

Pakenham Parish Council
Minutes of a Meeting of the Council
held on Wednesday, 20th July 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr Painter, Cllr Bagnell, Cllr Palfrey, Cllr Sargent and Cllr Sidebotham
One Member of the public was in attendance.
Mrs S Brown (clerk) took the minutes.

1. **Record Councillors' apologies for absence:** Apologies received from Cllr Dorling and Cllr Davey all in agreement to approve absences. Apologies received from Cllr Hopfensperger.
2. **Declarations of interest:** No declarations of interest received.
3. **County Councillors Report:** Cllr Hopfensperger did not attend and no report had been received.
Borough Councillors Report: Cllr Brown did not attend and no report had been received.
Public Forum: A resident stated Sizewell C had now been approved what impact will this have on Fen Land. The Chair advised the Council have corresponded with and had a meeting via Zoom with Sizewell C over the last few years and have asked for improvements to their plan including ensuring there was access to Fen Meadows for members of the public. It had been stated that once approval is given a meeting would be organised with the parish council. If a meeting is organised it is hoped to hold it in the village hall and will be advertised.
A question was asked in regards the Local Plan, the Chair gave an update on West Suffolk Local Plan that as far as the parish council is aware no land/sites within Pakenham is acceptable to West Suffolk for further housing. The settlement boundary was questioned by the resident and suggested the parish council should be more aware of the housing needs. The Chair highlighted the parish council did try to have affordable housing built with a housing association but this had been unsuccessful.
4. **To consider the approval of the minutes of the last meetings:** The minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2022 were approved to be signed as a true record.
5. **Reports arising from the previous meeting:**
 - i. **Highways:** An overgrown hedge in The Owell had been reported to Havebury Housing. Cllr Bagnell advised The Street was very difficult to traverse with the number of cars parked on both sides of the street, a brief discussion took place. It was advised there was a further kebab van which was parked on the footpath, the Clerk to report to Cllr Hopfensperger. It was advised there were a number of cars parked on the pavement in The Owell particularly opposite St. Marys View which were causing an obstruction to pedestrians using the pavement, the Clerk to report to Suffolk Constabulary. The Clerk advised the

ANPR/TVAS research project will be beginning on Monday 18 July. The research will begin with the surveyor contractors putting up some speed survey tubes. These will be laid on the road and will have minimal impact on the traffic flow once in place.

- ii. **Clerks Report:** M & TJ's had been instructed to cut back the hedge at the rear of the allotments. Refurbishment of the kiosk on The Street; the contractor advised he would finish it as soon as he could it needed another day and a half, Council agreed to the payment of the works once finished if before the next meeting in September. The Clerk advised she would be on holiday from 20 October – 20 November, Council were happy to move the November meeting to Wednesday 30 November.

6. Correspondence circulated:

- **Regular SALC ebulletins – West Suffolk Council – Suffolk County Council – Noted**
- **SCC Street Light Audit:** the clerk had responded that Pakenham Parish Council did not own or maintain any street lights.
- **SALC ebulletin - The Suffolk Climate Change Partnership:** Council briefly discussed there may be a possibility of the free use of a thermal imaging camera to gauge whether there is a need for additional insulation at the village hall/homes. The Clerk to complete the survey
- **Email received from - Engagement Matters on behalf of Jaynic:** Consultation event invitation re the development of land at Shepherd's Grove Stanton/Hepworth on Thursday 21 July 3 – 8pm at Stanton Village Hall (parish councillors preview of the event from 2 – 3pm). Council discussed and Cllr Sidebotham to attend.
- **Email received from Cllr Hopfensperger – Highways Investment Fund:** It was advised there may be some monies available for skirting back and clear vegetation from busy footways, Council discussed with the crossroads at Upper Town needing the vegetation cut back, the Clerk to advise Cllr Hopfensperger.

7. Applications determined by Planning Authority advised:

DC/22/0723/FUL Queach House, The Queach, Great Barton – installation of ground mounted solar panels: Granted

DC/22/0591/OUT Land adj. to Deraleen, Bailey Pool Road – outline planning one dwelling: Withdrawn

- 8. Finance Report:** The current account held a cleared balance at 30 June 2022 of £20,418.85 with an uncleared balance of £20,250.65 after outstanding cheques had been paid The deposit account held £16,647.19 at 30 April 2022. Donations totalling £200 had been received for the Porcelain Jubilee Mugs which had been available in the Post Office this amount matches the invoice value of the mugs.

To consider any payments to be made: All in agreement for the payment of invoices:

- i. **M & TJ's May grass cuts £456:** A cheque no:1741 was raised for £456*

- 9. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:** Cllr Sidebotham had reported some giant hogweed growing by the Church, highways advised they would visit. Cllr Palfrey advised the playing field committee were doing a fantastic job trying to access grants for new play equipment. They had also agreed a clothing bank for St Nicholas hospice. Cllr Palfrey doubted the war memorial in the church would be classed as a 'war memorial' as it consisted of two plaques. Cllr Sargent advised the bus shelter was fixed, the article on The Dell and Church Green Wood has been completed and would be published in the village Newsletter.*
- 10. Date of next meeting:** The date of the next scheduled meeting was confirmed as Wednesday, 21st September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall..*
- 11. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.30pm***

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