

PEASENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Peasehall Parish Council meeting
held at Peasehall Assembly Hall on Wednesday 15th November 2023

Mr Frank Potter introduced a presentation by the Sizewell C project following a declaration of interest because he works for Sizewell. Details of the presentation can be found at <https://server.smartmailer.tractivity.co.uk/>. Questions from some of those present were taken after the presentation.

Mr Potter then left the meeting following a vote of thanks from councillors for his long service as a councillor, as acting Chairman, acting vice-Chairman and acting Parish Clerk over the years.

2023/112 Election of a new Chairman

Cllr Barry Rowing having been proposed by Cllr Benstead (by email) and seconded by Cllr Greenwood was unanimously elected as Chairman.

For the remainder of the meeting Cllr Stephanie Liston was acting Chair.

2023/113 Co-option of new councillor

After briefly outlining why he considered himself suitable to be a Parish Councillor, Mr Sam Bryant was co-opted unanimously to Peasehall Parish Council.

2023/114 Attendance and apologies

Attendees:

Cllr. Barry Rowing
Cllr. Jane Collins
Cllr. Zoe Horlock
Cllr. Sam Seddon
Cllr. Gary Greenwood
Cllr. Stephanie Liston
Cllr. Sam Bryant

Apologies for absence:

Cllr. Roger Benstead
County Cllr Stephen Burroughes

In attendance:

District Cllr. Julia Ewart
Carol Hume - Parish Clerk
2 members of the public

2023/115 Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations

None

2023/116 Public Forum

a) There were no comments from the public.

b) The District Councillor's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. She said that following the recent floods in the area she has been really busy with 26 homes directly affected. She and County Cllr Burroughes have been working closely together with the Environment Agency to work out what is the best way forward in case of future flooding. Flood zone signage and finance for flooding to come. The 20's Plenty campaign is ongoing with Heveningham Parish Clerk, Julie Collett involved. There will be a Talk Money event at Kelsale School with funding available for all sorts of different people. Highways – there are ongoing projects involving Wayne Saunders. The project involving the old school site is also still ongoing and it needs some pro-active input about stylish social housing and an access road.

2023/117 Minutes

a) The minutes of the meeting held on 18th October were approved as an accurate record and signed by the new Chairman, Cllr Rowing. He said payment of the Positive Peasehall unused lottery amount of £339.63 to the Village Hall has not been discussed or minuted.

b) Cllr Horlock had spoken to Wayne Saunders from Suffolk Highways and he said the price for rumble strips would be £400. The cost for a further traffic survey in the Street and Heveningham Long Lane would be £615. District Cllr Ewart said she would speak to Sibton PC to see if they would join with the two villages. The “gate” signage on Rendham Road would cost £830 but Cllr Horlock knows a carpenter who would make it for £390 and he would build the gate around the existing village sign. The PC would be responsible for maintaining both the sign and the new “gate”. The owner of the land, Mr Levett-Scrivener will have to ask the farm tenant nearby if he has any objections to the “gate” being put up.

Cllr Benstead has re-registered the defibrillator which will need new pads as the old ones are out of date. He will send the clerk a website link to purchase some more. Cllr Rowing asked if any other maintenance or service would be needed. Cllr Horlock said it would be useful to have another defibrillator training day.

2023/118 Finance and Governance

a) The Standing Orders and Financial Regulations had been circulated to councillors to review prior to the meeting and as no changes were needed they were adopted unanimously

b) Carol Hume (RFO) confirmed the current account balances:

Current Account: £41,738.54 – Receipts CIL payment £9181.33, cemetery cheque £75

Savings Account: £36,388.03

c) Payments as listed were approved for payment

2023/119 Planning

DC/23/4019/AGO – land adjoining Badingham Road, Peasenhall, Cllr Rowing said that the planned barn would have over 1000 sq metres of roof area and he has made personal comments to East Suffolk Council about the need to slow down the flow of rain water including making roads permeable. Cllr Greenwood said the barn would be far too big and would contain a lot of machinery. The Parish Council would comment on the ESC website that they did not support the application.

DC/23/4088/TCA – this application as to cut back two plane trees at 2 Plane Tree House. After some discussion the PC decided they would make no comments.

2023/120 Flood reports

Dist Cllr Ewart said that following the recent flooding she has a plan and that all platforms will be involved in it. The provision of sandbags may happen, together with a Suffolk County Council maintenance schedule. Minor maintenance is needed around the village, rodding piping and flushing through.

2023/121 Funding for Bus Network improvements

Cllr Seddon said that part of the £3.6m funding is for new services and PC's are being asked for ideas. The online form is structured towards bus companies. It might be a good idea to have a village questionnaire to see what is needed and to share information with other villages. Cllr Rowing had made a suggestion for a Hoppa-type bus but Whincops said they wouldn't have the capacity for that type of bus. Border Hoppa is an existing charity and the new funding is for new services as well as supporting existing ones. There followed some discussion about which routes would benefit from a regular bus service and whether supermarkets would provide their own service for customers. Dist Cllr Ewart said the Community Partnership should be involved.

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Christmas Tree Lights Switch-on

Cllr Horlock confirmed the date and time are Friday 8th December at 6.30 pm at the Knoll. Notices will be put in the Fisherman plus some posters around the village. There will be sausage rolls, mince pies and mulled wine, possibly hot chocolate too. Cllr Rowing will source the tree. Mike and Jeremy Thickett will be asked to sing and songsheets will be available.

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Village issues

The 2024 grass-cutting contract specification, plan and covering letter has been sent out to three contractors today by email and they have until 12th December to return their quotes which will be simultaneously viewed by the Chairman and Clerk at 10 am on 13th December. The successful contractor will be informed within 7 days.

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Correspondence

- a) Cllr Bryant asked what the Peasenhall United Charities actually did. Cllrs Rowing and Collins are trustees so they outlined its aims. Cllr Bryant said he will ask his mother if she would be interested in becoming a trustee.
- b) The clerk had asked Birketts for their prices for conveyancing and they had replied saying they don't have 'standard' charges but they really need further information about the transfer of the allotment land. It was agreed that the Chairman and the clerk will liaise on this issue. And discuss it further. Cllr Liston said she would have some information which may prove useful regarding other solicitors who could supply conveyancing services.
- c) Following an email from One Suffolk regarding the need for Parish Councils to have more secure email addresses the clerk said she will obtain more information and put this on the next PC meeting agenda.
- d) The clerk has been advised that a separate laptop should be used for Parish Council work, not her own laptop, so she has obtained two quotes for a new Lenovo V15 laptop. The first is from 121 Computers in Diss for £499 inc VAT and the second is from CurrysPC World for £489. 121 Computers come highly recommended by another parish clerk so the PC were happy to approve their quote and agree that the clerk go ahead and order it.

2023/125 **Date of the next meeting** - The date of the next meeting will be **Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 7 pm** in the Assembly Hall

The meeting closed at 21.05 hours

Carol Hume

Parish Clerk/RFO

Minutes signed as correct:

Date:

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