

# PEASMARSH PARISH COUNCIL



## Minutes of the Council meeting held Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 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) – joined at 7.40pm due to connectivity issues, Robert Barham (RB) and County Councillor Angharad Davies (AD).

**Also present:** Clerk A Head (AH)

51. **Apologies for absence** – Parish Councillor Terry Hogan (TH) and District Councillor Paul Osborne (PO).
52. **Disclosure of interests under the Council's Code of Conduct** – CP for 57.1, RH for 58.2 and HP/DP/MC for 59.3.
53. **Minutes of the last Council meeting – October 6th 2020** – The minutes were unanimously approved. The Clerk to use DP's electronic signature with his consent.  
**There were no members of the public present.**
54. **District & County Councillor Reports – County** – AD supplied a written report which is attached. AD said that the report was written prior to the announcement on 31<sup>st</sup> October regarding a second national lockdown. However, she said that ESCC are in a better position and more organised this time around. Care homes are better organised, there is government money for infection control and the PPE supply is good. DP asked whether AD knew if testing would be ramped up? AD said that although there was a pilot in the city of Liverpool it would be unlikely that there would be routine general testing for everyone. GS reported that from a Rother Voluntary Services (RVS) perspective, voluntary services would continue to carry on through this second lockdown, although finding volunteers may be harder. Community hubs will continue to provide support to those in need and even though Rother has a high elderly population; there has been very few requests for outside help as help has been provided within communities. DP reported that the parking enforcement in Rye continues to be a positive change and parking is much more readily available now. AD finished by stating that the ditching and hedging programme has been issued by ESCC Highways and a request to continue reporting all potholes to ESCC Highways for fixing.  
**District** – PO was not present and no report supplied but he said in his apologies that any queries could be directed to him.
55. **Budget** – The clerk supplied a draft budget spreadsheet which the PC went through line by line. RH proposed a potential idea of a steel youth shelter away from the play space/outdoor exercise equipment within open vision for the teenagers to be able to meet. RH stated that this had to be discussed with the recreation ground committee and he also wanted to engage with those who gather near the Pavilion to see what they would like there. GS mentioned that there was lots of scope for creativity with projects like this. For example, in

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Sidley, Bexhill-on-Sea, they used the services of a graffiti artist to paint their shelter. DP also said that this could also be a potential PCC grant application. Money was also set aside for speed watch and the potential purchase/shared purchase of the 'Black Cat' speed monitoring device. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to finalise the spreadsheet for approval at the December monthly meeting. Precept to be stay the same at £37,000. RH to engage with those children/teenagers that gather at the Pavilion as to what they would like to see there.

**56. Zoom package purchase** – Peasmarsh PC currently borrow RVA's Zoom account but with GS leaving RVA at the end of November, and with the need to have remote meetings continuing, a Zoom package would allow longer meetings and would allow the clerk to organise these meetings. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to purchase an account on a monthly basis at a cost of around £11.99 ex VAT. Clerk to be reimbursed.

## **57. Housing**

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

**57.2 RDC Local Plan update – Early engagement form** – **RESOLVED:** HP to send return she produced on behalf of PC to Clerk for circulation to the PC.

**57.3 RDC Call for Sites 2020 – Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) – deadline 07/12/2020.** **RESOLVED:** DP reported that this does not impact on Peasmarsh directly and is only for landowners with land more than a quarter of an acre.

**57.4 Planning white paper** – **RESOLVED:** DP reported that he felt, in light of recent government announcements around planning that this was a pointless exercise and has not provided a response on behalf of the PC.

**57.5 Neighbourhood planning for Peasmarsh** – DP reported that a request for volunteers has been put in the Peasmarsh Periodical (PP), details of volunteers to be sent to the Clerk. The Clerk reported one interested person so far. DP reiterated that this must be a community-led project.

## **58. Community Matters and Issue**

### **58.1 Village traffic and roads**

**58.1.1 VAS** – PL reported that there were 32,044 vehicles recorded travelling at 36mph and above, with 1,510 speeding excessively at 45mph and above. The figures are broadly in line with this time last year (32,586).

**58.1.2 Speed Watch** – No speed watch sessions were conducted this month. PL is seeking clarification from Speed Watch as to whether sessions can be carried out in November during the second lockdown (from 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020).

**58.1.3 Black Cat** – DP reported that he is still waiting for more data and knowledge regarding this device but it is definitely gaining traction with the police. As discussed under item 55, provision will be made in the budget for a potential purchase/shared purchase of the device.

**58.1.4 Road Repairs** – DP reported that he took the issue with the lack of road repair on the Maltings to the highest level at ESCC but only received the same response – that the potholes were not deep enough to repair. DP has also engaged with the Highways Steward, Isla Dacey and the business improvement manager at ESCC Highways with a request for him to engage with parishes prior to renewing their contract with the repair's contractor.

**RESOLVED:** The PC has tried everything to gain repairs for the Maltings road but ultimately

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it is ESCC Highways responsibility and as they are refusing to repair this road there is nothing further the PC can do.

- 58.1.5 Recreation Ground/Playspace/Pavilion** – RH reported that the new uPVC windows have been fitted. However, the French doors were an incorrect size, so they have been returned and will be replaced. The plumbing by S.J. Feist has been fitted today. Future internal redecoration will also be discussed by the recreation ground committee. RH has been researching CCTV and the cost will be around £1,250 including VAT. The Clerk stated that she had drafted a CCTV policy and advised that the PC would need to register with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). RH agreed and said that the cost for registering with the ICO was around £30.00 a year. A sign would need to be put up with the PC as the 'owner' of the CCTV and a phone number to contact. It was discussed that this could possibly be the Memorial Hall answerphone line to avoid nuisance phone calls. **RESOLVED:** RH to continue to research the correct CCTV for the Pavilion. Clerk to circulate the draft CCTV policy for comment.
- 58.2 Oast Cottage** – The clerk reported that she had emailed Ben Hook at RDC (Head of Service – Acquisitions, Transformation, and Regeneration) for help/advice and he had responded today stating that he would look into it. **RESOLVED:** DP said that he would also contact the new RDC housing company (Alliance Homes (Rother) Ltd) to see if they could help.
- 58.3 Maltings grit bin** – MC has purchased a new lock for the bin. There are two sets of keys. **RESOLVED:** MC to give the keys to the Clerk who will hold one copy. PL to hold the second set of keys. Clerk to supply PL with the second set of keys.
- 58.4 Rye Food Bank** – No further donations at present. **RESOLVED:** GS said that she would find out from Rye Mutual Aid if they could supply information as to what work they are doing and how this work is benefitting individual villages.

## 59. Reports and other items

- 59.1 Clerk's Report** – Noted.
- 59.2 RALC speeding initiative** – DP reported that work is ongoing and there is interest at the highest level of ESCC Highways.
- 59.3 Memorial Hall** – HP reported that they held the art exhibition last weekend but now due to the second national lockdown they will be closed between 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020.
- 59.4 Allotments** – MC reported all allotments were in good order. The Clerk reported that another person has requested a place on the waiting list for allotments. The waiting list now totals four residents.
- 59.5 Willow tree at Flackley Ash junction** – DP and the Clerk reported that a resident had raised concerns about the safety for drivers at this junction due to the overgrown willow tree. The Clerk reported this to ESCC Highways who responded that they saw no concerns. DP proposed an independent assessment of the tree by Oakden Tree Care. **RESOLVED:** All approved DP's proposal. Clerk to contact Oakden Tree Care to arrange.
- 59.6 Repairs and Maintenance Reports** – None reported.
- 59.7 ESCC Highways Report** – Clerk supplied an up to date spreadsheet of the latest reports and any updates – noted.

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**59.8 Police and PCSO Report** – DP commented that the recent police report for October 2020 was worrying in the increased reports of crime in the village – 12 incidents were reported. HP expressed confusion as to who the local PCSOs were as the recent PCSO report was not clear. The Clerk confirmed that one of the PCSOs was definitely the PCSO that the Chair and Vice Chair met recently, Emma Louise Phillips.

DP reported that a resident was concerned about poor parking near Bisky Bar and rubbish in a front garden residence there. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to contact the PCSOs to check the parking situation. The resident had contacted the Optivo housing manager regarding the rubbish, so we will wait and see if this is removed.

**59.9 SSALC representatives meeting with PCC Katy Bourne – 13/11/2020 – RESOLVED:**

Any questions to be sent to the Clerk for forwarding to SSALC prior to the deadline.

**59.10 Footpaths reports** – The Clerk reported that a resident had injured themselves on a broken footpath bridge towards the church, off School Lane. The footpaths team contacted ESCC and the bridge was fixed within a week. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to thank the footpath stewards for their quick response.

**59.11 Village and Environment** – RH reported that for Remembrance Sunday there was to be an outside wreath laying ceremony with only 30 people maximum attending. They would all be wearing masks and socially distanced. There would be no church service and it would take place between 10.45am-11am (for the 2-minute silence). RH has arranged the purchase of a wreath on behalf of the PC. **RESOLVED:** RH to provide the Clerk with a receipt for reimbursement of the wreath at next month's meeting.

## 60. Financial Matters

### 60.1 Reports

**60.1.1** Monthly statement of receipts and payments – From October 2020 – **approved.**

**60.1.2** Budget comparison and bank reconciliations – for October 2020 – **approved.**

### 60.2 To approve and ratify payments – all approved.

**60.2.1** Clerk's October pay and expenses: £469.21

**60.2.2** Cllr Mick Coleman expenses – grit bin padlock: £6.00

**60.2.3** S J Feist and Co Ltd: £1,521.00 = already paid, approved by email on 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020.

**60.2.4** Bourne Sports Association – Oct half term football training 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Oct: £200.00

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

### 60.3 Receipts – none to date – **noted.**

**61. Correspondence – Noted.** An RDC public consultation on the Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) from 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020 for a six-week period.  
NALC climate change survey for parishes and towns – deadline for completion – 29//01/2021.  
**RESOLVED:** DP to circulate the email with details of the above.

## 62. Planning Matters

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**Applications** – [RR/2020/1697/P](#) – Garden Cottage, Tanhouse Lane, Peasmarsch, TN31 6UX – Rear extension and new garage – comments by 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to comment on the RDC online planning portal that the PC has no objections to this planning application.

**Decisions** – [RR/2020/1063/P](#) - Clayton Farm, Church Lane, Peasmarsch TN31 6XS - Change of use of land from agricultural to residential together with the erection of a single storey extension to the existing cottage – **approved 22/10/20. Noted.**

**Withdrawals** – Application withdrawn on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020 - Buttons Farmhouse, Starvecrow Lane, Peasmarsch. RR/2020/1403/L – New roof with dormers and conversion of part of garage to annexe accommodation. **Noted.**

**Appeals** – none to date. **Noted.**

**63. Dates of Forthcoming Meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 meeting, 7.30pm, location – online Zoom meeting according to Covid-19 government rules.

The meeting finished at 9.30pm.

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