

# MINUTES OF THE PETTISTREE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 APRIL 2006 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, 8PM

Councillors: Mr A Franklin (Chairman)      Mrs M Stollery (Vice Chairman)      Mr N Beagley  
Mr J P Hallett      Mrs K Hunter  
Mrs H Kay

In attendance: Cllr J Perry – District Cllr  
Cllr P Callaghan - District Cllr  
Cllr Mrs C Aitchison – County Cllr  
PC Thompson – Community Police Officer

**1.0 Apologies.** Mr M Edworthy.

## **2.0 Minutes of the meeting held 6 February 2006.**

- 1.1 Parish Council Meeting – Agreed with the following amendments:  
4.1 to read '24 days *including*'  
4.4 to read 'Mrs Kay'  
1.0 add Mrs Stollery

**3.0 Declaration of Interests:** None.

## **4.0 Matters Arising from the last meeting:**

- 4.1 Village Green Ownership – ongoing.  
4.2 Dog Fouling – Ongoing. Mr Franklin reported that he had liaised with Wickham Market Parish Council who were not interested in providing bins. Cllr Perry kindly offered to investigate what powers parish council have/will have following the Clean Neighbourhood Act.  
4.3 Litter Bins – bus shelters – Mrs Kay has arranged a meeting with SCDC regarding the location of the bins.  
4.4 Grass Cutting – The Clerk reported that she had written to Notcutts and was waiting for a response.

## **5.0 Reports:**

- 5.1 Police Report - PC Thompson reported that since the last meeting there had been only one reported crime – theft of furniture and other items from a garden. Concern was expressed about the vacant Greyhound PH and the Parish Council requested that both police patrols and residents be vigilant. PC Thompson confirmed that he did check on the pub and urged anyone with any concerns to contact the police.  
5.2 District Councillor's Report – Cllr Perry reported that the planning paper, circulated to all councillors, had now been put into practice.

Recycling – a new three bin system was being produced to divert recyclable material away from landfill. All bins would be grey with different coloured lids, resulting in a visually less intrusive scheme than that used in Ipswich. The new scheme would cost £260,000 a year to put into operation and was again a statutory requirement from Government with no funding by Central Government to implement. The timescale for implementation was as follows:

Melton	September 2006
Pettistree	2007/08
Ufford	2010/11

It was confirmed that the new bins would be in addition to the current brown bin for garden waste.

5.3 County Councillor's Report – Cllr Aitchison was pleased to report that all the dropped kerbs had been installed for £900. It was noted that the Parish Council were very pleased with the result.

SCC Council Tax had been set at 4.5%. Mr Franklin raised the issue of why there was a reported .5% increase advertised for Pettistree PC's precept when, in fact, there had been a 0% increase. It was thought that there may have been a mix up with Wickham Market's increase. It was noted that, of all the parish councils Cllr Aitchison represented, only Ufford and Pettistree had had a 0% increase.

Suffolk County Council has been awarded Beacon Status by the ODPM for waste and recycling. A creditable 39% recycling target had been achieved by Suffolk councils.

## 6.0 Highway Matters:

6.1 Traffic – Byng Hall Road - letter to residents. It was noted that all highways matters had now been addressed apart from this one. It was agreed that residents needed to be informed of the current state of play. However, it had been noted that there had been no communication from residents since May 2005. There was ongoing concern that Satellite Navigation appeared to be directing through the village to Hungarian Hall instead of via Ufford.

**Action:** Mr Beagley and Mr Franklin to draft a letter to Byng Hall Road residents informing them of the current state of play.

## 7.0 Planning Matters:

7.1 Planning Report – The following applications had been received since the last meeting:

Home Farm – conversion of outbuilding (the barn) into separate dwelling  
The Bungalow – replacement of flat roof and other alterations  
Burgon Cottage – erection of conservatory

At the request of the Chairman, the application for Home Farm was to be discussed at a full Council meeting.

It was noted that: the Planning Committee had recommended refusal on this application on the grounds that the converted building would become a separate dwelling outside the village envelope and in a conservation area and felt that the application could set a precedent for future conversions to be sold off as separate dwellings as opposed to remaining ancillary to the main dwelling.

Following discussion on the merits of the application a proposal was put to the Council to uphold the decision of the Planning Committee. A vote was recorded for

4 For  
2 Against

The proposal was therefore carried and the Planning Committees recommendation to refuse permission was upheld.

## 8.0 Finance:

8.1	<u>Council Payments:</u>	<b>Accounts to Pay</b>	Clerk's Salary	
			£52.91 x 1 (March)	£ 52.91
			£54.47 x 1 (April)	£ 54.47
			Pettistree People	£ 30.00
			Internal Auditor	£ 50.00

The above payments were approved.

- 8.2 Request for Donation – Disability Advice Service (East Suffolk) – It was agreed not to support the request for a donation. It was agreed that the Clerk would bring to the attention of the Council any future requests for donations from outside organisations. These items would be considered under Correspondence.

## 9.0 Correspondence:

- 9.1 Publications East Suffolk MIND – Newsletter  
SCC – Avian Flu Fact Sheet  
Suffolk ACRE – Suffolk Scene  
SCDC – Parish Bulletin  
SCDC – Standards Committee Meeting papers  
Wickham Market Partnership- Annual Report and Accounts
- 9.2 SCDC – Local Development Framework – Consultation document ‘Core Strategy (including Development Control Policies) & Site Specific allocations & Policies’ – Vision and Objectives. *Response required by 2 May 2006.* It was agreed that the Planning Committee would consider the document.
- 9.3 Savills – Pre Planning Application Consultation regarding proposed Telemetry Link equipment for Anglian Water Services Ltd – It was agreed that the Planning Committee would consider this consultation.
- 9.4 SCC – Fire Hydrant Information on the 18 fire hydrants in the parish of Pettistree – Mr Beagley kindly offered to undertake the survey of fire hydrants in the parish.
- 9.5 SCDC – Targets for clearing litter off the highway – Noted.
- 9.6 SCC – Temporary Restrictions – A12 Wickham Market Bypass. It was agreed that , in future, the Clerk would notify the Chairman of any temporary restrictions as soon as they were received.
- 9.7 SALC – Emergency Planning Seminar – to be held on 11 April at Kesgrave Community Centre, 9.30am-3.30pm. Cost £10 per person. It was noted that there was already an informal network in place.
- 9.8 SCDC – Litter Action – Spring 2006 – Sunday 9 April at 11am.
- 9.9 SCC – Review of the mobile library service – Noted.

## 10.0 Parish Plan.

Mr Franklin reported that the project team had held its first meeting. Arrangements had been made for Annette Gray to carry out a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting. Mrs Hunter and Mrs Edworthy were producing a flyer to advertise the event. It was hoped that the launch of the questionnaire would coincide with a village BBQ being planned by the Village Hall Committee. The target was to complete the project by Christmas 2006.

There was a formal request to the Council to purchase the software from the University of Gloucestershire and also to consider a start up grant to cover ancillary costs such as printing and publicity.

It was agreed to put aside £200 for the project. This amount included the purchase of the software.

## 11.0 Future of the Greyhound PH.

Mr Franklin reported that he had written to the owners of the Greyhound PH, who had confirmed that they were actively seeking new tenants and reopen the pub as soon as possible. It was also noted that Mr Franklin had received, and replied, to an e-mail from a prospective tenant

## 12.0 Any other matters arising since notice of meeting.

- 12.1 Church Gates – Mr Beagley informed the Council that the PCC would be applying for funding for the repair of the gates from Cllr Aitchison’s Locality Budget.
- 12.2 Floodlighting at the village hall – it was agreed to raise the issue of provision of lighting at the rear of the village hall, with the village hall committee.
- 12.3 Heating – Mr Franklin proposed that petty cash be available to enable the heating to be put on during meetings.

**13.0 Dates for future meetings:**

- 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, 8pm.

Mrs Hunter gave her apologies for the two May meetings.

The meeting closed at 10pm.

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DATED \_\_\_\_\_