

## MINUTES OF PETTISTREE AND LOUDHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24TH MAY 2016 AT 8.00 PM

**PRESENT:** Jeff Hallett (Chair), Terry Rowles, Mary Chilvers, Steve Hind, Mike Watts, Chris Cook, Michael Bond, Maggie Hallett, Anne Rowles, Maureen Stollery, Dean Webb, Rita Smith, Dick Smith, Cath Caudwell, Jacki Franklin, Tony Franklin, Chris Garner, Sue Tansley, Darren Tansley, Kathy Hilton, Roger Chilvers, William Notcutt, Martin Norris

**1.0** The Chairman opened the meeting, commented on the good numbers attending and welcomed William Notcutt representing Notcutt Estates and Martin Norris from Plant Pro Ltd.

**2.0** **Apologies for absence:** Jenny & Mike Barnes, Dave Caudwell, Pat Cook, Philip Westrope, Mark Amos (District Councillor), Therese Coffey MP, Jim and Pauline Jarvie, Joan Peck, Brian Stollery

**3.0** **Minutes of meeting held on 19th May 2015** were agreed and signed as a true record.

**4.0** **Matters Arising:** It was agreed that these would be dealt with under various other headings on the agenda.

**5.0** **Report from County Councillor Michael Bond:** Among items included in this report were:-

- 5.1 the sale of Lehmann House to De Vere and a group of local people
- 5.2 a 5% improvement in Suffolk education standards
- 5.3 Council Tax frozen for a further year although there was to be a 2% levy for adult social care
- 5.4 the Government proposal to devolve power from Whitehall to local groups of councils (in our area Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridge & Peterborough) was stumbling as the councils concerned were not all in agreement.
- 5.5 Some funds may be available for suitable community projects from the County Councillor's locality budget.

**6.0** **John Woods Nursery Business closure:** William Notcutt reported that following the failure of Woods last year, Notcutt Estates had been striving to find alternative tenants for the site. He was pleased to report that Gloveman Supplies had been using the warehouse since July 2015 and that more recently Plant Pro Ltd. had taken over some greenhouses, started a retail business and would be using the office block as well. Martin Norris, on behalf of Plant Pro, informed the meeting that so far four former Woods' employees had been taken on and they had considerable hopes of employing further numbers as the business built up but it would take time to achieve this. The Chairman thanked Messrs Notcutt and Norris for their input and, in passing, expressed his hope that mowing of the verges on both sides of the road would continue to be carried out.

**7.0** **Parish Council Chairman's Report:** (see website). The very detailed report mentioned in particular:-

- 7.1 the retirement of the Clerk, Clive Mann, and the dedicated service he had provided to the Parish Council for many years. A cherry wood bowl, turned locally, had been presented to Clive as a small token of appreciation.
- 7.2 the footpath from the Three Tuns towards Wickham Market had been re-laid and had been well received.
- 7.3 Pot holes were a continual problem and required constant pressure on the Highways Department.
- 7.4 Following the retirement of John Barker, the village green was now being mown by Olivia Smith. It had been decided not to place posts around the green to deter parking as this was only an occasional problem.
- 7.5 The village hall was in a good state of repair and was very well used for a wide number of activities.
- 7.6 Planning applications were reviewed by the Parish Council and a collective view submitted to Suffolk Coastal but little response was ever received back. Pettistree was now listed as an "area to be protected from further development" but the effect of this had yet to be seen.
- 7.7 Sue Tansley had agreed to take on the role of Footpath Officer and had already submitted a detailed report.

**8.0** **Report from Therese Coffey, MP:** (see attached) The Chairman read this to the meeting.

- 9.0 Pettistree Heritage Report:** (see attached) This was presented to the meeting by Cath Caudwell.
- 10.0 Pettistree Parochial Church Council Report:** (see attached) This was presented to the meeting by Maggie Hallett.
- 11.0 Village Hall Committee Report:** (see attached) In Jim Jarvie's absence, his report was read to the meeting by the Chairman.
- 12.0 Matters concerning Pettistree Village:**
- 12.1 The Pettistree website upgrade is still to be completed. Work will resume on it once Tony Franklin's broadband has been restored by BT!
- 12.2 Emergency Planning – Cath Caudwell suggested that details of facilities and personnel available to cope in the event of a major disaster should be recorded. It was generally agreed that there was no local requirement as Pettistree was a small village where most people knew each other and news of any problem would pass quickly by word of mouth.
- 12.3 The desirability of road signs in the village was discussed at length. Arguments for and against were presented but it was finally agreed that the *status quo* should remain.
- 12.4 The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016 – Plans were well advanced and notices of the events had been circulated. Food was being co-ordinated by Cath Caudwell who asked that she be informed in advance of proposed dishes to ensure a good cross-section of fare. Help to set up in the churchyard meadow was needed on Sunday morning and volunteers would be made very welcome!
- 12.5 Potholes – further discussion ensued and all residents were urged to complain individually as it was considered that this would be the best way to achieve results.
- 12.6 Notice Board – this is in need of refurbishment and suggestions were asked for as how best to achieve this.
- 12.7 The Parish Council has yet to find a replacement for Clive Mann. Names of any possible candidates were urgently required.
- 12.8 Footpath access – Sue Tansley's survey had identified problems with stiles, overgrown vegetation, etc. which need attention. A large-scale 1904 map, donated to the village by Mr Dave Billings a few years ago when he retired as landlord of the "Greyhound Inn", has now been framed and will be hung in the Village Hall beside the most recent definitive footpath map so comparisons can be made.
- 13.0 Any Other Business:** As there was none the meeting closed at 9.40 pm with light refreshments provided by Mary Chilvers.
- 14.0 Date for 2017 Annual Parish Meeting – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017**