

**MINUTES OF PETTISTREE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 22nd MAY 2012 IN PETTISTREE VILLAGE HALL AT 8.00 PM**

- Present:** Jeff Hallett (Chairman), Elaine Boardley, Steve Boardley, Maggie Hallett, Mike Watts, Maureen Stollery, Mary Chilvers, Roger Chilvers, Michael Bond, Terry Rowles, Anne Rowles, Tony Franklin, Dick Smith, Rita Smith, Anne Sayer, Cath Caudwell, Dave Caudwell, Clive Mann (Clerk)
- 1.0 Apologies for Absence:** Peter Hayward, Amy Nicholls, Vic Gilmore, Jim and Pauline Jarvie, Joan Peck, J Bidwell.
- 2.0 Minutes of Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> May 2011** were produced to the meeting. After due consideration, they were proposed, seconded and passed unanimously.
- 3.0 Matters Arising:** It was disappointing that no progress had been made by BT on the removal of the payphone which was necessary for the Council to reinstate the lay-by. The Clerk would contact BT for an update. A request from the floor to see the 20<sup>th</sup> March minutes was answered that they had now been approved and were available on the Pettistree website. It was also asked if the Annual Parish Minutes could be distributed in draft form to those attending in advance of next year's meeting. The Clerk undertook to seek advice from SALC on the correct procedure.
- 4.0 Maureen Stollery** – Before dealing with his report the Chair could not let the opportunity pass without both Councillors and Villagers paying tribute to the work and contribution Maureen Stollery, who resigned in May 2012 from the Parish Council, had made since being elected to the Council in 1973. The Chair gave thanks for the immense impact Maureen had had on many aspects of village life. Her experience would be a great loss but surely a gain for the family who will benefit from her time. A cut glass decanter appropriately inscribed and showing the Pettistree with Loudham crest was presented to Maureen who responded with grateful thanks and was reminded about being told to put up for the Council because they “needed a woman”.
- 5.0 Parish Council Chairman's Report** – see attached. The Chair reported on the work of the Council and that a vacancy now existed. He thanked the County and District Councillors who made regular attendances to Pettistree meetings and were helpful in funding 2 more grit bins for the village. Volunteers were still needed to spread the grit and anyone interested should contact a Councillor or the Clerk. The village Green was still well looked after and Hedge cutting was organised by Councillor Hayward. Vigilance is always required but the crime rate remains low. A good list of small businesses is in Pettistree and is part of the fabric of the village. The Pettistree website is well maintained and informative and the newsletter “Pettistree People” continues to improve both its content and look. Pettistree remains concerned at the prospect of development on the Greenfield area between us and Wickham Market. The finances remain good with the precept held at £2,200 for several years.
- 6.0 To receive reports from:**  
**Pettistree & Loudham** – The report from the Local History Recorder (Joan Peck) was given by Cat Caudwell and it listed all notable events during the year.  
**Pettistree Heritage** – The report given by Cath Caudwell mentioned the new Pettistree walks leaflet which was now in full use. Slight hitch with one of the words used in the leaflet but this was resolved in the end. The recording of events in photographic mode was the way forward. She thanked the Council for its grant and stated that the finances were in a stable position at present.  
**Pettistree Parochial Church Council** – see attached report presented by Maggie Hallett. The report highlighted the excellent work done during the year and the success of the Friday morning service. There is work which may need to be done on the facilities. The new Church hall car park was working well.

**Village Hall Committee** – Ann Sayer presented the report, the main focus being the refurbishment of the Village Hall and the fund raising efforts during the year. The Lottery grant had been received in August and this enabled the work to commence. The insulation work and new floor was first and then ably assisted by Terry Rowles, the task of replacing the kitchen was done. Thanks to all concerned for this excellent work. A slight problem with movement and excessive bounce on the new floor was being looked into by the suppliers. A Zumba class had commenced on Wednesday evenings and the AGM on 15<sup>th</sup> July would see a party atmosphere.

**Suffolk Coastal District and Suffolk County Councillor** – Cllr Bond Presented his reports of District and County matters and began with his unease of the New Strategic Direction document. The leader of the Council had changed as had the CEO, but on a considerably lower remuneration package. The cuts will mean 1400 less jobs with more on the way. The County Council has borrowings of £300 million and this requires £13 million a year in interest payments. A cap had now been put on borrowing with a debt reduction programme likely. The Localism bill and new planning rules were taking shape. Whitehall was still pulling the strings and care of the elderly was being moved from the NHS to Councils but with less funding. Despite a new Health quango social need was taking second place to funding. Cllr Bond was appreciative of the work of Pettistree Councillors and was happy to be a part of the meetings and allow information to flow both ways. A final point on his dislike of too much concrete, wind turbines and building in back gardens, all in the life of a Councillor.

**Safer Neighbourhood Team** – see attached report. The Chair updated the meeting on its contents which highlighted a reduced level of crime in Pettistree as against last year.

**Dr Therese Coffey MP –**

The local MP had forwarded an Annual report for presentation to the meeting along with her apologies. The Chair went through the report which highlighted both National and local issues which would impact on the area. These included Fuel duty, poor ambulance response times, new planning legislation, and the need for broadband in Suffolk, without forgetting the drought. A two day constituency tour was envisaged in 2013.

**7.0 Matters concerning Pettistree Village**

- 7.1 The continuing problem with the upkeep of the bus shelter with no help forthcoming from the new tenants of the Three Tuns. An appeal to villagers for help was made and a suggestion of using Community service was discussed, contact will be made to see if this is possible.
- 7.2 The Chair updated the meeting on the latest plans for the Jubilee which were far more positive than before as more people committed themselves. The weather was still likely to be a problem so a barn would be made available as plan B.
- 7.3 The Chair had been in talks with the Vice Chair of Wickham Market Council and there was a range of views expressed. A leaflet had been distributed by Peter Elliott who is against the development. The views from the floor were that a dialogue should be commenced with the District Council and planning Officers and Councillor Hayward would start that process. Also to collate data from the many sources available. There had been a further presentation in Wickham Market from the developers and the plans showing straight roads and paths appeared to use poetic licence. Discussions with other people there indicated that businesses in favour whereas the locals were more sceptical. Confirmation would be sought from Councillor Bond as to exactly what his recommendations were from the earlier village meeting.
- 7.4 The meeting was informed of a vacancy on the Parish Council and a requirement for an election required 10 electors to request one within 14 days of it being advertised. If this was not the case then the Council could co-opt a volunteer in to that position.

**8.0 Any Other Business –**

The reports previously given under item 6.0 were approved by the meeting and a vote of thanks was agreed for Mary Chilvers who provided the excellent refreshments at the end of the meeting.

**9.0 Date for 2013 Annual Parish Meeting – 21st May 2013**

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