

PEASENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING – 16TH SEPTEMBER 2014

DRAFT MINUTES – not yet approved by councillors

1. The chairman, Chris Norrington, welcomed councillors Roger Benstead, Norman Ball, Kenneth Parry Brown, Nicholas Levett-Scrivener, Tony Sore and Frank Potter. Apologies were received from Kath Hamilton, the police and Stephen Burroughes [SCD and SC councillor]. The clerk, Caroline Cardwell, was in attendance. There were 7 members of the public present.
2. Declarations of interest – non-pecuniary interests declared by Nicholas Levett-Scrivener and Kenneth Parry Brown [items 8 and 11]
3. Have Your Say [Public Forum – *meeting opened at 7.25pm*] – a general level of concern was expressed regarding the parish council’s suggestion to use the Hackney Road end of the cemetery as a play area for young children. There were worries over road safety, levels of noise, disruption of funerals and lack of parking. While most agreed that a play area for the local children was a good thing it was felt that the cemetery site was inappropriate. Various responses and explanations were made by councillors – [*the meeting closed at 7.53pm*].
4. Minutes of the previous meeting [15-07-14] were approved and signed.
5. Matters arising and clerk’s report – clerk asked to contact Suffolk Highways bridges re railings opposite Emmmets and the other Highways issues flagged up in July. Councillors decided that the cemetery gates should just be black for the time being, with a gilding option later if required.
6. Play area, proposed – the chairman gave an historical survey of the attempts by the parish council to find a suitable site for a play area; after discussion *a proposal was made by the chair that -*
 - ❖ 1. Consideration of the possible land at the Hackney road end of the cemetery be deferred pending the outcome of any development proposals that might be forthcoming at the Causeway.
 - ❖ 2. That in principle the Parish Council welcomes and supports the provision of an area of land for recreation purposes as part of any Causeway development.
 - ❖ 3. That the District Council be informed of the Parish Council’s actions in relation to the provision of play equipment in the village and be asked to protect the currently available resources for that purpose
 - ❖ 4. That Stephen Burroughes [Suffolk Coastal District councillor] be requested to fully support the request in 3 above.
 - ❖ *This was seconded by Peter Dance, all in favour.*
7. Finances - Balances - Current acct: £8, 503.47; Savings acct: £7,090.68; Total assets - £15,594.15 - Cheques for approval as follows - 100472 C. Cardwell [net salary Aug/Sept] – £350.56; 100473 HMRC [tax to Oct 5th] – £131.60; no other financial business.
8. Planning – Housing allocation sites – councillors discussed these but asked the clerk to contact SCDC planning office to see if a planning officer could attend the October meeting – the quality of the maps was considered very poor and this made it difficult to look properly at the suggestions and make an informed comment on them. The clerk reported that the Saunders Yard application had been withdrawn after initial refusal by SCDC, as it was deemed to be outside the “village envelope”.
9. Suffolk Coastal Electoral Boundary Review – information received.
10. Cemetery plan – no report forthcoming.
11. Allotments – clerk reported that she had had enquiries about the village facilities.
12. Website – future upkeep – Frank Potter has said he is trying to update.
13. Correspondence – received and discussed.
14. Any other business – Parish Plan to be reviewed next month.
15. Next meeting – 21-10-14

The meeting ended at 9.10pm.