

**Minutes of the Council meeting held at the Memorial Hall
on Tuesday 2nd August 2016 at 7.30pm**

Present: Councillors: D Pankhurst (DP) Chairman, H Pankhurst (HP), G Sanderson (GS), M Coleman (MC), T Hogan (TH), P Lamont (PL), R Hollman (RH)

Also present: Clerk C Hellen (CH), County Councillor A Davies (AD)

1. **Apologies for absence:** C Pollington, D Watts, District Councillors: I Jenkins, M Mooney
2. **Disclosure of interests under the Council's Code of Conduct:** DP declared his interest, under schedule B of the Code of Conduct, in agenda item 9.1 (RR/2016/1956/P).
3. **The minutes of the Council meeting held on 5th July 2016** were unanimously agreed. It was noted that GS had given her apologies for this meeting.
Arising from the minutes, AD advised contacting RDC's Planning Committee to check on the correct protocol for Parish Councillors attending and speaking at Planning Committee meetings. CH to do.
4. **Review of Complaints Procedure and Standing Orders** The amended Standing Orders were unanimously agreed. The Complaints Procedure was agreed with a minor amendment to be approved at the next meeting. GS offered to provide an update on the correct wording for the Child Protection Policy, to be considered at the next meeting.
5. **Village Environment**
 - 5.1 **Village Sign** CH confirmed that she had drafted a letter to Peasmarsh Primary School regarding the design of the village sign, which would be sent out in September.
 - 5.2 **East Sussex Highways Reports** AD expressed concern that drainage issues outside Kimberley Cottage, Main Street, had not been resolved. CH to follow up with East Sussex Highways Team. Danielle Georgeson has been appointed as the East Sussex Highways Liaison Officer for Peasmarsh. East Sussex Highways have repaired potholes in School Lane and removed graffiti from road signs.
 - 5.3 **Right of way to the Twitten** DP confirmed that the Enforcement Notice information for 2011 had been passed to IJ who was investigating the matter.
 - 5.4 **Fence in School Lane** CH confirmed that Amicus Horizon had agreed to ask the resident to remove the fence in School Lane. RDC had confirmed that there were no areas of common land in Peasmarsh.
 - 5.5 **Overgrown hedges** Residents in School Lane had agreed to cut back their hedges and East Sussex Highways had cut back the hedge at the Memorial Hall bus stop.
 - 5.6 **Water pressure issues** No further problems reported.
 - 5.7 **Skate Park** Overflowing bins and flytipping had been reported at the Skate Park. CH to contact RDC to ask for removal of flytipped furniture. RH to report to meeting of Recreation Ground Committee on 7th August 2016. CH to contact RDC about clearing dog waste bins.
 - 5.8 **PC Noticeboard** CH and HP reported that the PC Noticeboard needs repairs to the back board.
 - 5.9 **Drainage issue at Oast Cottage** MC reported that there was a drainage/sewer issue outside Oast Cottage/ entrance to the Maltings. CH to contact Southern Water.
6. **County and District Councillor reports** AD reported ESCC had saved £20million in efficiency savings in 2016/17 and was aiming to save £17.3million in 2017-18. The Library Consultation had found that 86% of respondents did not object greatly to the proposed cuts in library opening hours and slight reductions to opening times to 10-5 weekdays, one late evening and some Saturday mornings according to individual libraries service needs would now be implemented. There were no plans to reduce mobile libraries. ESCC had supported National Scams Awareness month in July by raising awareness in the community and through Victim Support. Trading Standards had identified 600 scams in one month. Orbis Public Law, which combines local government legal services for Surrey, Brighton & Hove and East and West Sussex has been awarded a Quality Mark by the Law Society.

There were no District Councillors reports.

7. Reports and other items

- 7.1 **VAS and traffic calming** DP reported that M Higgs (ESCC) had consulted the owners of Kimberley Cottage and Two Hoots regarding the siting of the proposed VAS and the outcome is awaited. MC

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observed that the proposed site of the VAS was not in the position agreed on the occasion of the original site visit. CH to contact M Higgs for clarification on this.

7.2 Bus Services Councillors confirmed that they had distributed bus timetable leaflets around Peasmarsh and timetables had been posted at bus stops. The service continued to be well used.

7.3 The Maltings update Residents had reported seeing a light on at night in the old Maltings building and three children had been seen trying to break in. These matters have been reported to Amicus Horizon and the police should be contacted if any further issues arise. Laura Webster of Amicus Horizon confirmed that the electricity supply had now been turned off. She was also obtaining a quote to tidy up the area of land between the Maltings building and Hamish Court houses. She confirmed that Amicus Horizon hoped to begin the redevelopment of the Maltings in mid to late September, although no official date had been confirmed.

John McSweeney (Planning Officer, RDC) had confirmed to IJ that the Maltings planning application had received delegated approval, subject to consultation with Southern Water on drainage issues. Once this was resolved, full planning approval could be given.

DP proposed to write a letter to the Chairman of the Planning Committee regarding the Planning Committee's decision to approve the redevelopment of the Maltings and expressing the Parish Council's disappointment that residents' views had not been fully considered by the Planning Committee. HP proposed and TH seconded this proposal and it was unanimously agreed. DP and CH to draft a letter.

7.4 Meeting with Roger Comerford, RDC Rother District Local Plan, Development & Site Allocations It was agreed that this would take place on the afternoon of 12th August 2016 at the Memorial Hall.

7.5 Parking fine at Brickfields DP reported that a resident had been fined for parking at the Brickfields car park whilst taking her child to school. HP and DP to write to Amicus Horizon putting forward mitigating circumstances and investigating the legality of the parking fine. CH to ask Peasmarsh Primary School to warn parents not to park at Brickfields.

7.6 Police Report There were no reported incidents in Peasmarsh in July. Rye Police warned of a possible scam where a lady claims to have broken down in her car to gain entry to houses.

7.7 Speedwatch PL reported the Speedwatch group had undertaken 10 sessions during July, recording 331 vehicles, of which 289 (87%) were identified correctly. There were 22 excessive speeders of 45mph and above. 237 letters had been sent out to date. The Speedwatch group were thanked for contributing their time and efforts for sessions which had taken place as early as 6am and as late as 8pm.

7.8 Clerk's Report Noted.

7.9 Recreation Ground PCSO Sharon Eldridge had been approached by young people in Peasmarsh regarding police funding for sports equipment. It was noted that the last application to Rother's Police Fund had been for the Memorial Hall on 15/11/2012, and, therefore, the Recreation Ground would be eligible to apply as the three year limit had passed. RH had invited Sharon Eldridge to attend the Recreation Ground Committee meeting on 7th August 2016 to discuss this further. RH reported that some residents had come forward to assist with fundraising for phase 1 of the new equipment for the Play Space. Three boot fairs were planned to raise funds and a new Facebook page had been set up to draw attention to the fundraising campaign. It was proposed that 3 adult exercise units be installed in phase 1 at a cost of £6,700. GS offered to advise on funding sources and DP confirmed that money had been set aside by the Parish Council for this purpose. DP proposed that £20,000 of Parish Council funds be set aside for the redevelopment of the Playspace and this was seconded by TH and unanimously agreed.

7.10 Youth Provision DP advised that Andy Stodley was now working for Bourne Sports Association but had offered to run the summer coaching sessions through this organisation. Twenty-five children were now signed up to the coaching sessions, with children from Peasmarsh, Beckley and Playden taking part. £400 had been collected from parents towards these sessions. DP and HP were thanked for their great efforts in arranging the coaching sessions and gaining enough participants to make the events sustainable.

7.11 Memorial Hall HP reported that numbers of bookings were down in August but bookings remained buoyant for the rest of the year.

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7.12 Allotments CH reported that those allotment holders whose plots had become unkempt had agreed to tidy them. A notice of termination to be issued to the allotment holder of plot 10 who had failed to pay the annual rent. This plot would now be advertised as vacant.

8. Correspondence

8.1 Details of the Battle 1066 Celebration Dinner on 2/9/2016 and of the Councillors Commission Meeting to be held on 12/8/16 were noted.

9. Planning Matters

9.1 Applications:

Reference	Location	Proposal	Status
RR/2016/1860/P	Bramlings, Malthouse Lane, Peasmarsh TN31 6TA	Proposed garage and studio building. It was unanimously agreed that Peasmarsh Parish Council had no comment on this application.	Undecided
RR/2016/1815/P	Lyndhurst, Main Street, Peasmarsh TN31 6YA	Variation of condition 3 (Appeal Decision - U1430/A09/2100179) to remove from that condition the limitation preventing any trade or business use of the garage/workshop, to allow use as holiday let. It was unanimously agreed that Peasmarsh Parish Council had no comment on this application.	Undecided
RR/2016/1956/P	Laburnum Cottage, Main Street, Peasmarsh TN31 6YD	Replacement single garage. It was unanimously agreed that Peasmarsh Parish Council had no comment on this application.	Undecided

9.2 Decisions:

Reference	Location	Proposal	Status
RR/2016/1088/MA	Tanyard Field, Main Street, Peasmarsh	Construction of 3 detached houses and associated works. Provision of new access to field and construction of 1 detached house.	MA APPROVED
RR/2016/1041/P	Garden House, Tillingham Lane Peasmarsh	Creation of a tennis court and erection of surrounding fence.	REFUSED
RR/2016/1546/P	New Cross Farm, Mill Lane, Peasmarsh	Erection of conservatory.	APPROVED CONDITIONAL
RR/2016/1342/L	The Farthings, Main Street, Peasmarsh TN31 6SY	Replacement of 2 UPVC windows and 1 UPVC doorset with timber frame double glazed casement windows and part glazed timber doorset part infill of window opening with painted weatherboard finish. Painted timber post within window/ door opening.	LISTED BC GRANTED

9.3 Planning Appeal It was noted that an appeal against RDC's planning decision on Oast Cottage had been lodged by Denton Homes (APP/U1430/W/16/3152580).

9.4 Enforcement Notices The outcomes of two enforcement notices dated 13th June and 4th July 2016 were noted.

10. Financial matters

10.1 Reports The monthly statement of receipts and payments, and budget comparison and bank reconciliation were unanimously agreed: proposed by HP and seconded TH.

10.2 Payments The following payments were unanimously approved, proposed HP; seconded TH:

10.2.1 Clerk's July pay and expenses for CH: £388.76

10.2.2 Bourne Sports Association coaching expenses: £1,000.00 – awaiting invoice.

10.2.3 Annual Charitable Donations: Rural Rother Trust: £50.00; Victim Support: £50.00

10.2.4 Chubb Fire & Security Servicing for Recreation Ground: £66.48 The Recreation Ground Committee to pay this direct.

10.3 Receipts None.

11. Dates of forthcoming meetings: 6th September 2016, Parish Council Meeting, Memorial Hall from 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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