022/39 Date of Next Meeting

The date and time of the Annual Parish meeting and Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25th at 7:00 pm. The meeting is to be held at Peasenhall Assembly Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Lisa Eveleigh, Parish Clerk