

PEASENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Peasenhall Parish Council meeting
held at Peasenhall Assembly Hall on Wednesday 27th July 2022

2022/68

Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

Cllr. Frank Potter – Vice-Chair
Cllr. Barry Rowing
Cllr Stephanie Liston
Cllr Nick Levett-Scrivener
Cllr Ric Earle
Cllr Zoe Horlock

Apologies for absence:

Cllr Stephen Pewsey - Chair
Cllr Roger Benstead

In attendance:

Lisa Eveleigh, Parish Clerk
3 members of the public
Mr Duncan Haydon of Seamans

2022/69

Cllr Potter chaired the meeting in Cllr Pewsey's absence and welcomed members of the public and Mr Duncan Haydon.

2022/70 Guest Speaker

(Agenda item 6 b) Mr Haydon outlined the issues pertaining to the potential provisions of allotments on the Mabel's Walk Play area (Applications DC/16/3514/FUL and DC/21/4795/DRC) and how these may be progressed, and a legal framework for transfer of the land including the allotment site and Public Open space be determined. He stressed the need for a management plan to be agreed and the need to have a formal body to liaise with. He did express some reservations about the potential costs involved to either the group of allotmenters or the Parish Councillors, including a standing water charge and liabilities to the freeholder's management company. He then took questions from Councillors and members of the public relating to these matters.

Cllrs Rowing and Earle asked the majority of questions, including whether they might visit the site, to which he cordially assented. It was agreed that a spec would be prepared in advance of a further meeting with Seamans.

Cllr Potter thanked Mr Haydon for his time, and the main meeting commenced.

2022/71 Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations

2022/72 Public Forum

- a) Those members of the public who wished to speak had done so earlier
- b) There were no reports from County and District Cllr. Stephen Burroughes

2022/73 Minutes

There was an incorrect date and one incorrect organisation name on the minutes of the meeting held on 27th June 2022 but after noting these the minutes were approved. The Clerk has since amended them.

2022/74 Finance and Governance

a) The financial position was as follows:

Balances

Current Account - £23,018.34

Savings- £33,140.77

b) Receipts: A payment of £9410 from the National Lottery was received on June 24th for community initiatives and events.

d) 3 payments were approved

2022/75 Planning

There were no new planning applications

2022/76 Highways

a) The Street improvement scheme. The Clerk now has a plan of previously suggested works which can be updated. She is arranging to have it reduced in size for consideration and possible amendment .

b) Broken bridge – The Causeway. This has now been repaired following a timely encounter between Cllr Levett-Scrivener and Suffolk Highways, in which he negotiated its repair in return for a matter on which they required his consent. The Council were all relieved that this longstanding issue has been resolved.

c) Replacing Parish Noticeboards - The Clerk said she would place a notice on Nextdoor Peasenhall to find a local craftsman to replace these. She had also sent an email to a local contact of her own. Cllr Horlock said would approach Men's Shed in Halesworth as well.

d) Rendham Road speed issues - The Clerk reported that despite the result of the two speed surveys carried out in June, Suffolk Highways did not agree that the 30 mph sign should be moved. An email to this effect had been sent to Cllr Pewsey but not circulated. It will be sent out with the next agenda. Cllr Earle asked that consideration will be given to other measures; a solar powered SID and a white gate. The Clerk has already received one quote and is gathering others.

2022/74 Lottery Grant

The Clerk outlined the projects that the £9410 lottery grant can be used to support for the benefit of the community. The Peasenhall Platinum Jubilee Committee will reform in September and the first meeting is on Monday 12th September at the Assembly Hall. The Clerk drew the Council's attention to the £2010 allocated for an allotment project.

2022/75 Correspondence

Cllr Liston reported that a member of the public had expressed anxiety over the height of the dried-out grass in the churchyard, thinking it to be a fire hazard. The Clerk later reported this to Churchwarden Michael Trovell and it was speedily cut.

2022/76 Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that there would be no August meeting the previously agreed September date of the 19th has subsequently been changed to **14th September 2022** at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Lisa Eveleigh, Parish Clerk