

**Minutes of the Council meeting held at the Memorial Hall
on Tuesday 1st November 2016 at 7.30pm**

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

Also present: Clerk C Hellen (CH), County Councillor A Davies (AD), J Branson and J Thorpe (Peasmarsh Footpath Secretaries) and one member of the public

1. **Apologies for absence:** R Hollman, M Coleman, District Councillors: I Jenkins, M Mooney
2. **Disclosure of interests under the Council's Code of Conduct:** None.
3. **The minutes of the Council meeting held on 4th October 2016** were unanimously agreed.
4. **Peasmarsh Footpath Secretaries** Jennifer Branson and Jason Thorpe gave an insight to their work as Peasmarsh Footpath Secretaries. Their work is voluntary and they walk the footpaths for Peasmarsh and Beckley twice a year, monitoring overgrowth, destruction, disrepair and possible planning issues and submit reports to the Rights of Ways Team at East Sussex Highways. Copies are also sent to the Parish Clerk. Peasmarsh has 61 designated footpaths and 23 miles of footpaths and these are shown on on-line maps supplied by East Sussex Highways. CH to obtain. Members of the public had raised concerns regarding footpath access to Peasmarsh Church and the Footpath Secretaries undertook to investigate the matter. Any footpath issues should be sent to the Footpath Secretaries who will investigate and report.
 - Q1. A member of the public reported a number of concerns including the failure of the school crossing patrol lights; the restricted times that the school crossing patrol officer works; increased rubbish from the Horse & Cart Inn; and overhanging vegetation restricting public access at Cherry Tree Cottage. CH to follow up all these issues.

This raised further concerns regarding the missing school road sign at the junction of School Lane (CH to report) and responsibility for the cost of the School Crossing patrol (AD and HP to follow up).
5. **Review of Safeguarding Policy.** The revised Safeguarding Policy was proposed by HP and seconded by CP and was unanimously agreed and signed. It was agreed to amend the Equal Opportunities Policy in accordance with the policy of Battle Town Council for confirmation at the next meeting. The Freedom of Information policy will be reviewed at the December meeting.
6. **Village Environment**
 - 6.1 **Village Sign** HP to contact Peasmarsh Primary School regarding their submissions for the village sign competition.
 - 6.2 **East Sussex Highways Reports** CH reported that repairs to the 40mph VAS were due to be carried out by East Sussex Highways and the footpath to the church was due to be cleared.
 - 6.3 **Drainage issues** The drain outside Kimberley Cottage has been inspected by the Highways Team and is currently running normally, however, the situation will continue to be monitored. A mains water leak was reported in Main Street - CH to report to South East Water. Drains at the Maltings have been cleared.
 - 6.4 **Telephones and Internet Problems** Graeme Hughes (BT High Level Complaints) had written to confirm that investigations had shown that the problems with telephones and internet access in Peasmarsh were originating from the exchange at Rye and work to remedy the problem will take until the end of December 2016. CH to publish BT's response on the website and noticeboard.
 - 6.5 **PC Noticeboard** The repairs to the PC Noticeboard had now taken place and an invoice received. An estimate for repainting and lettering would be received shortly.
 - 6.6 **Fence in School Lane** Amicus Horizon confirmed that they had given permission to their resident to erect a fence around his garden and would not, therefore, ask him to remove it.
7. **County and District Councillor reports**

AD reported that ESCC is promoting Sussex Domestic Violence and Abuse Counselling Service, which offers low cost support for survivors of domestic violence and abuse. Details are available at www.sarah-help.co.uk ESCC is running the Find Your Spark campaign to encourage people to take up careers in teaching, www.eastsussex.gov.uk/teach Changes to library opening hours are now being implemented across the county following public consultation. Paid six month internships for 16-18 year olds are being offered through the Dv8 Sussex scheme. For an application form visit:

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www.dv8sussex.com/paid-internship-programme/ For businesses wishing to provide internships email: apply@dv8sussex.com

There were no District Councillor reports.

8. Reports and other items

8.1 VAS and traffic calming No further progress had been made towards the VAS and Councillors expressed their dissatisfaction at the lack of development. AD agreed to contact M Higgs at ESCC.

8.2 Bus Services Statistics on exact use of the additional 313 bus service over the last six months had not been forthcoming from N Maguire (ESCC) and it was suggested that the Parish Council might monitor passenger usage within Peasmarsch. The Chairman and County Councillor exchanged views regarding the future funding of the 313 bus service and a decision as to whether Peasmarsch Parish Council would continue to contribute to funding the additional bus services for a further six months was postponed until the December meeting, pending a response from Beckley and Northiam PCs.

8.3 The Maltings update L Webster (Amicus Horizon) had confirmed that the final legal documentation had now been agreed with RDC and full planning permission was expected to be granted on 3rd November 2016. Westridge Construction had been chosen as the contractor for the project and would be removing asbestos from the existing buildings following surveys. It was hoped that this development would now move forward in the next month.

8.4 Police Report CH advised that the police had reported a car theft, a burglary from Jempson's petrol station and a violent offence in Peasmarsch in August 2016 but no suspects had been found in the first two cases and no prosecution was to take place in the third case.

8.5 Speedwatch PL reported the Speedwatch group had undertaken 2 sessions in November to date. Twenty-eight speeding vehicles had been recorded in the first session and 26 vehicles in the second session of which 24 and 23 vehicles had been correctly identified respectively. To date 21 letters had been sent by the police.

8.6 Clerk's Report Noted.

8.7 Recreation Ground The Hallowe'en Party at the Recreation Ground had been a success and raised over £50 towards the new adult recreation equipment. Volunteers were willing to collect rubbish from the Recreation Ground and J Als had agreed to contact RDC about this. CH reported that Tracey Morgan (RDC) had advised that the Recreation Ground could not be added to RDC's waste collection rounds and a private solution would need to be found. The Recreation Ground Committee was prepared to use its funds to purchase the first stage of the adult recreation equipment but GS advised that it was better to apply for funding for new equipment and to keep the Committee's funds for repairs and maintenance. Clarification on the status of the Recreation Ground Committee to apply for funding was now needed and to be confirmed with GS.

8.8 Youth Provision HP reported that the October half-term coaching sessions had been a success and had attracted children from the local area. The Recreation Ground had not made a charge for the use of the Recreation Ground and therefore there was no charge to the Parish Council. A one day session had been proposed for the Christmas holidays by Bourne Sports Association.

8.9 Memorial Hall HP reported that the recent art exhibition had been a success and the next exhibition would take place in February or March. A new Bookings Clerk for the Memorial Hall would be appointed in the New Year.

8.10 Allotments CH reported that a new allotment holder had now taken up the vacant plot 10 and that all allotments plots were now taken. The new allotment holder had requested if he could erect a small shed on allotment plot 10 and DW agreed to look into this matter.

9. Correspondence

9.1 The proposals of the Boundary Commission Consultation on Parliamentary Constituencies were considered and GS offered to draw up a response on behalf of the Parish Council objecting to the proposed East Rother constituency going across the county boundary.

9.2 HP and PL agreed to attend the RDC Parish/Town Council Seminar on Development and Site Allocations Plan to be held on 23rd November 2016 at Bexhill Town Hall.

9.3 The East Sussex Highways Roadshow information was noted it was agreed that the Highways Match Funding scheme be considered at the next meeting re: extending the layby at Brickfields.

9.4 The proposed extension of Referendum Principles to Local Councils dated 20/10/2016 was noted.

9.5 The review of Rother Polling Districts and Polling Places dated 18/10/2016 was noted.

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10. Planning Matters

10.1 Applications:

Reference	Location	Proposal
RR/2016/2519/O	Bradleys, Wittersham Road, Peasmarsh TN31 6TD	Lawful development for the existing use of Dwellinghouse (without any residential occupancy restriction). The Parish Council agreed that it had no comment to make on this application.
RR/2016/2479/L	The Old Rectory, School Lane, Peasmarsh TN31 6UW	Replacement of the fireplace in the dining room. The Parish Council approved this application.
RR/2016/2215/P	Lyndhurst, Main Street, Peasmarsh TN31 6YA	Change of use from garage to holiday let. The Parish Council agreed that it had no comment to make on this application.

10.2 Decisions: The following decisions were noted:

RR/2016/343/P	Old House Farm, Main Street, Peasmarsh TN31 6YD	Conversion of former granary and stable buildings to form 2 holiday lets.	APPROVED CONDITIONAL
RR/2016/344/L	Old House Farm, Main Street, Peasmarsh TN31 6YD	Conversion of former granary and stable buildings to form 2 holiday lets.	LISTED BC GRANTED
RR/2016/57/L	Groves, Starvecrow Lane, Peasmarsh TN31 6XN	Conversion of disused barn to form annex.	LISTED BC GRANTED

11. Financial matters

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

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

11.2.1 Clerk's October pay and expenses: £426.05

11.2.2 D Pankhurst travel expenses, RALC Meeting: £11.70

11.2.3 D&A Bespoke Parish noticeboard repairs: £300.00

11.3 Receipts None.

11.4 Budget for 2017-2018 It was agreed to defer discussion on the budget to the next meeting.

12. Dates of forthcoming meetings: 6th December 2016, Parish Council Meeting, Memorial Hall from 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

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