



Peabmarsh Parish Council



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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 21 January 2013

Present:

Cllr H Anderson (Chairman)
Cllr J Holder
Cllr J Tufnell
Cllr S Nott
Cllr M Collett

In attendance:

Mrs P Potter (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies from the Parish Council. District Cllr Anthony Shelton and County Councillor David Finch sent their apologies.

2. Standing Orders

It was unanimously agreed to suspend the Order under Section 3, b(xviii), to enable the Clerk, as Proper Officer of the Council to consider and decide on requests for dispensation regarding Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

3. Requests for Dispensation

The Clerk received requests for dispensation regarding Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, under item 13, from Cllrs Anderson, Holder, Tufnell, Nott and Collett, to enable the Councillors to discuss and vote on the setting of the Council's budget and Precept demand. The requests were granted for a period of 3 years.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held 19 November 2012

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

5. Declarations of Interest

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests were declared for Item 13, from Cllrs Anderson, Holder, Tufnell, Nott and Collett. Dispensation was granted as described in Item 3. Cllr Nott also declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in item 10, as some of the sites were put forward by a family member and took no part in the discussion.

6. Public Forum

No public attended this meeting.

7. District and County Items

- 7.1 BDC Issues: None
- 7.2 ECC Issues: None

8. Planning

Applications – Planning Committee Representations:

The representations below were noted:

- 8.1 **12/01591/FUL:** Scotts Farm, Cripple Corner – Erection of detached dwelling (revised proposal following approval 09/00546/FUL). It was agreed to object to this application.
- 8.2 **12/01667/FUL:** Trianon, Kings Mead – Demolition of existing garage and erection of new one and a half storey garage.

Planning Results:

The following applications were granted and noted by the Council:

- 8.3 **11/01317/FUL:** Hurstcote, Cross End – Erection of single storey rear extension and alterations including conversion of existing garage to accommodation.
- 8.4 **12/01393/PLD:** Bulmers, Cross End – Application for a Proposed Lawful Development Certificate – Proposed roof dormer and velux roof windows.

9. BDC Consultation: Improvements to Open Spaces

It was agreed that the Parish Council would return comments that improvements to the playground and/or football changing facilities would be gratefully received. The Clerk will return this to BDC.

10. BDC Consultation: Site Allocation and Development Management Plan

It was agreed to accept BDC's preferred option. With regard to the sites put forward for consideration for development, the Parish Council will refer BDC to their previous letter of 19 January 2012, and advise that their opinions as such have not changed. The Clerk will prepare the appropriate response and circulate to Councillors for opinion in the first instance.

11. Roads

Various issues were discussed as follows:

- A 30mph repeater sign is missing from a post in the middle of the village. The Clerk will request a replacement from ECC Highways.
- Removal of concrete posts in Cross End: Clerk will chase the Highways Rangers as to the status of the request for them to undertake the work.
- It was agreed to ask Highways if it is feasible and/or allowable for '20's Plenty' signs to be put up around the vicinity of the Primary School. The Clerk will enquire.
- There is not a 'School' sign on the road from Greathouse Farm into the village – the Clerk will enquire whether this can be requested.
- It has been reported to the Parish Council that the pavement which runs from the church to the school has an adverse camber, which causes problems in icy conditions, as children especially slide into the road. The problem is at its worst near the entrance to the Village Hall. The Clerk will report this to Highways to request them to look at the problem and discuss any possible solutions with the Parish Council.
- The white 'hatched' lines on the road on the approach to the bridge are very faint and there is no stop sign, or line on the road to assist with traffic priority. Clerk to report this to Highways to request they are repainted.

All above actions to be taken by the Clerk.

12. BDC Street Cleaning Agreement

The current agreement was discussed and noted in the run up to this being renewed in a few months. With regard to community litter picking, Cllr Collett agreed to contact the organiser of previous picks to ascertain the current position with this and the location of the litter picking equipment (high-vis jackets and litter pickers etc).

13. Budget and Precept

The budget was discussed and agreed and the Precept demand for the 2013/14 financial year was agreed at £5418. The demand will be forwarded to BDC by the Clerk.

Some areas of the discussion gave rise to the following points and agreements:

- It was agreed to proceed with the cutting of the hedge around the children's play area and weed spraying 3 times per year at £60 per cycle.
- Noticeboard: it was agreed to enquire about the feasibility and cost of a noticeboard being made locally for the Parish Council. Cllr Collett agreed to follow this up.

14. Village Sign Repair

It was agreed to proceed with the purchase of timber for the work with a budget of up to £200 and to authorise work on the sign for a payment of £250. Cllrs Collett and Anderson will proceed with these lines of enquiry.

15. Jubilee Oak Plaque

The final specification was agreed for the commemorative plaque. The Clerk will put this into the Anglian Sign Casting Company at a cost of £104.75, with a proof being forwarded first for approval.

16. Finance

16.1 Finance Reports

The latest Finance Reports were received.

16.2 The following cheques were approved for payment:

- 16.2.1: £337.64 – Clerk Salary (Dec 2012 and Jan 2013)
- 16.2.2: £ 63.20 – HMRC PAYE payment (Dec 2012 and Jan 2013)
- 16.2.3: £ 61.64 – Clerk Expenses (Dec 2012 - Jan 2013)
- 16.2.4: £ 20.00 – R Cuthbert: Street Light Payment
- 16.2.5: £425.00 – M Harrington: Grass Cutting 2011/12
- 16.2.6: £817.50 – M Harrington: Footpath Cutting 2012/13
- 16.2.7: £765.00 – M Harrington: Grass Cutting 2012/13

16.3 Payments made between meetings were noted and agreed:

- 16.3.1: £ 26.40 - A&J Lighting (Dec 2012)
- 16.3.2: £ 26.40 – A&J Lighting (Jan 2013)
- 16.3.3: £ 66.00 – A&J Lighting: call out charge (31 Dec 2012)
- 16.3.4: £ 267.00 – Stephen Cavill: works to village sign

16.4 Monies Received:

None

17. Affordable Housing Vacancy

The process by which BDC/Suffolk Housing will be filling current vacancy was noted by the Council.

18. Clerk's Report

The Clerk went through correspondence received.

19. Standing Orders

It was unanimously agreed to reinstate the Order under Section 3, b(xviii), to delegate all applications for dispensation regarding Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests to the Monitoring Officer at Braintree District Council, via the Parish Council Clerk.

20. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held in early March. The Clerk will confirm the date once the venue has been booked.

21. Closure

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date