

PEASMARSH PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 30th April 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: David Pankhurst (DP), Ray Hollman (RH), Hilary Pankhurst (HP), Peter Lamont (PL), Celia Pollington (CP), Mick Coleman (MC), Gina Sanderson (GS) and Terry Hogan (TH).

Also present: Clerk A Head (AH)

1. **Apologies for absence:** None.
2. **Disclosure of interests under the Council's Code of Conduct:** MC, HP and DP for item 3.
3. **Memorial Hall flat roof – deciding a way ahead with legal proceedings.** The councillors discussed the various positives and negatives of stopping or carrying on towards issuing court orders so that the issue is in the public domain. DP said that the Memorial Hall Committee have already given £13,000 towards this issue and will contribute a further £4,000. Vagn Hansen, Treasurer of the Memorial Hall Committee is in support of continuing with legal proceedings. DP and HP feel that there is a duty to the community and the Memorial Hall Committee to continue to the next stage. DP proposed going ahead with the proviso that there should be a limit on further spending of £3,000 and another meeting should occur before Court orders are issued. MC seconded this proposal. A vote took place and HP, TH, MC, GS, DP and RH voted yes. PL and CP voted no. PL and CP voiced reservations that public money was being used with potentially no hope of regaining any money. DP acknowledged these concerns and agreed that it was a gamble but felt that the potential benefits outweighed the negative concerns at this stage. AH to contact the solicitors and agree to a further consultation and will seek confirmation of costs going forward if it is agreed that the case is worth pursuing.
4. **Dates of forthcoming meetings**
 - 4.1 Weds 15th May 2019, Parish Council Meeting and AGM, Memorial Hall from 7.30pm.
 - 4.2 Tues 21st May 2019, Annual Parish Assembly, Memorial Hall from 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed:



date: 15/5/19