

MINUTES OF PETTISTREE AND LOUDHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20th MAY 2014 IN PETTISTREE VILLAGE HALL AT 8.00 PM

- Present:** Elaine Boardley (Chair), Mike Watts (Vice Chair), Jeff Hallett, Maggie Hallett, Steve Boardley, Mary Chilvers, Roger Chilvers, Terry Rowles, Steve Hind, Ruth Leigh, Cath Caudwell, Belinda Westrope, M Bond and Clive Mann (Clerk)
- 1.0 Apologies for Absence:** J Bidwell, Sally Anne Chattenbury, Tony Franklin, Dave Caudwell, Jim and Pauline Jarvie
- 2.0 Minutes of the Meeting of 21st May 2013** were agreed and signed as a true record.
- 3.0 Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising
- 4.0 Parish Council Chairman's Report** – see attached. The recently appointed Chair, Elaine Boardley, welcomed all to the meeting and took the opportunity to thank the outgoing Chair, Jeff Hallett, for his contribution in the role. The report presented was written by him as it covered the previous year's activities. Dr Peter Hayward was thanked for his service as Councillor and his replacement, Steve Hind, was welcomed. The services such as Grit Bins, Grass and Hedge cutting continued and the Jubilee Apple Avenue was nearly completed. The village now benefitted from two well run hostelrys, The Greyhound and The Three Tuns. It was noted that a Motor Cycle business could be added to the Pettistree Businesses list. Future plans are to update the website to better inform and communicate. Even after funding the reinstatement of the Green the Council continued to hold the precept at last year's level.
- 5.0 To receive reports from:**
- Pettistree & Loudham** – The Local History Recorder, Joan Peck, had decided to stand down and a replacement is being sought. The remarkably well kept records have now been integrated into the Suffolk Record Office and Pettistree History is available to all. Grateful thanks to Joan for her unstinting work and the assistance of Chris Garner along with the staff at the Record Office.
- Pettistree Heritage** – The report by Cath Caudwell was read out and reported a quiet year. The annual talk in November was on the history and organisation of the early poorhouses and Charlie Haylock has been booked for this year with his History of Spoken English. The AGM will look at future work for the group when it meets in June.
- Pettistree Parochial Church Council** – see attached report presented by Maggie Hallett. Attendance at Sunday congregation's average at a pleasing 27 adults compared with a low point of 12 in 2007 and 20 10 years ago. Fund raising continues to fund essential repairs. A very interesting book "100 years, 100 Treasures" was published to mark the centenary of the diocese. The PCC are very grateful for the support given to the church, its buildings and the Churchyard by many in the village and it intends to continue to be careful and considerate custodians for future generations of Pettistree residents.
- Village Hall Committee** – The Chairman's report was presented by Steve Boardley who highlighted the many and varied activities that take place in the Village Hall. Fund raising events continue to be popular. The Food Fest provided an opportunity for villagers to demonstrate their culinary skills and the recipes were collated by Rob Martin to be put together in a book.
- Suffolk Coastal District and Suffolk County Councillor** – Cllr Bond presented his report and spoke of his visit to the call centre for road repairs and was impressed. However, 1000 pot holes are still to be repaired in the region. He is still active in renaming Wickham Market railway station to Campse Ashe. Education is a priority and the quality of teaching is the key to raising standards.

Safer Neighbourhood Team – The report was noted. No crimes had been reported in Pettistree during the previous quarter and only 3 for the full year. Priority continued to be speeding in Ufford and anti social behaviour in various areas. The mobile police van continued to visit local villages.

6.0 Matters concerning Pettistree Village

6.1 The issue of ownership of the glass bus shelter is still unresolved and the weeds need maintenance during the growing season.

6.2 The Apple Avenue, with 14 trees is taking shape. Watering is important in the early stages and an irrigation system was being looked at. Thanks to Woods Nurseries and Jeff Hallett for the trees and the volunteers for all the hard work in planting them. Plaques will be put on each tree and a main one referencing the Jubilee were to be procured with the help of a local resident.

6.3 A report on the plan by Tony Franklin to update the website was presented. Pettistree People was first published in 1996 with the website set up in 2005. An update was recommended and views from all concerned were sought. Timeliness and coverage needed to improve. A BLOG could be provided so local information could be transmitted quickly but of course some form of editorial control would be needed. The Parish Council was active in seeing this project proceed.

7.0 Any Other Business –

The reports previously given under item 5.0 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. The quiet lanes initiative, sponsored by the County Council, which seeks to protect minor rural roads and encourage cyclists and walkers, was discussed. It was suggested that the lane through Thong Hall Road and the one passing the Village Hall would benefit. To achieve this status it needs the support of the Parish Council. A meeting was due in June at Waldringfield to discuss the progress of the initiative.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

8.0 Date for 2015 Annual Parish Meeting – 19th May 2015

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