PEASMARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 15th May 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: Chair David Pankhurst (DP), Hilary Pankhurst (HP), Peter Lamont (PL), Celia Pollington (CP), Mick Coleman (MC) and Gina Sanderson (GS)
Also present: Clerk A Head (AH) and County Councillor Angharad Davies (AD),

1. **Apologies for absence:** Councillors Ray Hollman (RH) and Terry Hogan (TH) and District Councillors Sally-Ann Hart and Paul Osborne.

2. **Disclosure of interests under the Council's Code of Conduct: CP** for item 5.1 and **HP/DP** and **MC** for item 5.2.

3. **The minutes of the Council meetings held on 2nd April 2019 and Extraordinary Council meeting on 30th April 2019** were unanimously agreed and signed by **DP**.

Q.1 There was 1 member of the public in attendance. They wanted to know if there had been any updates on the DaSA following the formal meetings with the Inspector. They said that members of the resident's group had attended the meeting today and a map was being circulated which is inaccurate. The member of public is going to contact the Land Registry and the Solicitor that the resident's group is using. **CP** said she thought the Inspector had visited the site last Thursday**. DP** asked the member of public to keep the Parish Council updated and they would do the same. However, **DP** said that it was a formal process and it is unlikely anything will be heard for another couple of months and possibly not until the end of the year.AH to forward scanned copy of inaccurate map to **CP**.

4. **District and County Councillors Reports – AD** supplied a written report which is attached. **AD** asked **AH** to send her the details of the PCSO contact. In their absence, District Councillors Sally-Ann Hart and Paul Osbourne supplied the following comments: 'As you are aware, the Conservatives lost 15 seats on RDC. Even though we are the largest group (14 councillors), the Independents, Liberal Democrat's and Labour have entered into a coalition. I admit to being a little anxious; most of the Conservative Councillors represent our rural areas (along with a smattering of Lib Dem's), whilst most of the Independents are based in Bexhill and are very Bexhill focused. I hope this will change as time goes on and they realise that decisions must be made for the benefit of the whole of Rother. Paul and I will do our very best to ensure that a two tier Council does not emerge - urban Independents and rural Conservatives. We will need to really push back and make sure that our residents do not come second place. We will need your help to do so. Thank you to everyone in Peasmarsh who voted for Paul and me. We look forward to delivering on your trust and representing you all on RDC.'

5. **Community Matters and Issues**

5.1 DaSA – Site Allocations – Discussed under Q.1.

5.2 Memorial Hall Flat Roof – There are no further updates, we awaiting further legal advice.

5.3 Defibrillator at Horse and Cart – AH to send a reminder regarding contribution to cost.

5.4 VAS and traffic calming – PL reported that a total of 40,324 vehicles were recorded travelling at 36mph and above, of which some 2,412 were speeding excessively at 45mph and above. **CP** said that the figures were showing that speeding has reduced since the VAS was installed in September 2017. **PL** said that he has five planned Speedwatch sessions scheduled with another volunteer. Contact with the new PCSO Julie Pearce-Martin has been made by **AH** and **PL. AH** reported that the PCSO had done a speed check in Peasmarsh on 10th May. **AH** to supply **AD** with the PCSO contact details.

5.5 Parish Council insurance renewal – MC proposed and **CP** seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would sign up to a 5-year fixed price deal with Zurich Insurance. Renewal is due 1st June, **AH** to organise.

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5.6 Parish Council election – **DP** said that following an uncontested election there was still one vacancy for a Parish Councillor. This is to be added to the agenda for the Parish Assembly.

5.7 Parish Assembly – **AH** to advertise online and on the notice board the poster of the agenda. Poster/agenda to be sent to all Councillors. Co-option of a new Parish Councillor to be added to the agenda by **AH**.

5.8 RDC and Parish Council website – Decision deferred until 2nd June meeting. **DP** to do further research and approach the current domain name holder for costs for managing a website. **AH** to clarify with RDC the cost of staying with them as webmasters.

5.9 Rother LSP conference – 17/07/19. Deferred until 2nd June meeting. **DP** to send further details to **AH** for dissemination to other Parish Councillors.

5.10 The Maltings – no reports.

5.11 Grit bins – **AH** reported that she has requested the return of the cheque paid to ESCC Highways (in March 2019) for the grit supply as they cannot provide a date for supply.

5.12 Recreation Ground and Playspace – In his absence, **RH** supplied a report to **DP**. There have been several cases of vandalism at the Pavilion and Playspace. Including climbing on the roof of the Pavilion, windows broken and the Biffa bin has been overturned. The faulty swing has been fixed and reinstalled by Wicksteed but **RH** wants to monitor it. **RH** said there had been a large water bill at the Pavilion and although it is a genuine charge (no water leaks have been found); it is thought that a tap may have been left running when it has been in use. Fixes to the Pavilion roof will cost c. £300-400 but a new roof is likely to be needed in around 18 months at a cost of around £4,000.

5.13 Oast Cottage – No update.

5.14 Parish Council 4 year plan – The refurbishment of the Pavilion was discussed as a priority in the next few years so as to maintain the ability to rent it out for various sporting activities. **RH** thinks the foundations are sound. Councillors to research prices and compare with other local pavilions. A neighbourhood plan was suggested. **MC** proposed thinking about the grass cutting requirement for the village once the subsidy from RDC ends. This should also include maintenance of hedgerows to improve the appearance of the village. **CP** discussed the possibility of entering a 'flowers in bloom' type competition as many villagers have lovely gardens. The possibility of forming more local interest groups e.g. gardening/history societies was also discussed.

6. Reports and other items

6.1 Clerk's Report – noted.

6.2 Memorial Hall – **HP** reported that the new boiler/hot water system would be resolved by the end of the summer.

6.3 Allotments – **AH** reported that all allotments were now occupied and the rents paid for 19-20. A new allotment holder has been found for plot 9 from the waiting list.

6.4 Repairs and Maintenance Reports – **MC** reported that the pot hole by the junction of the Maltings has been fixed.

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6.6 ESCC Highways Reports – none.

6.7 Police Report – noted.

6.8 Footpaths Reports – various new fingerposts around the village noted.

6.9 Village and Environment – **AH** to investigate the possibility of a litter bin at the Church Lane end of the village. **AH** to report the fly tipping at Barnetts Hill.

7. Financial Matters

7.1 Reports

7.1.1 Monthly statement of receipts and payments – **PL** approved.

7.1.2 Budget comparison and bank reconciliations – for April – **PL** approved.

7.1.3 Internal audit report. **AH** reported that Sally Sharp had asked if financial guidelines and risk assessments were completed by the Memorial Hall Committee/Recreation Ground Committee. **HP** said that the Parish Council risk assessments/regulations are used by these committees.

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7.2 To approve and ratify payments – all approved.

7.2.1 Castle Water allotment water: £60.72 – already signed off in between meetings.
7.2.2 Bourne Sports Association: £400.00 – already signed off in between meetings.
7.2.3 Rother District Council Dog Bins: £296.40 – already signed off in between meetings.
7.2.4 Clerk's April pay and expenses: £427.88
7.2.5 Recreation Ground Committee VAT reimbursement: £297.39
7.2.6 Sally Sharp internal audit fee: £65.00
7.2.7 D.Pankhurst travel and printer/ink expenses: £97.67 – PC ratified the printer purchase. **MC** and **DP** to investigate cheaper paper/ink options.
7.2.8 F.Warren playspace maintenance invoice May 2018-April 2019: £114.00
7.2.9 Biffa waste collection – monthly direct debit: £41.18
7.2.10 Optivo, School Lane grit bin Autumn/mid winter: £169.52
7.2.11 Zurich 5 year insurance renewal: £670.33

7.3 Receipts – noted.
7.4 VAT reimbursement HMRC: £9,428.00
7.5 Allotment plot 9: £15.00

8. Correspondence – noted.
8.1 Victim Support, dated 2nd April 2019 seeking donations. Letter retained for July's meeting where donations are decided.

9. Planning Matters
9.1 Applications – none

9.2 Decisions – Noted

Reference	Location	Proposal	Status
RR/2019/167/L	Dew Farm, Dew Lane, Peasmarsh TN31 6XD	Cut back decayed bases of oak posts to sound timber; reconstruct brick supports to new level.	Approved – 05/04/19
RR/2019/81/P	Gardenia, Main Street, Peasmarsh TN31 6UL	Replacement of existing garage with a double car garage	Approved – 11/04/19
RR/2019/156/P	The Farthings, Main Street, Peasmarsh TN31 6SY	Proposed garden shed to rear of garden.	Approved – 30/04/19

9.3 Appeals – none to date – noted.

9.4 Dates of forthcoming meetings
9.5 Tues 21st May 2019, Annual Parish Assembly, Memorial Hall from 7.30pm.
9.6 Tues 4th June 2019, Parish meeting, Memorial Hall from 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

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