

MINUTES OF THE PETTISTREE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 FEBRUARY 2006 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, 8PM

PRESENT: Mr Franklin (Chairman): Mr Hallett: Mrs Hunter:
Mr Edworthy: Mrs Kay:

Mrs Heelis (Clerk)
Cllr Aitchison (County Councillor)
Cllr Perry (District Councillor)

1.0 Apologies: PC Thompson and Mr Beagley.

2.0 Minutes of the meeting held 5 December 2005.

2.1 Parish Council Meeting – Agreed.

3.0 Declaration of Interests: None.

4.0 Matters Arising from the last meeting:

4.1 Notcutts – Retail sales from the Pettistree Depot – Mrs Hunter reported the planning decision by SCDC to allow retail sales for 28 days of the year, excluding bank holidays and weekends. It was noted that the banner displayed at the entrance to the site was advertising trade sales, which were permitted.

4.2 Village Green Ownership – Ongoing.

4.3 Dog Fouling – Ongoing.

4.4 Litter Bins – bus shelters – The Clerk had made contact with SCDC but was finding it difficult to arrange a meeting during the day due to other work commitments. Mr Kay and Mr Franklin both offered to meet with SCDC. **Action:** The Clerk to facilitate the meeting.

4.5 Grass Cutting – Ongoing. The Clerk to **action**.

4.6 Hedge Cutting – Mrs Kay reported that she had spoken to Mr Hayward and both the Main Rd and Presmere Road hedges had now been cut.

5.0 Reports:

5.1 Police Report . The Clerk read the report received from PC Thompson. Mr Franklin confirmed that he had reported an incident to the police involving parked cars at the Greyhound PH. All councillors needed to be vigilant whilst the building was empty.

Cllr Perry noted that the new Inspector (Woodbridge Sector) had been very involved with Neighbourhood Watch. **Action:** The Clerk to copy Cllr Perry and Cllr Aitchison in on the Neighbourhood Watch electronic Newsletter.

5.2 District Councillor's Report –

Planning – Following criticism by the auditor on the SCDC planning department in 2005, Cllr Perry was pleased to report that the system had now very much improved with 90% of applications now dealt with through delegated power. New rules had been introduced regarding consultation with parishes. **Action:** The Clerk to circulate the briefing paper sent by e-mail from Cllr Perry.

Car Parks – There would be an increase in charges with effect from 1 April 2006. this was a direct result of the District Council having to find £1m of savings.

Greyhound PH – The Licence had now been transferred from the former tenant to London Edinburgh Inns, who had stated that there would be a complete refurbishment of the pub and a new manager/tenant put in place.

- 5.3 County Councillor's Report – Cllr Aitchison complimented the District Council on an excellent website with detailed planning information. Mr Franklin noted that the planning system at the District Council was excellent. **Action:** Write to Philip Ridley, SCDC, stating the good service they offered.

SCC Budget – There was a shortfall of £24m. Despite this the County Council had set the council tax at 4.5%. There had been no cuts in schools, which had received a 6% increase in funding.

Grantnet – Details of these funding sources were passed to the Clerk..

Dropped Kerbs, B1438 – the costings had come out at £300-500 per side and could be funded out of the Locality Budget. Proposed sites were the junction adjacent to the Three Tunns and Rogues Lane. It was **agreed** to request funding for 3 dropped kerbs – one on the north side of the junction at the Three Tunns and 2 at the Rogues Lane junction. It was **agreed** not to pursue funding for the footpath link from Pettistree to Ufford at this time.

6.0 Highway Matters:

- 6.1 Main Road – 50mph limit – Cllr Aitchison reported that the request for a 50mph limit on the B1438 was not successful as it did not meet current criteria. **Action:** Mrs Hunter would advise Miss Peck of the decision, for inclusion in the Pettistree People.
- 6.2 Traffic – Byng Hall Road - letter to residents – Mr Franklin reported that he had received no further representations from residents in Byng Hall Lane. **Action:** Mr Franklin to liaise with Mr Beagley in an effort to keep residents informed of the situation.
- 6.4 Highways Schedule – It was **agreed** that all matters on the Schedule had been addressed and that this item should be removed from the agenda.

7.0 Planning Matters:

- 7.1 Planning Report.
It was noted that the only notification of decision received was the Notcutts application as detailed in Item 4.1.

8.0 Finance:

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| 8.1 <u>Council Payments:</u> | Accounts to Pay | Clerk's Salary | |
| | | £52.91 x 2 | £105.82 |
| | | Pettistree People | £ 30.00 |

The accounts were approved for payment.

9.0 Correspondence:

- 9.1 Publications
- RSPB – Suffolk's Changing Coast
 - SCDC – Parish Bulletin
 - Clerks & Councils Direct
 - SCC – Accessible and Community Transport Guide (*passed to Mrs Hunter for inclusion in the Pettistree People.*)
- 9.2 SCC – Household waste recycling centre – height barrier upgrade programme. *Following a review SCC will be raising the height of the barriers to 2.0m.* Noted.

9.3 SCC – Signposting of Public Rights of Way – *In order to raise the profile of Public Rights of Way within Suffolk, the decision has been made to replace all signposts from metalled roads, with the aim to raise countryside awareness. The new posts will consist of a wooden post and plastic finger.* Noted.

9.4 SALC – Quality Lunch – Mrs Kay and The Clerk offered to attend.

10.0 Parish Plan.

It was **agreed** to make a feature of the Parish Plan at the Annual Parish Meeting on 9 May and to invite Annette Gray to give a presentation. Mr Franklin reported that 6 members of the village had expressed an interest in joining the steering group. It was suggested that the group meet ahead of the Annual Parish Meeting and that information about the Parish Plan was circulated to residents to advertise the Annual Meeting.

11.0 Future of the Greyhound PH.

It was noted that a 20 year lease for the pub was being advertised at £40,000, and the freehold at £425,000. There was concern about the immediate security of the empty building and all councillors were advised to be vigilant. **Action:** A letter was to be sent to the owners noting the concerns for the immediate and long term future of the pub.

It was uncertain who owned the recycling bins sited at the pub.

12.0 Any other matters arising since notice of meeting.

None.

13.0 Dates for future meetings:

3 April 2006, 8pm at the village Hall

9 May 2006 – Annual Parish Meeting, 7.30pm at the Village Hall

11 May 2006 – Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, 7.30pm at the Village Hall

17 July 2006 – Parish Council Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.14pm.

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