

**Minutes of the Council meeting held at the Memorial Hall
on Tuesday 4th April 2017 at 7.30pm**

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

Also present: District Councillor I Jenkins (IJ), C Hellen (Clerk) (CH) and 5 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence:** County Councillor A Davies, District Councillor M Mooney
2. **Disclosure of interests under the Council's Code of Conduct:** CP declared an interest in Item 5.9.
3. **The minutes of the Council meeting held on 7th March 2017** were unanimously agreed with one amendment.
- Q1. **Members of the Public in Attendance** wished to raise concerns under **Agenda Items 5.9** and this item was taken next.

Site Allocations: Huw Merriman MP, had attended a meeting with residents on 17th March 2017 to discuss the Site Allocations. IJ confirmed that Rother District Council was now considering the comments that had been received and a decision was scheduled for September 2017. IJ and MM will represent residents' views to Cabinet and the Scrutiny Committee. The site will be fully scrutinised before it is considered for planning and if a development is proposed there would be a further opportunity to comment on the plans and to petition the Planning Committee. Residents felt that the consultation period for the Site Allocations had been too short and the PC agreed to write to RDC about this. CH to check with H Merriman's office regarding any developments arising from the meeting. The PC will continue to inform residents and this item will remain on the agenda for discussion.

4. **District & County Councillor Reports** IJ reported that a consultation would be taking place on parking issues in the Wealden district. AD was unable to attend the meeting but sent a report on 8/3/17, which is attached to the minutes.

5. Community Matters and Issues

5.1 Recreation Ground RH reported that the cleaner/caretaker had resigned but had been replaced. Four companies had been approached for estimates for the Play Space and an Open Meeting to discuss the options for new equipment would be held at 3.00pm at the Recreation Ground Pavilion on 20th April 2017. Parents with children at the primary school had been invited to attend. A coffee morning had raised £63 for the Recreation Ground funds and the Cock Inn was holding a quiz night on 7th April 2017. RH had approached two waste disposal companies to deal with rubbish collections and lockable units were proposed to house wheelie bins. The PC re-confirmed its commitment to match fund local fundraising efforts. RH estimated that the renewal cost for the Play Space including adult equipment would be approximately £50,000. GS confirmed that funding bodies would not pay for replacement equipment only for new installations. The PC could set aside £33,000 towards the cost, with an additional £2,000 from local fundraising and this was unanimously agreed. GS advised that funding bodies expected to see a local commitment of 30-40% of the cost. VAT could also be reclaimed by the PC. It was anticipated that work might be undertaken in the winter and be ready for Spring 2018.

5.2 Youth Sports Provision Subsidy Easter sports sessions were planned for 11th and 12th April 2017 with the costs for Peasmarsch children being subsidised by the PC.

5.3 VAS and traffic calming AD had arranged for meeting to be held with N Skelton (ESCC) in Peasmarsch on 13th April to discuss the VAS options. CH to obtain 2 quotes from independent suppliers and to check with C Suggitt when his donation was received by ESCC. MC, TH and DP to attend meeting. MC proposed and CP seconded that the PC recover the £6,000 donation and employ an independent company to install the 30mph VAS and this was unanimously agreed.

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- 5.4 The Maltings** PL reported that foundations are now being dug for the new housing. Lee Bowen, the Site Manager is to visit the Primary School and conduct a site visit to stress the dangers of building sites to the school children. PL was thanked for his assistance in this matter. The site is being well maintained and work is continuing ahead of schedule.
- 5.5 Bus Services and Bus Bill** The PC indicated that they were willing to pay for a further six months support for the 313 bus service but this was dependent on the support of Beckley and Northiam PCs. The PC's ultimate aim was to prove the need for the service and encourage the bus company/ESCC to fund the service. The franchising option had been removed from the Bus Bill and this would prevent smaller companies/community transport from running rural bus routes.
- 5.6 Village Sign** CP reported J Walters (JWH Engineering) had agreed to undertake the village sign commission and was undertaking preliminary work. Black Forge and Michael Hart had been contacted thanking them for their proposals. The sign was likely to be erected in the w/c 29th June and an unveiling ceremony was proposed. A Saturday was favoured so that families of the school children could attend. HP proposed that Michael Whiteman (aged 100) might be invited to unveil the plaque. It was agreed that the plaque should say: 'Designed by (names of the 5 competition winners), pupils of Peasmarsh Primary School, 2017. Paid for by Peasmarsh Parish Council.' CH to let J Walters know of this wording and to send him a cheque for the deposit (see item 7.2.6).
- 5.7 BT Internet coverage in Peasmarsh** It was reported that 4G and a new phone mast had been installed at Church Lane. CH had contacted Katy Thomas at ESCC re: the BT cabinet installation.
- 5.8 Flooding on Main Street** MC reported that the drain remains clear with no flooding.
- 5.9 Development and Site Allocations Local Plan (see Q.1 above)**
- 5.10 Oast Cottage Planning Decision** RDC have replied to say that they intend to reply to the PC's letter and the resident's letter concerning Oast Cottage, Main Street but no replies received to date.
- 5.11 Dog Waste signs** MC and RH have put up 2 dog waste signs in the village and RH will put up 2 signs on the Recreation Ground. CH to check with Footpath Secretaries where 2 further signs might be best placed.
- 5.12 Layby extension at Brickfields** A letter had been sent to Amicus Horizon to ask them to reconsider allowing private residents from Brickfields to rent parking spaces and garages.
- 5.13 Annual Parish Meeting** Casper Johnson (ESCC) has agreed to attend and talk about Peasmarsh's status as an Archaeological Notification Area. CH to devise poster and advertise on website and Facebook. HP to check if village archive information might be displayed.
- 5.14 SSALC Spring Conference report** PL presented a report on the SSALC Spring Conference and was thanked for attending.
- 5.15 Donations to Peasmarsh Primary School** It was unanimously agreed that the PC would support the Primary School's Easter Egg Hunt on this occasion but further donations would not be possible owing to legal restrictions that donations should be of benefit to the whole village.
- 6. Reports and other items**
- 6.1 Review of Financial Regulations** PL proposed a number of amendments which were agreed and CH will prepare for final approval at the next meeting.
- 6.2 Speedwatch Report** PL reported that 10 sessions had been held with 170 speeding vehicles recorded of which 113 were correctly identified and 9 excessive speeders. 113 letters had been issued. More volunteers needed to join the Speedwatch team, CH to promote on website/Facebook.
- 6.3 Clerk's Report** Noted.
- 6.4 Memorial Hall** HP reported that the War Memorial Trust had viewed the Memorial plaque and recommended a grant to pay for its refurbishment. DW advised that the Imperial War Museum website could provide some historical background on the service personnel listed on the plaque.
- 6.5 Allotments** CH reported that annual rent notices had been issued to tenants.
- 6.6 Repairs and Maintenance Reports** None.
- 6.7 ESCC Highways Reports** CH reported that ES Highways had confirmed that repairs would take place to the 40mph VAS by 31st March 2017 but these had not been carried out. The replacement school sign was awaiting completion. A loose manhole cover in Main Street was to be repaired by ES Highways. Pruning of the hedge on the School Lane side of Cherry Tree Cottage had taken place. DW suggested that road scalplings could be put on the verge at Brickfields to assist with parking. CH to ask Highways if road planings could be put down for this purpose.
- 6.8 Police Report** Noted.

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6.9 Footpaths Reports: The Footpath Secretaries were investigating a resident's complaint about a blocked footpath. MC reported new gateposts on the footpath to the Church from School Lane.

7. Financial Matters

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

7.2 Payments The following payments were unanimously approved, proposed HP; seconded GS

7.2.1 Clerk's March pay and expenses: £437.09

7.2.1 P Lamont travel expenses for SSALC Spring Conference: £22.50

7.2.2 Donation to Peasmarsch Primary School for Easter Egg Hunt: £50.00

7.2.3 F Warren grass cutting and allotment hedges: £150.00

7.2.4 ESALC & NALC Annual subscriptions: £341.58

7.2.5 Deposit for JHW Engineering Ltd for village sign: £1058.75

7.3 Receipts

7.3.1 B Fryers Allotment rent: £15.00

7.3.2 P Cloute Allotment rent: £15.00

7.3.3 J Roberts Allotment rent: £15.00

7.3.4 J Burchell Allotment rent: £15.00

7.3.5 R Cloute Allotment rent: £15.00

7.3.6 F Warren Allotment rent: £15.00

7.3.7 M Challis Allotment rent: £15.00

7.3.8 Rother District Council Precept & CTS Grant (half-year): £14,605.33

8. Correspondence

8.1 Rother Voluntary Action AGM Report – noted.

8.2 SSALC Meeting with Sussex Chief Constable - CH to send questions on Speedwatch issues for PL.

9. Planning Matters

9.1 Applications: The following applications were considered:

Reference	Location	Proposal	Closing date for comments
RR/2017/454/P	Danastali, Main Street, Peasmarsch TN31 6UL	Proposed extension, alterations and garage conversion. PC NOTED APPLICATION	18/04/2017

9.2 Decisions:

Reference	Location	Proposal	Status
RR/2017/205/P	Little Lobs, Barnets Hill, Peasmarsch TN31 6YJ	Proposed garage.	APPROVED CONDITIONAL
RR/2017/20/L	The Old Rectory, School Lane, Peasmarsch TN31 6UW	Various remedial works to 16th C frame.	LISTED BC GRANTED
RR/2017/80/P	Field View, School Lane, Peasmarsch TN31 6UT	Front extension to provide an additional bedroom, enlarged hall entrance porch.	APPROVED CONDITIONAL
RR/2016/3203/P	Cornerways Bungalow, School Hill, Peasmarsch TN31 6UT	Improvement, repair & refurbishment of an existing bungalow.	APPROVED CONDITIONAL
RR/2017/440/L	Sharvels Farm House, Flackley Ash, Peasmarsch TN31 6YG	Timber framed conservatory (revised design following refusal of RR/2016/2378/L).	LISTED BC GRANTED
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9.3 Planning Appeals:

Appeal	Location	Proposal	Status
RR/2016/2215/P	Lyndhurst, Main Street, Peasmarsch TN31 6YA	Change of use from garage to holiday let.	APPEALED 31-3-17

10. Dates of forthcoming meetings: 2nd May 2017, Parish Council Meeting, Memorial Hall from 7.00pm; Annual Parish Assembly 7.30pm The meeting closed at 9.35pm

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