

**Minutes of the Council meeting held at the Memorial Hall
on Tuesday 6th December 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), M Coleman (MC)

Also present: Clerk C Hellen (CH), County Councillor A Davies (AD)

1. **Apologies for absence:** R Hollman, D Watts, 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 1st November 2016** were unanimously agreed.
4. **District & County Councillor Reports** AD reported that the East Sussex Better Together Policy, which will combine the Health and Social Care budgets and enable joined up care solutions to be provided is making good progress towards a fully integrated health & social care system by 2018.

The Chairman rearranged the agenda as follows:

- 5.1 **VAS and traffic calming** (previously agenda item 7.1) It was agreed that a formal letter of complaint would be sent to Brian Banks, (Road Safety Team Leader, ESCC) with copies to AD and Rupert Clubb, (Director of Communities, Economy and Transport, ESCC) expressing the Parish Council's dissatisfaction with the continued delays to the installation of the VAS at the eastern end of Peasmarsh and requesting that immediate action be taken to provide an estimate of costs and a date for installation. The provision of outstanding safety road markings for the A268 should also be requested.
- 5.2 **Bus Services** (previously agenda item 7.2) It was reported that Northiam and Beckley Parish Councils had agreed to fund the additional 313 bus services for a further six months. CP proposed and PL seconded that Peasmarsh Parish Council should also fund this service for a further six months and this was unanimously agreed. DP had written to Renown Buses requesting statistics on use. DP reported that the Bus Services Bill was being considered in Parliament and if passed would provide an opportunity for bus companies to work more closely with Community Transport Services. AD to request ESCC's views on this Bill.
- 5.3 **Drainage Issues** (previously agenda items 6.3 and 6.7) MC reported that he had met Keith Moffatt (ES Highways) who had inspected the drain problems in Main Street and agreed that it was a hazard to traffic. CH to report this to Danielle Georgeson (ES Highways Liaison Officer) and request the outcome. TH reported that South East Water had inspected the water leak in Main Street and would be contacting CS Developments to make improvements to the water main.
- 5.4 **Peasmarsh Primary School Crossing Patrol** (previously agenda item 7.4) The new headteacher, Lison Royle, confirmed that the school caretaker is also the Crossing Patrol officer and charges the school for his services every six months. If the Parish Council considers paying a contribution towards this charge, it will require an invoice from the School. CH to investigate historic payments made by the Parish Council for the crossing patrol. HP to clarify with the School whether they are responsible for funding the crossing patrol from their budget. The headteacher also confirmed that no children are crossing the road to attend the Breakfast Club and the crossing patrol is not, therefore, required at an earlier time. She also asked for volunteers who are DBS checked to visit the school to listen to children read.
- 5.5 **Confirmation of Equal Opportunities Policy and Review of Freedom of Information Policy** (previously agenda item 5) The revised Equal Opportunities Policy was proposed by HP and seconded by CP and was unanimously agreed and signed. It was agreed to amend the Freedom of Information Policy in accordance with the policy of Battle Town Council for confirmation at the next meeting. The Environment and Sustainability policy will be reviewed at the January meeting.

6. Village Environment

- 6.1 **Village Sign** CP had received a large number of entries for the Village Sign Competition from pupils of Peasmarsh Primary School. The Parish Council was delighted with the response and it was proposed to hold an exhibition of the designs in the Memorial Hall in January to which the School and residents would be invited with the aim of generating interest and donations towards the cost of the sign. CH to write a letter to the School thanking them for their contribution and asking the Headteacher or her representative to join the judging panel for the competition. CP to provide

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chocolates as a thank you to the pupils. TH proposed and GS seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would fund the cost of the village sign together with any donations received and any relevant grants if forthcoming. Jempsons might be approached for a donation or a grant application made to support the wider history and heritage of the village.

6.2 East Sussex Highways Reports CH reported that repairs to the 40mph VAS had been carried out but HP reported that the VAS was still not working. CH to report to ES Highways. The school crossing patrol lights unit was faulty and would be replaced by ES Highways. The landlord of the Horse & Cart had offered to erect a sign regarding responsible disposal of litter.

6.3 Telephones and Internet Problems (previously agenda item 6.4) BT were continuing their repairs to the exchange at Rye and a full report was expected in early January 2017.

6.4 PC Noticeboard (previously agenda item 6.5) An estimate for lettering and painting of the noticeboard had been received at a cost of £69 plus VAT from Care Signs.

6.5 Hedge Cutting Notice (previously agenda item 6.6) CH to contact ES Highways regarding the issuing of a hedge cutting notice to Cherry Tree Cottage.

6.7 Footpath Reports (previously agenda item 6.7) CH reported that the Footpath Secretaries had requested a dog bin be installed at Cornerways, Footpath 22. CH to contact RDC.

7. Reports and other items

7.1 Parish/Town Council Seminar with H Merriman, MP (previously agenda item 7.4) DP reported that the seminar had discussed the use of verges for wildflower meadows, where they were not a hazard to motorists, and proposed that the verge in front of the Memorial Hall might be a suitable site to be discussed with the Memorial Hall Committee. The seminar had also discussed rural broadband and highlighted a new initiative for BT to provide broadband to new-build property developments for free, which might benefit the Maltings development. DP to check with Amicus.

7.2 Parish/Town Council Seminar on Development and Site Allocations Plan (previously agenda item 7.5) PL was thanked for his report. Peasmarsh had been allocated a target of 50 new houses (not affordable housing) by 2027, with 45 being allocated at land south of Peasmarsh Main Street and the Maltings development accounting for the rest.

7.3 Boundary Commission Consultation on Parliament Constituencies (previously agenda item 7.6) GS was thanked for her response to the Boundary Commission's Consultation.

7.4 BT Phone Box Removal proposals (previously agenda item 7.7) BT was proposing to remove the Payphone kiosks at Flackley Ash and Brickfields. It was agreed that the Flackley Ash kiosk was little used and could be removed but the Brickfields kiosk, although usage was low, provided a valuable emergency service for elderly and vulnerable residents at Brickfields and for motorists and the public and it was recommended that this kiosk be retained. CH to inform BT. It was noted that the Brickfields kiosk also provided a light, allowing residents to see their pathways.

7.5 Community Highways Match Funding Application Form: Layby Funding (previously agenda item 7.8) This item was deferred to the January meeting.

7.6 The Maltings update (previously agenda item 7.9) L Webster (Amicus Horizon) confirmed that full planning permission was granted on 3rd November 2016. A traffic management plan and demolition plan had been submitted and archaeological trenching works would begin shortly. Westridge Construction to remove asbestos from the existing buildings in the next few months and develop a detailed drainage design with their engineers. Full demolition and construction is anticipated from March 2017 with completion expected in Spring 2018. CH to ask Westridge Construction to put their contact details on signs on the security fencing.

7.7 Police Report (previously agenda item 7.10) CH advised that the police had reported five thefts, six cases of anti-social behaviour and on violent offence in Peasmarsh in September 2016.

7.8 Speedwatch (previously agenda item 7.11) PL reported the Speedwatch group had undertaken 4 sessions in November. 93 offenders had been recorded with 4 excessive speeders and a 83% accuracy rate. 81 letters had been sent. 48 excessive speeders had been recorded across the whole year but the annual trend showed that in comparison with other years speeding was reduced owing to the regular surveillance of the Speedwatch team.

7.9 Clerk's Report: (previously agenda item 7.12) Noted.

7.10 Recreation Ground (previously agenda item 7.13) It was proposed by MC and seconded by PL and unanimously agreed to provide funding of £1548.56 to match the funds received in donations towards the new adult equipment at the Recreation Ground. RH had confirmed that the Parish Council could apply for funding for the Recreation Ground and DP offered to prepare an application

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to the Rother Community Grant scheme for £30,000 towards the cost of renewing the Playspace. GS agreed to advise and suggested other possible funding sources such as Sussex Community Foundation, Little Cheyne Wind Farm, Awards for All Lottery funding and Tesco's Bags for Life Community Fund. IJ to be approached to approve applications.

7.11 Youth Provision (previously agenda item 7.14) DP reported no sessions would be held in December. Sessions planned for the February half-term would include more activities for girls.

7.12 Memorial Hall (previously agenda item 7.15) HP reported that a 1940s Christmas Tea Party had been a great success and the Crafts Exhibitions were continuing.

7.13 Allotments (previously agenda item 7.16) It was agreed that the new allotment holder for plot 10 could erect a small shed in keeping with other similar allotment sheds. CH reported that plot 1 was now vacant and a new tenant sought.

7.14 Annual Pay Review for Clerk (previously agenda item 7.17) It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Clerk be awarded an increase to point 23 on the NALC pay scale to be backdated to October 2016.

8. Correspondence None received.

9. Planning Matters

9.1 Applications:

Reference	Location	Proposal	Status
RR/2016/2501/P	Cock Inn Public House, Main Street, Peasmarsh TN31 6YD	Proposed single storey rear extension. The Parish Council had no comment to make on this application.	Undecided
RR/2016/2527/L	Cock Inn Public House, Main Street, Peasmarsh TN31 6YD	Proposed single storey rear extension. The Parish Council had no comment to make on this application.	Undecided
RR/2016/1485/P	Meadow Croft, School Lane, Peasmarsh TN31 6UN	Rear single storey extension and roof alterations including rear dormer. The Parish Council had no comment to make on this application.	Undecided

9.2 Decisions: The following decisions were noted:

Reference	Location	Proposal	Status
RR/2016/2454/P	Barnetts Ridge, Barnets Hill, Peasmarsh TN31 6YJ	Single storey flat roof rear extension to replace existing conservatory.	APPROVED CONDITIONAL
RR/2016/2519/O	Bradleys, Wittersham Road, Peasmarsh TN31 6TD	Lawful development for the existing use of Dwellinghouse (without any residential occupancy restriction).	LAWFUL DC APPROVED
RR/2016/2479/L	The Old Rectory, School Lane, Peasmarsh TN31 6UW	Replacement of the fireplace in the dining room.	LISTED BC GRANTED
RR/2016/2432/P	The Old Rectory, School Lane, Peasmarsh TN31 6UW	Addition of open porches to main and secondary entrances.	REFUSED
RR/2016/2433/L	The Old Rectory, School Lane, Peasmarsh TN31 6UW	Addition of open porches to main and secondary entrances.	LISTED BC REFUSED
RR/2016/2428/A	Sites at - Tanhouse Lane, Junction at School Lane & Tan Lane. Junction at Main Street & Church Lane	3 self supporting signs located in different areas of estate.	REFUSED
RR/2016/2247/P	Little Lobs, Barnets Hill, Peasmarsh TN31 6YJ	Proposed garage/store and part change of use of agricultural land to residential.	REFUSED
RR/2016/2215/P	Lyndhurst, Main Street, Peasmarsh TN31 6YA	Change of use from garage to holiday let.	REFUSED
RR/2016/4/P	The Maltings, Peasmarsh TN31 6ST	Demolition and redevelopment of The Maltings and bungalows to provide 12 x 2 bed houses, 4 x 3 bed houses and 1 x 2 bed bungalow and 19 x 1 bed units for Older Persons (HOPS) with associated parking	APPROVED CONDITIONAL
RR/2016/1956/P	Laburnum Cottage, Main	Replacement single garage.	APPROVED

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	Street, Peasmarsh		CONDITIONAL
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9.3 Planning Appeals: The following planning appeals were noted:

RR/2016/737/P	Hope Farm Nursery, Tillingham Lane, Peasmarsh TN31 6XG	Erection of nursery glasshouse, production area and teaching classroom building together with the extension of wind shelter boundary walls around the nursery area.	APPEAL DISMISSED
RR/2016/617/P	Frymans Farm, Hayes Lane, Peasmarsh	Erection of a stable building, sand-school and relocated vehicle access and driveway.	APPEAL DISMISSED
RR/2016/1041/P	Garden House, Tillingham Lane, Peasmarsh	Creation of a tennis court and erection of surrounding fence.	Appealed

9.4 Tree Preservation Order, 24/5/2016

Rother District Council Land, South of Main Street, Peasmarsh – TPO364 Tree Preservation Order 2016: Traditional Orchard. This Tree Preservation Order was confirmed on 2nd November 2016.

10. Financial matters

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

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

10.2.1 Clerk's November pay and expenses: £395.36

10.2.2 Parish Noticeboard Signage, Care Signs: £69.00 plus VAT (£13.80) = £82.80 (Invoice not yet received)

10.2.3 Parish Council Wreath for Remembrance Sunday: £18.00

10.2.4 Parish Council Grant to Memorial Hall (Half-year): £2,000.00

10.2.5 Parish Council Grant for Churchyard maintenance: £500.00

10.2.6 Travel expenses H Pankhurst 23/11/16: £16.65

10.2.7 South East Water Allotment use half-year: £56.94

10.2.8 Parish Council Grant to the Recreation Ground (Half-year): £1,000.00

10.3 Receipts None.

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

11. Dates of forthcoming meetings: 3rd January 2017, Parish Council Meeting, Memorial Hall from 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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