

**Minutes of the Council meeting held at the Memorial Hall  
on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Councillors: D Pankhurst (DP) Chairman, H Pankhurst (HP), C Pollington (CP), G Sanderson (GS), T Hogan (TH), P Lamont (PL), D Watts (DW)

**Also present:** Clerk C Hellen (CH), County Councillor A Davies (AD) District Councillor I Jenkins

1. **Apologies for absence:** M Coleman, R Hollman, District Councillor: M Mooney
2. **Disclosure of interests under the Council's Code of Conduct:** None.
3. **The minutes of the Council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2016** were unanimously agreed.
4. **Review of Complaints Procedure and Child Protection Policy** The amended Complaints Procedure was unanimously agreed and signed. A number of amendments were discussed regarding the Child Protection Policy, which will be updated to a Safeguarding Policy, covering children and vulnerable adults. GS provided valuable advice on this matter and the new Policy will use Battle Town Council's Safeguarding Policy as a guide. The Parish Clerk and Chairman will act as Safeguarding Leads who can then refer on any issues that arise to ESCC. Julie Masters, who is employed by the Recreation Ground needs to be aware of the new policy and to sign to confirm that she has read it. GS provided a model incident reporting form and ESCC safeguarding links for any referrals, which will be added as appendices to the policy. GS and CP can provide guidance if a safeguarding issue does arise.

**5. Village Environment**

**5.1 Village Sign** CP discussed the dates of the competition for the design of the village sign and it was agreed that mid-November would be the final date for entries. It was agreed that the Peasmarsh Panther must form part of the design and entries should be emailed to the Parish Clerk or posted in the Memorial Hall letter box. IJ and AD agreed to act as independent judges of the competition. A prize of £20 in Amazon vouchers was agreed for the winner of the competition, whose design will become the village sign. The details of the competition to be sent to Peasmarsh Primary School and included in the October edition of the Peasmarsh Periodical. Applications for grants towards the cost of the sign will now be investigated.

**5.2 East Sussex Highways Reports** Grass cutting issues continued to be a concern across all the parishes and an email is to be sent on behalf of all Parish Clerks in the Rother District to East Sussex Highways regarding this matter. AD reported that the Highways teams are now catching up with the grass cutting programme.

**5.3 Drainage issues** The drain outside Kimberley Cottage has been inspected by the Highways Team and is currently running normally, however, the situation will be monitored as heavy rains begin.

**5.4 40 mph VAS** There was concern that the repairs to the 40mph VAS have not been effective and further checks will be undertaken.

**5.5 Telephones and Internet Problems** Intermittent problems continue to occur to both phone lines and internet connections in Peasmarsh. The problem appears to stem from the old copper wires in the junction box. It was agreed that the Chairman would write a letter to BT requiring a response within a month to the continuing problems that residents are experiencing with a view to reporting the matter to Ofcom if no satisfactory result is obtained. A copy of the letter to be sent to ESCC. Councillors were asked to regularly check the speed of their internet connection and report back. Residents will also be asked to check and report problems via the October Peasmarsh Periodical.

**5.8 PC Noticeboard** DW confirmed that CH would be sent a quote regarding the repair of the PC noticeboard.

**5.9 Drainage issue at Oast Cottage** CH reported that Southern Water and South East Water had both dealt with the drainage/sewer issue outside Oast Cottage.

**6. County and District Councillor reports**

AD reported that Recycling week would take place between 12-18<sup>th</sup> September to encourage an increase in recycling across the county. Older People Day will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> October and will form part of a series of 'Full of Life' events over two months to encourage over 50s to participate in new activities. All road markings outside schools are being repainted as part of the Road Safety

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campaign. GCSE results across the county showed improvement with students achieving A\*-C grades up to 60%, an improvement of 4%. Rye College had seen an improvement of 19% in results. IJ reported that Amicus Horizon has merged with London Social Housing group and IJ has asked Amicus Horizon to attend the next Scrutiny Committee meeting. The Maltings development is awaiting a Section 106 agreement before a start date can be agreed. Disability grants are available from RDC to assist people, CH to advertise on website.

## **7. Reports and other items**

**7.1 VAS and traffic calming** CH reported that M Higgs (ESCC) would be attending a site meeting in Peasmarsch on 12<sup>th</sup> September to discuss the site of the proposed 30mph VAS. MC, TH and PL to attend.

**7.2 Bus Services** The service continues to be well used but no official statistics on use have been received to date.

**7.3 The Maltings update** CH confirmed that advice had been received from RDC regarding the new Planning Committee protocol, which states that from October 2016, where groups of ten residents object to a planning application, they can attend the Planning Committee and will be able to speak to the meeting if arranged in advance. A letter had been received from Councillor Kentfield, Chairman of RDC Planning Committee explaining the reasons for the Planning Committee's support for the redevelopment plans for the Maltings. DP to reply and ask for confirmation on how the demolition works and future development works will be managed to minimise the problems for residents. Laura Webster (Amicus Horizon) confirmed that services to the Maltings will be cut off in early September and the site secured by a fence. She was continuing to investigate the clearance of land between the Maltings building and Hamish Court houses. There is no official start date for the redevelopment works as yet because further issues are being dealt with before full planning permission can be granted.

**7.4 Meeting with Roger Comerford, RDC Rother District Local Plan, Development & Site Allocations** This meeting took place on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016. It was noted that the RDC officer had relocated sites from the agreed allocated sites for development in Peasmarsch and Councillors had been able to give their views on the matter.

**7.5 Parking fine at Brickfields** No further action to be taken. CH had written to ask Peasmarsch Primary School to warn parents not to park at Brickfields.

**7.6 Police Report** There were no reported incidents in Peasmarsch in August.

**7.7 Speedwatch** PL reported the Speedwatch group had not undertaken any sessions in August and will start again at the end of September. There was some concern that slow police responses will allow persistent offenders to avoid penalties. The matter is being taken up by H Merriman, MP. A European wide safety campaign day will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016 when speedwatchers nationally have been asked to check speeds. The School Ambassador programme is proposing that schools form CSW groups specific to school areas. This would require operators to attend court sessions for persistent offenders but groups may opt out of this scheme..

**7.8 Clerk's Report** Noted.

**7.9 Recreation Ground** DP confirmed that fly-tipping at the Skate Park had been removed by RDC. P&P Waste of Rye are prepared to collect rubbish from the Skate Park and Recreation Ground on an ad hoc basis, if rubbish can be collected from a central location – Julie Masters to be consulted on this. He also suggested that fire-proof and lockable bins might be purchased to prevent further incidents of rubbish being strewn around the Skate Park. CH to investigate. DP proposed and DW seconded these proposals which were unanimously agreed.

Sharon Eldridge had sent a police application form for funding for goal posts at the Recreation Ground. DP suggested that the Parish Council match funds profits from the boot fairs being held to support the Recreation Ground development. HP proposed and DW seconded this proposal and this was unanimously agreed. DP is discussing Rother Community Funding with IJ and GS will advise on possible funding streams.

**7.10 Youth Provision** HP reported that the summer coaching sessions had been very successful, well organised and had received positive responses from children, parents and from Bourne Sports Association. £455 was received from bookings and it was proposed that this could be used to subsidise the next sessions to be run during the October half-term. It was proposed that the Parish Council might either pay for the hire of the recreation ground or pay for Bourne Sports Association

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and then be reimbursed in part from monies received from bookings. HP proposed that this be investigated with Andy Stoodley and TH seconded and this was unanimously agreed.

DP was keen to encourage a football team to be established at Peasmarsh and GS advised that funding is available through the Active Sussex Sportivate programme.

**7.11 Memorial Hall** HP reported that bookings were quiet over the summer but all is proceeding well for the autumn.

**7.12 Allotments** CH reported that the vacant plot had been advertised on the website, Facebook and the Peasmarsh Periodical.

## 8. Correspondence

**8.1** Jennifer Branson and Jason Thorpe have recently been appointed as Local Footpath Secretaries for Peasmarsh area and are reporting on the state of the footpaths in Peasmarsh to ESCC's Rights of Way Officer. They have offered to attend a Parish meeting to discuss their role and it was agreed to invite them to attend the November meeting.

**8.2** Letters of thanks for donations from the Parish Council had been received from the Rural Rother Trust and Victim Support Sussex.

**8.3 Letter and card from the Queen** Thanks had been received from HM The Queen for the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday card sent by the Parish Council on behalf of residents. Copies to be put on the village noticeboards.

## 9. Planning Matters

### 9.1 Applications:

Reference	Location	Proposal	Status
<a href="#">RR/2016/1994/P</a>	Field View, School Lane, Peasmarsh TN31 6UT	Front entrance porch & rear conservatory. Peasmarsh Parish Council agreed that it had no comment to make on this application.	Undecided

### 9.2 Decision - Noted:

Reference	Location	Proposal	Status
<a href="#">RR/2016/1667/O</a>	Bailiff's Cottage, Kitchenour Lane, Peasmarsh, TN31 6TF	Lawful use of garden to Bailiff's Cottage.	LAWFUL DC APPROVED

### 9.3 Planning Appeal - Noted:

Appeal	Application	Location	Proposal	Status
<a href="#">2401</a>	RR/2016/737/P	Hope Farm Nursery, Tillingham Lane, Peasmarsh	Erection of nursery glasshouse, production area and teaching classroom building	CURRENT

### 9.4 Withdrawal of planning application - Noted:

<a href="#">RR/2016/1815/P</a>	Lyndhurst, Main Street, Peasmarsh TN31 6YA	Variation of condition 3 (Appeal Decision - U1430/A09/2100179) to remove from that condition the limitation preventing any trade or business use of the garage/workshop, to allow use as holiday let.	Withdrawn
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## 10. Financial matters

**10.1 Reports** The monthly statement of receipts and payments, and budget comparison and bank reconciliation were unanimously agreed: proposed by CP and seconded HP.

**10.2 Payments** The following payments were unanimously approved, proposed HP; seconded TH:

10.2.1 Clerk's August pay and expenses for CH: £396.74

10.2.2 Bourne Sports Association coaching expenses: £1,000.00 Invoice received & payment made.

10.2.3 Peasmarsh Periodical printing costs: £50.00 This covered an outstanding bill for printing costs for 2016, DW proposed and CP seconded and this was unanimously agreed. The Parish Council agreed at the June 2016 meeting to fund the production of the Peasmarsh Periodical as a community initiative and £300.00 has been set aside for this purpose.

### 10.3 Receipts

10.3.1 Payments for bookings for Summer Coaching Sessions: £455.00

**11. Dates of forthcoming meetings:** 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016, Parish Council Meeting, Memorial Hall from 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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