

**Minutes of the Council meeting held at the Memorial Hall
on Tuesday 4th October 2016 at 7.30pm**

Present: Councillors: R Hollman (RH) Vice-Chairman, M Coleman (MC) H Pankhurst (HP), P Lamont (PL), C Pollington (CP), G Sanderson (GS)

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** D Pankhurst, T Hogan, D Watts, District Councillors: I Jenkins, M Mooney
2. **Disclosure of interests under the Council's Code of Conduct:** None.
3. **The minutes of the Council meeting held on 6th September 2016** were unanimously agreed.
4. **Review of Safeguarding Policy** It was agreed to defer the final approval and signing of the Safeguarding Policy until the next meeting. The Equal Opportunities Policy will be reviewed at the next meeting in November.
5. **Village Environment**
 - 5.1 **Village Sign** CP had devised a Powerpoint presentation on the village sign proposals for Peasmarsch Primary School although nothing further had been heard from the School as to whether pupils would participate in the competition. The design competition had been advertised in the Peasmarsch Periodical and Village Voice and would be advertised at village events. CH to advertise on website and Facebook. Deadline for competition entries is 15th November 2016.
 - 5.2 **East Sussex Highways Reports** RH reported that grass cutting had taken place in the Mackerel Hill area, giving improved pedestrian access. HP reported that the 40mph VAS is not working and CH to report to East Sussex Highways.
 - 5.3 **Drainage issues** The drain outside Kimberley Cottage has been inspected by the Highways Team and is currently running normally, however, the situation will continue to be monitored.
 - 5.4 **Telephones and Internet Problems** D Pankhurst had written a letter to BT outlining the continuing issues with telephone and internet services in Peasmarsch. The letter was unanimously approved and CH to publish the letter on PC's website together with BT's response when received.
 - 5.5 **PC Noticeboard** RH reported that the PC noticeboard would cost approximately £300 to repair and would be taken away for about three days for repainting and a new back board and pin board to be provided. RH to obtain an invoice. This was proposed by HP and seconded by MC and unanimously agreed.
 - 5.6 **Remembrance Sunday Wreath** RH confirmed that he would be pleased to present the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council and a bill for the cost of the wreath would follow.
 - 5.7 **Fence in School Lane** MC reported that the fence at Bisky Bar had not been removed despite an undertaking by Amicus Horizon to do so. CH to follow up.
6. **County and District Councillor reports**

AD reported that ESCC was working hard to find further savings for the financial year ahead. The East Sussex Better Together project, for example, would provide an accountable care model, integrating finances across care provision in order to work collaboratively and save money. ESCC was launching the East Sussex Stay Well this Winter campaign with Sussex Community Foundation with additional funding of £12,000 to provide advice and support to vulnerable groups suffering from fuel poverty. Businesses in East Sussex were helping young people to develop their career prospects through the Open Door Project. Year 9 pupils will be visiting 3-4 businesses a day from 7th-19th November 2016 to take part in talks and activities with the aim of making informed GCSE choices for careers ahead. ESCC is encouraging those requiring blue badges to only apply to ESCC for these at a cost of £10. Websites are fraudulently offering blue badges for sale.
7. **Reports and other items**
 - 7.1 **VAS and traffic calming** MC reported that M Higgs (ESCC) had attended the site meeting in Peasmarsch on 12th September to discuss the site of the proposed 30mph VAS. MC, TH and PL attended together with residents from nearby properties. The proposed site is now on the boundary between Willow Lodge and Two Hoots and M Higgs has written to the residents of these two houses for their approval regarding the siting of the VAS.

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- 7.2 Bus Services** The service continues to be well used but no official statistics on use have been received to date. CH to ask for statistics from N Maguire (ESCC) and to check with Beckley and Northiam on use of the 313 bus service as well.
- 7.3 The Maltings update** L Webster (Amicus Horizon) confirmed that the contractor had fenced off the Maltings development area and was undertaking soil surveys and an asbestos survey within the existing buildings. Drainage issues had been signed off and full planning permission was expected shortly, subject to a legal agreement. A programme of construction works and a start date will then be issued. L Webster confirmed that she would speak to the contractor regarding the re-homing of plants to neighbours at their next meeting. PL reported that vandalism to the security fence had been rectified. To date, the RDC website continues to record the planning decision as undecided.
- 7.4 Police Report** There were no reported incidents in Peasmarsch in September.
- 7.5 Speedwatch** PL reported the Speedwatch group had undertaken 11 sessions in September with a 86% level of accuracy. Nine excessive speeders had been recorded and 154 letters sent out, with 23 pending. Due to the restricted service at Rye Police Station, the speed recording device had been difficult to locate and it may in future be necessary to buy a device for the Peasmarsch Speedwatch Team. The cost would be approximately £275. Further volunteers are needed to join the Peasmarsch Speedwatch Team. Northiam Parish Council had proposed the purchase of a moveable speed sign to be shared between Northiam, Beckley and Peasmarsch. However, Beckley PC were awaiting the outcome of a speed survey and as Peasmarsch has an active Speedwatch group, it was agreed not to pursue the moveable speed sign at the present time.
- 7.6 Clerk's Report** Noted.
- 7.7 Recreation Ground** RH reported that three new volunteers are prepared to collect rubbish from the Skate Park and Recreation Ground on a regular basis. CH to ask RDC Waste and Recycling services if they will then collect the refuse from a central location. RH reported that F Warren had removed the recent fly-tipping at the Skate Park and RH to ask if he would also remove the wood that had been left at the Skate Park by vandals. Reports of alleged drug taking at the Skate Park had been reported to the Police by HP and CH. The police indicated that they were prepared to add the Skate Park to their regular patrols. The proposal of new vandal proof and lockable bins was considered but it was agreed to continue with the existing bins and see if the new arrangement of regular refuse collection might work. RH reported that RoSPA recommended that the current bins are too close to the play equipment and will need to be re-positioned in the future. CCTV might be considered in the future for the Skate Park to alleviate the issues that arise but it is not possible to lock the gates to the Skate Park as it is a public right of way.
- 7.8 Youth Provision** HP reported that the October half-term coaching sessions had been booked with the Recreation Ground and the Parish Council was prepared to support the sessions to allow Peasmarsch children to attend for half price. Bourne Sports Association will undertake all the other arrangements and provide an invoice for the cost to the Parish Council at the end of the sessions. The sessions had been advertised in the Peasmarsch Periodical.
- 7.9 Memorial Hall** HP reported that the Bookings Clerk had resigned for personal reasons. HP was prepared to manage the remaining bookings for 2016 but a new Bookings Clerk is sought. The Memorial Hall had accepted some additional bookings during the redecoration of Playden Parish Hall and the Attic Fairs, Hall of Crafts and a Fine Art and Print Exhibition were planned over the next month.
- 7.10 Allotments** Nothing further to report.

8. Correspondence

9.1 Applications:

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Reference	Location	Proposal
RR/2016/2454/P	Barnetts Ridge, Barnetts Hill, Peasmarsh TN31 6YJ (RH declared an interest in this application)	Single storey flat roof rear extension to replace existing conservatory. It was unanimously agreed that Peasmarsh Parish Council no objection to this application.
RR/2016/2432/P	The Old Rectory, School Lane, Peasmarsh TN31 6UW	Addition of open porches to main and secondary entrances. It was unanimously agreed that Peasmarsh Parish Council no objection to this application.
RR/2016/2433/L	The Old Rectory, School Lane, Peasmarsh TN31 6UW	Addition of open porches to main and secondary entrances. It was unanimously agreed that Peasmarsh Parish Council no objection to this application.
RR/2016/2428/A	Sites at - Tanhouse Lane, Junction at School Lane & Tan Lane. Junction at Main Street & Church Lane	3 self supporting signs located in different areas of estate. It was unanimously agreed that Peasmarsh Parish Council objected to this application due to the size of the signs and recommended that a more discrete sign in keeping with the area and giving directional information only would be preferred.
RR/2016/2247/P	Little Lobs, Barnetts Hill, Peasmarsh TN31 6YJ	Proposed garage/store and part change of use of agricultural land to residential. It was unanimously agreed that Peasmarsh Parish Council no objection to this application.
RR/2016/2377/P	Sharvels Farm House, Flackley Ash, Peasmarsh TN31 6YG	Proposed oak framed conservatory. It was unanimously agreed that Peasmarsh Parish Council no objection to this application.
RR/2016/2378/L	Sharvels Farm House, Flackley Ash, Peasmarsh TN31 6YG	Proposed oak framed conservatory. It was unanimously agreed that Peasmarsh Parish Council no objection to this application.

9.2 Decisions: The following decisions were noted:

Reference	Location	Proposal	Status
RR/2016/1994/P	Field View, School Lane, Peasmarsh TN31 6UT	Front entrance porch & rear conservatory.	APPROVED CONDITIONAL
RR/2016/1860/P	Bramblings, Malthouse Lane, Peasmarsh TN31 6TA	Proposed garage and studio building.	APPROVED CONDITIONAL

9.3 Appeal: The following appeal was noted.

Appeal	Application	Location	Proposal	Status
2403	RR/2016/617/P	Frymans Farm, Hayes Lane, Peasmarsh	Erection of a stable building, sand-school and relocated vehicle access and driveway.	CURRENT

9.4 An enforcement notice dated 28th September 2016 was 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 CP.

10.2.1 Clerk's September pay and expenses: £422.35

10.2.2 SSALC Training Course fees for New Councillors Course: £198.00

10.2.3 P K Littlejohn, Auditors Fee for 2015-16: £240.00

10.2.4 M Coleman travel expenses, New Councillors Course: £27.00

10.2.5 P&P Waste, clearance of rubbish at Skate Park: £79.20

10.2.6 B Balkham, in lieu of payment for website annual registration: £8.39

10.2.7 Peasmarsh Memorial Hall, Brownies 50% Hall Hire Apr-Sept 2016: £48.00

10.3 Receipts

10.3.1 Rother District Council Precept Half Year: £12,885.00

10.4 Outcome of Audit 2015-16 CH reported that PK Littlejohn LLP, External Auditors, had completed their audit of the 2015-2016 accounts and had approved and certified the Annual Return. CH had published a notice of conclusion of audit on the website accordingly.

11. Dates of forthcoming meetings: 1st November 2016, Parish Council Meeting, Memorial Hall from 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

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