

PEASMARSH PARISH COUNCIL



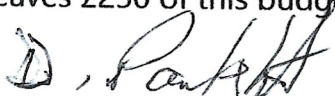
Minutes of the Council meeting held Wednesday 5th July 2023 at 7.30pm at Peasmarsh Memorial Hall.

Present: Councillors: David Pankhurst (DP) (Chair) Ray Hollman (Vice Chair) (RH), Gina Sanderson (GS), Mick Coleman (MC), Peter Lamont (PL) – arrived 7.50pm with apologies, Hilary Pankhurst (HP), Robert Barham (RB) and Georgina Dunham (GD).

Also present: Clerk and RFO Amy Head (AH) and District Councillor Paul Osborne (PO).

43. **Apologies for absence** – County Councillor Paul Redstone (PR) and District Councillor Lizzie Hacking (LH).
44. **Disclosure of interests under the Council's Code of Conduct** – GS for 48.2, RH for 49.2, GD for 49.4, MC/DP and HP for 50.2.
45. **Minutes of the last Council meetings** – Monthly meeting June 7th 2023 and Extraordinary meeting 14th June 2023 – both agreed and signed by the Chairman.
There were 2 members of the public present. They had two requests: One for a zebra crossing for school children at the junction of the Maltings. This was dismissed on the grounds that traffic surveys have taken place several times over the last few years and Highways stated that there was not enough footfall to justify a zebra crossing. There was also discussion about having a patrol crossing person to help. The PC confirmed that there used to be funding for this with the school but this has been discontinued. Another option discussed was the idea of a voluntary patrol crossing run by a rota of parents/volunteers.
ACTION: Clerk to contact County Councillor Paul Redstone to see about the logistics of such a scheme and if it is possible. The members of the public were also asked to chat to PL about Speed Watch group volunteer work. The second request was for a shelter for shade in the play space. **ACTION:** RH to look into options for this.
46. **District & County Councillor Reports – County Councillor Report** – PR supplied a written report which is attached and on the PC's website. In his absence there were no questions.
District Councillor Report – PO said that he was surprised that RDC's Dog Control consultation was not on the agenda as it could lead to dog bans in all open spaces. The Clerk said that she had not included it as she did not think it had any direct implications for Peasmarsh, as the only open space is the recreation ground and dogs are already banned from there (although this is hard to police). PO concluded his report by saying that RDC was in the process of undertaking a lot of training.
47. **Annual donations** – The Clerk confirmed that there was a £700 budget for community donations and donation requests had been received from Victim Support and Kent Sussex Surrey Air Ambulance. The PC agreed that the former requests were from broader and in Victim Support's case, national charities and it felt that donations should be for more local charities which benefit Peasmarsh residents. All unanimously agreed to donate £150.00 each to Peasmarsh Flying Start Pre-School (on the proviso that it is for specific toys/equipment and not general running costs), Rye Hub on the Hill and Little Gate Farm in Beckley. This leaves £250 of this budget for other possible donation requests this financial year. **ACTION:**

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Clerk to let these organisations know and obtain their bank details and complete online payments for these donations.

48. Housing –

48.1 Tanyard field development – No updates.

48.2 Pippins' development – No updates.

48.3 RDC Local Plan – No updates.

48.4 Neighbourhood Planning for Peasmarsh – GS reported that the PNDP group had sent their response to the initial comments of the Independent Examiner and the PC had also sent follow up comments. The Clerk reported that she had received an email from the Independent Examiner this afternoon asking to have a public hearing regarding the PNDP and to complete site visits in August. GS said that it is likely that the Inspector will want to discuss why Tanyard and Tanhouse sites are not included, housing limits and infrastructure issues. The Clerk has said that she thinks that August is not a good time to have a public hearing as a lot of families/residents are on holiday. The PC agreed and suggested later in September and provisionally booked the Memorial Hall for 20th/21st September. **ACTION:** Clerk to liaise with RDC's Julia Edwards/the PNDP group to find a suitable date in September.

48.5 Tree/TPO survey – All agreed to defer this item to the Spring.

49. Community Matters and Issue

49.1 Village traffic and roads

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

49.1.2 Speed Watch – PL supplied a written report which is attached and on the PC website – noted. PL also supplied a written report from his attendance at a conference held at Surrey University in Guildford on the topic of Enhancing Road Safety with Community Speed Watch Volunteers. The PC thanked PL for his report and requested he sent the Clerk his travel expenses for this conference. **ACTION:** Clerk to reimburse PL for his travel expenses.

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

49.1.4 Renewal of Black Cat licenses – The Clerk confirmed that the Black Cat licenses for 6 locations in the village had been renewed but had not been paid for yet as the Highways payment system had been down since 1st May 2023.

49.2 Recreation Ground/Playspace/Pavilion – GD counter signed the cheque for the closing balance of the Recreation Ground Committee's bank account. The treasurer responsibility has transferred back to the Clerk under the Parish Council until such time that the Recreation Ground Committee is quorate again. The Clerk asked RH to remind the Recreation Ground booking clerk to send her copies of her monthly invoices for audit purposes. The Clerk also reported that Groundwork South (Greener Futures) continue to fail to pay the booking fee invoice for their use of the Pavilion in April. Although the cost is only £20 and is being pursued, the Clerk advised RH that no further bookings should be accepted from this group until this invoice is paid. Bourne Sports have two sessions booked for over the summer holidays – 24th/25th July and 29th/30th August.

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49.3 Tesco grant for Recreation Ground – The Chairman reported that he needed to complete the end of grant paperwork for this £1,000 grant obtained during Covid lockdown. RH confirmed that he had costs for a new white liner machine to benefit the football teams that play on the Recreation Ground. The PC discussed using the remaining grant to cover the cost of the shade requested by the members of the public under Item 45. **ACTION:** RH to research costs for these items and send them to DP as soon as possible as the deadline for the end of grant report is the end of August 2023.

49.4 Coronation Garden project – The Clerk confirmed that three quotations had been sought (with associated site visits) and only two companies had sent quotations. As grants have already been obtained from N+P (£4,000) and Jempsons (£500), the work and who it is being done by needs to be decided. Ways of funding the work including more grant applications (e.g., RDC Community Grant, Rye Mutual Aid) and match funding were discussed. The ideal contractor is Lee Beckham from RDC as he has provided the most detailed and reasonably priced quote and has also sent information about gaining further help from a contact at the Rural England Prosperity Fund. His quote is for c. £16,000.00. **ACTION:** Clerk to contact Lee and organise how to begin this work.

49.5 Sunbeam Cottage, Main Street – The Chairman received an email from a neighbour of this abandoned cottage to say that he had heard that the cottage had been left to the Church in the owner's will. The Chairman gave this resident contact details for Peasmarsh Church for them to investigate this with them but it is unknown if it is this particular church that the property has been left to.

49.6 Oast Cottage – The Clerk reported that following a request from the neighbour of this property for an update on securing the site, she had emailed Head of Enforcement at RDC, Dan Bevan but had not received a response. **ACTION:** Clerk to ask PO to chase Dan Bevan for a response.

50. Reports and other items

50.1 Clerk's Report – Noted.

50.2 Memorial Hall – MC reported that the Hall's carbon footprint and lighting was checked as part of a village hall survey as the Memorial Hall is a designated rest centre. Battery storage for LED lighting is expensive but there are grants for these which the Memorial Hall Committee will explore.

50.3 Allotments – MC reported that he had not visited the allotments in the last week, so could not give a recent report but he had met with the new tenant of plot 5 to agree the location of a storage box. Plot 4 is still not maintained. The Clerk discussed the fact that allotments had been given up and left in a poor state and the withheld deposits should be used to pay for someone to return them to a manageable state. **ACTION:** Clerk to find out if Francis Warren would do this work or knows someone who can/check the Rye Fixtures and Fittings publication. Clerk to remind the tenant of plot 4 to maintain their plot and also check the state of plot 11 which has also been neglected in the last few months.

50.4 Repairs and Maintenance reports – The Clerk has purchased new defibrillator pads to replace the out-of-date ones with the Brickfields' phone box defibrillator. The Clerk has also registered this defibrillator with the British Heart Foundation endorsed website 'The Circuit', which shows the defibrillators that are available for use in the UK. HP confirmed

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that Rother Responders own the Memorial Hall defibrillator, so they have registered the defibrillator with The Circuit themselves.

ACTION: Clerk to add the purchase of a defibrillator at the Pavilion to September's agenda – it would likely be in a locked case on the side of the Pavilion for access by the football teams/Bourne Sports when they use the Pavilion.

50.5 ESCC Highways report – Clerk reported that - potholes reported at: School Lane (POT003232) fixed on 19/06, junction of the Maltings and Main Street next to the Pedestrian crossing (POT001896) fixed on 19/06. Hedge reported overgrown at Pippins, Main Street (HED000046) – case dismissed as not currently an issue. All noted.

50.6 Rights of Way – No updates.

50.7 Police and PCSO Reports – Monthly police report May 2023 not available at time of meeting.

50.8 Footpaths reports – No updates

50.9 Village and environment – RH reported that there were barriers on the footpath half way up the hill leading to Flackley Ash. **ACTION:** Clerk to investigate why the barriers are there with ESCC Highways.

51. Financial Matters

51.1 Reports – PL approved.

51.1.1 Monthly statement of receipts and payments – from June 2023.

51.1.2 Budget comparison and bank reconciliations – for June 2023.

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

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

51.2.2 Clerk's June expenses: £91.99 – includes purchase of replacement defib pads for phone box defib as out of date (£65.99).

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

51.2.4 South East Water – direct debit for Pavilion: £1.00 – paid in May, June and July.

51.2.5 EDF – direct debit for Pavilion: £65.00 – paid in May, June and July.

51.2.6 Cllr D. Pankhurst – reimbursement for purchase of memory stick: £25.99

51.2.7 Annual donations up to £700 budget decided under Item 47.

51.2.8 Biffa Waste collection – monthly direct debit – July: £65.57

51.3 Receipts – Noted.

51.3.1 Allotment Plot 5 – annual rent and new tenant deposit: £75.00 - paid online.


51.3.2 Cheque deposit online for Recreation Ground Committee – payment from Beckley Rangers for use of Recreation Ground for football season 2022-23: £165.00

51.3.3 Cheque for Recreation Ground Committee balance: £6,635.55

52. Correspondence – None to date.

53. Planning Matters – Noted.

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Applications – [RR/2023/1054/P](#) - New House Farm, Wittersham Road, Peasmarsch TN31 6TD - Siting of glamping pod with associated landscaping and parking. Peasmarsch Parish Council agreed to support this planning application and state the following: - ***“Peasmarsch Parish Council note this planning application.”***

[RR/2023/1205/P](#) - Teviot, Malthouse Lane, Peasmarsch TN31 6TA - Erection of a single storey dwelling with associated access and parking area. Peasmarsch Parish Council agreed to comment the following: - ***“Peasmarsch Parish Council has no comment on this planning application.”***

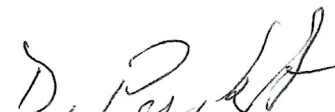
Decisions – [RR/2023/833/P](#) - Sunrise, Barnets Hill, Peasmarsch TN31 6YJ - Variation of condition 2 imposed on RR/2022/2632/P to allow the installation of an additional window on the south Elevation at ground floor level and enlargement of first floor Velux Windows on the north Elevation – **APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS – 12/06/2023. Noted.**

Appeals – None to date.

54. Dates of Forthcoming Meetings: Monthly meeting, 6th September 2023, Memorial Hall, Peasmarsch at 7.30pm.

The meeting finished at 9.22pm.

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