PEASMARSH PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council meeting held Tuesday 6th October 2020 at 7.30pm using Zoom as per The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020.**

**Present:** Councillors: David Pankhurst (DP) (Chair), Ray Hollman (RH) (Deputy Chair), Hilary Pankhurst (HP), Peter Lamont (PL), Gina Sanderson (GS), Mick Coleman (MC), Celia Pollington (CP), Robert Barham (RB), District Councillor Paul Osborne (PO) and County Councillor Angharad Davies (AD).
**Also present:** Clerk A Head (AH)

**40. Apologies for absence –** Parish Councillor Terry Hogan (TH).

**41. Disclosure of interests under the Council's Code of Conduct –** CP for 44.1, HP/DP/MC for 46.3 and RH for 45.2.

**42. Minutes of the last Council meeting – September 1st 2020 –** these were unanimously approved after the Clerk added the missing disclosure of interest for MC for the Memorial Hall item. Clerk to add electronic signature to minutes with Chairman's consent.
**There were no members of the public present.**

**43. District & County Councillor Reports – <u>County</u> –** AD supplied a written report which is attached. AD said that there were different funds available to help those businesses/organisations with Covid recovery. AD urged those who were able to, to download the new NHS track and trace app. There is a testing site at Bexhill and a new one has been open at Plumpton race course. HP said that the track and trace code is working well at the Memorial Hall. PL asked when the B2165 between Beckley and Staplecross would be open again as further work is taking place. AD said that it was hoped to be completed by 31st October 2020. AD asked about support for food banks and whether the parish council expected to support them until March next year. GS said that there were issues regarding the Bexhill foodbank (which runs the Rye one) not accepting government funding. GS said that AD should contact Tom Hook at ESCC for more information.

**<u>District</u> –** PO said that Tony Leonard of RDC had recently left after 27 years of service and Malcolm Johnson is now the Chief Officer. Both PO and AD commented that he would be much missed as he was a great person to work with and had a high level of experience, knowledge and expertise. PO also reported that Rother has set up a housing company – Alliance Homes (Rother) Ltd and will use £100m to build houses. Planning is still a bit slow following the lockdown period. RDC are due to have virtual meetings until March 2020. Emergency funding for low income households impacted by Track and Trace is going to be announced by RDC. PL said that in the last month or so he had received Conservative pamphlets regarding the district councillor position which Sally-Ann Hart currently holds. PL asked what is happening regarding this. PO said that Sally-Ann Hart remains the district councillor as they can't have an election until next May.

**44. Housing**

**44.1 Current DaSA Site Allocations –** no updates to report.

**44.2 RDC Local Plan update – Early engagement form – <u>RESOLVED:</u>** Clerk to complete by 9th October deadline. Chair to consolidate what needs completing.

**44.3 Rother future housing planning – housing white paper – <u>RESOLVED:</u>** DP to circulate his idea for this prior to end of October deadline.

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**44.4 Neighbourhood planning for Peasmarsh– RESOLVED:** DP to arrange a briefing from RDC's Neighbourhood Planning Officer, Julie Edwards.
**44.5 Review and approval of Dawson letter – RESOLVED:** PC approved the letter. Clerk to send it and provide a copy of the email and letter to PO.

**45. Community Matters and Issue**
**45.1 Village traffic and roads**
**45.1.1 VAS –** PL reported that 34,768 vehicles were recorded travelling at 36mph and above; of which 1,563 were travelling at excessive speed of 45mph and above.
**45.1.2 Speed Watch –** PL reported that 10 Speed Watch sessions had taken place. One was cancelled and another started late due to bad weather. PL also reported difficulty in getting his data processed due to an email issue but this has now been resolved and 84 letters should be sent out imminently. PL said that PCSO Orla Lindsay attended a short session on 2nd October. No Speed Watch sessions have been scheduled for the next month yet.
**45.1.3 Black Cat –** DP reported that Catsfield have bought the device and permissions are in place. They are due to start using it today. DP will hopefully get a small amount of feedback about this at the RALC meeting on 7th October 2020. DP proposed that the PC purchase a Black Cat device and share the purchase with one other PC, e.g. Rye Foreign or Playden. The PC agreed this. **RESOLVED:** For this purchase to be budgeted for (c £1,000 per parish) and a partner parish to be decided.
**45.1.4 Road Repairs –** DP reported that he continues to pursue the poor road condition on the Maltings estate. However, he received another email from Rupert Clubb from ESCC stating the same standpoint – that the road does not fit the criteria for repair. PO said that he had taken Keith Glazier from ESCC to the area and also reported to him that it is a concrete road with 40mm of tarmac on top. The criteria for fixing will never be met. DP asked PO whether this is a national criterion or local. PO said it was hard to say, as each council does what they can within their individual budgets. **RESOLVED:** DP to raise this with Highways Steward Isla Dacey and with RALC as other parishes must have the same issue.
**45.2 Recreation Ground/Playspace/Pavilion** – RH reported that work is ongoing and that they are waiting for the doors, windows and sanitary items. A one-way system has been set up in the toilets in preparation for Beckley Rangers resuming training there. Players will need to go into the toilet one at a time and be supervised. Litter/glass continues to be an issue with bins being ignored and rubbish strewn around. DP asked whether work would be completed at the Pavilion in time for the Bourne Sports training sessions to go ahead on 26/27th October. RH said yes but the organisers are yet to complete the necessary paperwork. DP said that he had applied for a grant from Tesco Bags of Help scheme for the Pavilion work. DP also said that CCTV should be investigated as soon as possible to protect the refurbished Pavilion. **RESOLVED**: RH to proceed with investigations into the best CCTV to purchase. Clerk to draft a CCTV policy for approval.
**45.3 Oast Cottage –** The clerk reported no updates and compulsory purchase would only be successful if RDC agreed with the owner. Clerk to contact Ben Hook, Head of Acquisitions, Transformation and Regeneration at Rother District Council to see if he would be interested in pursuing this issue.
**45.4 Meeting with RDC's new Environment and Policy manager –** DP reported that the meeting with Kristina Sodomkova went well and she would be a good contact to have. She is passionate about the environment, tree planting and the tidying of the River Rother. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to send her the names and contact details of the ESCC local footpath wardens.
**45.5 Maltings grit bin – RESOLVED:** MC to cut off the lock with the broken key inside and purchase a new lock.
**45.6 Rye Food Bank –** GS said that there were no current recipients of donations in Peasmarsh **RESOLVED:** The PC will not make a donation this month.

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**45.7 Remembrance Sunday –** RH reported that the Poppy appeal would go ahead at Jempson's with Covid protections in place. The remembrance service would go ahead outside the war memorial at 10.45am. **RESOLVED:** RH to purchase and lay wreath on behalf of the PC.

**45.8 AOB –** MC reported that he had found out that there was no defibrillator at Flackley Ash hotel. HP said that she had now advertised all of the defibrillators held in Peasmarsh in Rye Fixtures.

**46. Reports and other items**

**46.1 Clerk's Report –** Noted.

**46.2 RALC speeding initiative –** Ongoing. DP said that this item had been covered under item 45.1.3 and PL had supplied hotspot information to the police as requested by RALC.

**46.3 Memorial Hall –** HP reported that the Memorial Hall was open and the track and trace code was working. MC and DP have put feet patterns on the floor to ensure social distancing rules are complied with. MC has put a chain across the entrance of the Memorial Hall to stop non-Hall users parking there and this has been working well. An art exhibition is due to take place on 16th/17th October.

**46.4 Allotments –** no report made.

**46.5 Repairs and Maintenance Reports –** none reported.

**46.6 ESCC Highways Report –** no current report.

**46.7 Police Report –** PCSO report was also emailed to the PC. Both noted.

**46.8 Footpaths reports –** none.

**46.9 Village and Environment –** the PC had nothing to report.

**47. Financial Matters**

**47.1 Reports**

**47.1.1** Monthly statement of receipts and payments – From September 2020 – **approved.**

**47.1.2** Budget comparison and bank reconciliations – for September 2020 – **approved.**

**47.2 To approve and ratify payments – all approved. The clerk confirmed that 4 councillors were signed up for online banking – HP, CP, GS and RH. GS cannot do it until she finishes her current job at the end of November, due to enhanced security settings on her computer. RH to login using the password/login details he received recently to check his access.**

**47.2.1** Clerk's September pay and expenses: £532.56

**47.2.2** Sussex Timber Ltd: £27,549.60

**47.2.3** Castle Water: £56.35

**47.2.4** W.S.Parsons Ltd: £360.00

**47.2.5** Bourne Amenity Ltd: £60.00

**47.2.6** RALC and Parish Online mapping subscriptions: £75.00

**47.2.7** Biffa Waste Collection – monthly direct debit: £46.51

**47.3 Receipts –** RDC precept - £18,500.00 – noted.

**47.4 Budget – RESOLVED:** The PC agreed to factor in around £3,000 for the Black CAT speeding device and CCTV for the pavilion. Purchase of a Zoom package (c £120) was also discussed but was not seen as necessary at the moment.

**48. Correspondence – none to date.**

**49. Planning Matters**

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**Applications –** RR/2020/889/T – 28 Farley's Way, Peasmarsh, TN31 6PZ - Reduce the height of all trees in garden by 3m, remove all dead branches and remove fully the centre tree of three. – **RESOLVED: PC agreed by email that they had no objections as the deadline for comment was 29th September.**

**Decisions –** none to date.

**Appeals –** none to date.

**50. Dates of Forthcoming Meetings:** 3rd November 2020 meeting, 7.30pm, location –online Zoom meeting according to Covid-19 government rules.

The meeting finished at 9.25pm.

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