



Minutes of the Council meeting held Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 7.30pm at Peasmarsh Memorial Hall.

Present: Councillors: David Pankhurst (Chair) (DP), Mick Coleman (MC), Peter Lamont (PL), Hilary Pankhurst (HP), Gina Sanderson (GS), Robert Barham (RB) and Ray Hollman (RH)

Also present: Clerk and RFO Amy Head (AH), County Councillor Paul Redstone (PR) and District Councillor Paul Osborne

119. Apologies for absence – Councillor Ben Clinton (BC).

120. Disclosure of interests under the Council's Code of Conduct – GS for 123.2, RH for 124.2 and HP, DP and MC for 125.3.

121. Minutes of the last Council meetings – February 7th 2023 and Extraordinary meeting on February 9th 2023 – Unanimously agreed.

There were no members of the public present.

122. District & County Councillor Reports – County Councillor Report – PR supplied a written report which is attached and available on the PC's website. PR added that the demand for pot hole repairs in the area was now back down to normal levels. The Clerk said that a pot hole had been fixed in Church Lane recently but broken up tarmac had been left behind for several weeks even though she had reported it to ESCC Highways. Clerk to forward the case number to PR to follow up. PR said that he still had outstanding actions to follow up in relation to the drain work outside Kimberly Cottage, Main Street and obtaining a quote for traffic monitoring for Mill Lane. DP also said that roadwork signs remain in Beckley even though the work has now finished – PR to follow up with ESCC Highways about this. **District Councillor Report** – PO apologised for non-attendance of last month's meeting. PO reported that up to £500 grants were available from RDC for the King's Coronation in May if the PC had an event planned. PO reported that the PNDP had approval by RDC's Cabinet to start the Regulation 16 consultation until 31st March, prior to the purdah period leading to Local Elections in May. PO thanked the RDC officer responsible for pushing the PNDP through to this stage. PO reported that there would be a £5 per household increase on a Band D property Council Tax. PO also reiterated the need for voter photo id at Local Elections in May to be able to vote. The photo does not have to be in date as long as it looks like the holder. For example, an out of date Passport is acceptable.

123. Housing –

123.1 Tanyard field development – No updates.

123.2 Pippins' development – No updates.

123.3 RDC Local Plan – DP, PL, GS, Mike Inkson (Chair of the PNDP group) and the Clerk attended a meeting with RDC Planners and Councillors Jonathan Vine-Hall and Sue

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Prochak on Friday 17th February to discuss the RDC Local Plan and potential planning sites. The meeting was positive.

123.4 Neighbourhood Planning for Peasmarsh – GS reported that the PNDP was in the Regulation 16 consultation period until 31st March 2023. All comments will then be sent to the external examiner who will go through these throughout May and then make recommendations of any changes to the group. These recommendations cannot be changed. It then must be decided by the PNDP group whether these recommendations can be incorporated in the plan, or if the plan has to start again from the beginning.

124. Community Matters and Issue

124.1 Village traffic and roads

124.1.1 VAS – PL supplied a written report which is attached and on the PC website.

124.1.2 Speed Watch – PL supplied a written report which is attached and on the PC website. February's speeding figures were much lower than in January. The speed gun has shown 100% accuracy two months in a row. PL is hoping to arrange more sessions in March but there is only 3 volunteers including himself in the group.

124.1.3 Black Cat speeding device – PL supplied a written report which is attached and on the PC website.

124.2 Recreation Ground/Playspace/Pavilion – RH reported that another football training course will run during Easter and a Pavilion booking had also been made by a walking group for early April. **RESOLVED:** RH agreed with the Clerk that Lynda Hollman (treasurer of the Recreation Ground Committee) would write a cheque to the Clerk for the remaining Recreation Ground funds, to transfer into the PC bank account to be managed there until the Recreation Ground Committee is quorate again.

124.3 Full EICR testing for the Pavilion – **RESOLVED:** RH agreed that Parsons should complete this testing when the Memorial Hall is tested. HP to arrange with Parsons and ask them to issue two separate invoices.

124.4 Bowls Club project – The PC discussed converting the bowls green into accessible raised bed allotment plots. Discussions were had about having a criterion for obtaining a plot. It was felt that those with disabilities/accessibility issues should be offered first refusal of the plots but that if there was no interest then the plots could be opened up to all residents. RH discussed the potential cost of timber and soil for an 8ft square raised bed (c.£500 per bed). The Clerk said that she had contacted Lee Beckham (RDC recommended) and he was happy to come for a site visit. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to set up a meeting with Lee Beckham and DP/RH. The Clerk to also seek out other qualified people to quote for the work to convert the bowls club into allotments.

124.5 2023 Local Elections – Those Councillors present agreed to sign their forms and obtain seconder/witness signatures from others at the end of the meeting. MC and HP said that they would not be standing for election again. **RESOLVED:** GS agreed to hand deliver the completed paperwork on behalf of the Councillors on Thursday 30th March 2023. The PC thanked GS.

124.6 Coronation celebrations – The PC discussed applying for an RDC grant and HP suggested Hands of Hope could host a community lunch in line with the 'Big Lunch' event suggested by the Royal Family. **RESOLVED:** HP to contact Sosi from Hands of Hope to see if it would be possible to have a community Coronation Big Lunch event on Monday

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8th May. If the event is possible, Clerk/DP to then apply for RDC Coronation Community Grant.

- 124.7 Bisky Bar grit bin** – The PC discussed the fact that they had historically paid for the refill of the grit bin by Bisky Bar so that residents other than those living in Bisky Bar could use the bin. However, following receipt of the most recent invoice for the annual winter invoice it was decided that now a new grit bin has been installed at the top of School Lane, residents no longer needed to share the bin of the Bisky Bar residents. Therefore, future payments should not be made for this. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to pay the most recent invoice after tonight's meeting and then write to Southern Housing Group (previously Optivo) to let them know that no further invoices will be paid for refills of the grit bin they manage.
- 124.8 Cloud storage** – DP said that he had not transferred the Memorial Hall files to an external device yet but that he would purchase a device to do this and the PC and Memorial Hall could halve the cost.
- 124.9 Hadlow Down PC Highways letter** – Hadlow Down wrote to all Parish and Town Councils in East Sussex to see if they would join up to take collective action against East Sussex Highways for poor management/workmanship. **RESOLVED:** The PC discussed but agreed that although they agreed, a lot of the issues were also due to a lack of money. The PC did not want to get involved with this.
- 124.10 Oast Cottage** – No updates. The Clerk emailed Dentons Developers last month for an update on progress with their plans for this site, but to date has not had a response.
- 125. Reports and other items**
- 125.1 Clerk's Report** – Noted.
- 125.2 Change of day for monthly meeting** – **RESOLVED:** The PC agreed to change the day to Wednesday from June onwards. Clerk to amend website to reflect this. HP to inform the yoga booking that they can have the hall longer from now on, except for 23rd May as the PC's AGM is already booked for then.
- 125.3 Memorial Hall** – HP reported that the men's toilets were being upgraded and that a recent Marie Curie coffee morning was successful.
- 125.4 Allotments** – MC reported that there was not much to report at the allotments due to the time of year, but he said that plot 10 was overgrown again. **RESOLVED:** The Clerk will be sending out rent letters in the next few weeks and will reiterate the need to maintain plots to a neat standard, so as not to impact on others.
- 125.5 Repairs and Maintenance reports** – None.
- 125.6 ESCC Highways report** – Noted.
- 125.7 Rights of Way** – No updates.
- 125.8 Police and PCSO Reports** – Monthly police report – January 2023 - noted.
- 125.9 Footpaths reports** – MC reported that previously reported locked gate PSM/296 on Peasmarsh footpath PSM/36/1 from Pelsham to Starvecrow Lane is not actually locked. The landowner confirmed that there is a chain on a clasp on the gate but this can easily be unfastened to open the gate.
- 125.10 Village and environment** – The Clerk to report the potholes at the junction of School Lane and Tanhouse Lane. Clerk to report to RDC the abandoned trailers on School Lane. They are both unattached from towing vehicles and one has a flat tyre. MC also said

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that Sunbeam Cottage on Main Street is inaccessible and overgrown. It is unclear who owns the property or what action can be taken.

126. Financial Matters

126.1 Reports

126.1.1 Monthly statement of receipts and payments – from February 2023 – **approved by PL.**

126.1.2 Budget comparison and bank reconciliations – for February 2023 – **approved by PL.**

126.2 To approve and ratify payments – all approved. RH and RB to provide the two online authorisers.

126.2.1 Clerk's February pay – monthly standing order: £625.73– comes out on 26th of the previous month.

126.2.2 Clerk's February expenses: £64.47

126.2.3 Recreation Ground booking clerk wage: £50.00 – paid by standing order on 26th of the month.

126.2.4 NDP website costs – reimbursement to Mike Inkson (Chair of NDP group): £310.59

126.2.5 Local Plan meeting in Bexhill – travel reimbursement – DP: £17.10

126.2.6 Southern Housing (Optivo) grit bin for Bisky Bar: £169.52

126.2.7 Calendar Cleaning – Recreation Ground expense: £144.00

126.2.8 Biffa Waste collection – monthly direct debit – March: £81.96

126.3 Receipts – PCC Brickfields' defibrillator claim settlement: £400.00 – paid on 14/02/2023.

127. Correspondence – Letter received from Kent Surrey Sussex Air Ambulance Charity – 06/03/2023 – requesting £300 grant from PC. Letter retained until the August meeting when grant requests are considered.

128. Planning Matters – Noted.

Applications –

[RR/2023/214/P](#) - 27 Farleys Way, Peasmarsh TN31 6PZ - Conversion of garage and enlargement front parking area. Agreed comment put on the online planning comments section: ***"The Parish Council has no objections in principle. However, it is hoped that a permeable surface will be used for the front parking area as suggested by the High Weald Design Code and adopted by the Peasmarsh Neighbourhood Development Plan. This will help to mitigate historic surface water flooding issues in Farleys Way"***.

Decisions –

[RR/2022/2632/P](#) - Sunrise, Barnets Hill, Peasmarsh TN31 6YJ - Variation of condition 2 imposed on planning permission RR/2022/1875/P to allow changes to the window configuration and internal alterations – **APPROVED 20/02/2023.**

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[RR/2023/26/P](#) - The Pavilion, Tillingham Lane, Peasmarsh TN31 6XH -Erection of rear extensions to south elevation – **APPROVED 27/02/2023.**

[RR/2023/25/P](#) - Westmead, Barnets Hill, Peasmarsh TN31 6YJ - Erection of a two-storey side and single storey rear extension, alterations and loft conversion – **APPROVED 27/02/2023.**

Appeals – Noted.

[2824](#) - APP/U1430/W/22/3292806 - 1 Brickfield, Main Street, Peasmarsh, TN31 6SS - Erection of a two-storey side extension over part of existing footprint to form 1 bedroom maisonette – **APPEAL DISMISSED 03/03/2023.**

129. Dates of Forthcoming Meetings: Monthly meeting, 4th April 2023, Memorial Hall, Peasmarsh at 7.30pm.

The meeting finished at 9.05pm.

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