

MINUTES OF PETTISTREE AND LOUDHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19th MAY 2015 IN PETTISTREE VILLAGE HALL AT 8.00 PM

Present: Jeff Hallett (Chair), Terry Rowles, Mary Chilvers, Mike Watts, Michael Bond, Mark Amoss, Cath Caudwell, Jim Jarvie, Maggie Hallett, Tony Franklin, Roger Chilvers, Maureen Stollery and Clive Mann (Clerk)

- 1.0 **Apologies for Absence:** Steve Hind, Philip Westrope, Debbie Howego and two residents.
- 2.0 **Minutes of the Meeting of 20th May 2014** were agreed and signed as a true record.
- 3.0 **Matters Arising:** It was reported how well the Apple Avenue was doing with some blossom appearing. The quiet lanes initiative was brought up and comments made on those nearby villages that had taken up the project. Some lanes in Pettistree and Loudham would be ideal candidates but after the initial push input from Suffolk County Council had dropped and volunteers would be needed along with better road signage. Further thought before commitment was the order of the day.
- 4.0 **Parish Council Chairman's Report** – see attached. The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting and congratulated Michael Bond and Mark Amoss on their recent election success. Jeff was back in the hot seat as work and family commitments meant Elaine Boardley was unable to continue in the post. Similar commitments led to Councillor Ruth Leigh deciding not to seek re-election at the May 2015 election. Many thanks for their contributions. Philip Westrope, who farms in Loudham, was co-opted to the Parish Council at the November meeting. Mention and thanks were given to the many locals who help the village with businesses or cutting the grass and hedges etc. etc. etc. The Heritage apple trees planted to celebrate the Queens Jubilee are growing well and even showing blossom. The War Memorial had become weathered and the Parish Council had arranged for it to be professionally restored funded by a grant from Councillor Bidwell's locality budget. The village Hall, as always, provides a focus for village activities. The website and Pettistree People continue to improve and inform.
- 5.0 **To receive reports from:**
 - Pettistree Heritage** – See attached. Cath Caudwell reported on changes to Pettistree Heritage and the recording of events within the Parish. Help was provided to an international visitor in tracing descendants with Church records being made available.

Pettistree Parochial Church Council – see attached report presented by Maggie Hallett. The Church continues to be well supported. The main project was the redecoration of the Nave, repairs to buttresses and replace asbestos guttering. Just under £50,000 had been raised to fund the work. Unfortunately problems with the paint flaking has been a disappointment and remedial work is awaited. Conservation work on the George the third coat of arms was also completed during the year. The Apple Avenue will, when mature, be of great benefit to the Community and wild life.

Village Hall Committee – The Chairman's report was presented by Jim Jarvie who highlighted the many and varied activities that take place in the Village Hall. New Pilates, Yoga and Basket weaving sessions were in place. Finances were in good shape but ways to keep a revenue stream were always being sought. Painting the Village Hall inside and out was necessary during the next year.

Suffolk Coastal District and Suffolk County Councillor – Cllr Bond pointed to the continuing problems with planning which was labour intensive and expensive but had to act within the law. He pointed out that the total budget was £958m with over 1000 statutory obligations. No increase in Council tax for 5 years. Spending must be reduced or raise tax. The pension fund amounts to £2.1b. Damming Ofsted reports for the County may lead to more academies where the County Council has no control. Mark Amoss the new District Councillor introduced himself, born in Woodbridge so knows the area well and is looking forwarding to the task ahead.

Safer Neighbourhood Team – The report was noted. There were 4 reported crimes in the Pettistree area, 2 burglaries, 1 criminal damage and 1 malicious communication. This was up by 1 from the previous 12 months.

6.0 Matters concerning Pettistree Village

6.1 The weeds on the bus shelters were still a problem and a volunteer needed. The dead elm has still not been removed by the Highways department.

6.2 Parking on Pettistree Green was sometimes a problem so it was agreed to seek advice on what can be done.

6.3 A discussion on whether Pettistree should do a Neighbourhood Plan took place. Wickham Market had just embarked on one. They can be costly and time consuming and one had to consider whether this was good value. Further information required before making a decision.

6.4 A very good presentation was made with the help of Jeff Hallett of a proposed updated website which required a lot of work from a very committed resident, Tony Franklin. The current website is 20 years old and technology has moved on apace along with onerous requirements dictated by the transparency code. The new one would give immediate news without a webmaster, details could be posted by administrators, e.g. Parish Clerk, Pettistree People editor and others as determined by the Parish Council. People could register to receive notification either to their phone or e-mail of an update that has been made. It would have a calendar and is designed to be easy to navigate by all. Pettistree Parish Council will authorise those who can input data. A PROPS interface is still under construction. A test site is available at www.pettistree-village.co.uk. A hosting site is still to be decided.

7.0 Any Other Business –

The footpath from the Three Tuns to Wickham Market was in a very poor condition and contact would be made with the Highways department.

The meeting closed for refreshments at 9.45 p.m.

8.0 Date for 2016 Annual Parish Meeting – 24th May 2016

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