

MINUTES OF THE PETTISTREE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28 NOVEMBER 2006 AT 8PM

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

Mrs Heelis – Clerk
Cllr Perry – District Councillor
Cllr Aitchison – County Councillor

1.0 Apologies: PC Thompson and Mr Beagley.

2.0 Minutes of the meetings held 26 September 2006: Agreed.

3.0 Declaration of Interests: None.

4.0 Matters Arising from the last meeting:

4.1 Village Green Ownership – Ongoing.

4.2 Dog Fouling – It was confirmed that £400 had been budgeted for bins and that £200 had been spent on the bin at the bus shelter. It was agreed to revisit the proposal of a litter bin on the green after it transpired that the perception of there not being a litter problem was not entirely correct following confirmation that Mr Hayward regularly cleared the litter.

Installation of a dog bin on the boundary footpath and village green – It was agreed to install 2 dog waste bins, one at the village hall and one at the village green near the letterbox. The remaining £200 in the budget would pay for one and Cllr Aitchison kindly offered to contribute to the cost of the other dog bin.

4.3 Replacement Tree on the Village Green – Mrs Hunter reported that this was in hand and it was hoped, weather permitting, that the tree would be planted in the next 3 weeks.

4.5 Village Seats– maintenance – Mrs Kay stated that there was nothing further to report and that she was trying to make contact with the carpenter. It was noted that the village seat needed cleaning. It was agreed to put together a working party in the spring. It was further noted that the village sign and the fingerpost on the green were also in need of cleaning.

5.0 Reports:

5.1 Police Report - The police report was read. Mrs Stollery noted that there had been other incidents reported to the police that weren't included in the report. It was further commented that the report appeared a little 'low key' in light of the activity in the village and that there was no mention of the stolen bicycles.

- 5.2 District Councillor's Report – Cllr Perry reported that the District Council, facing £1m budget cuts, now had a deficit of just £40,000. The financial settlement from the Government had been announced today – there was no change for SCDC which stood at £7.7m. It was noted that there was a continuous downstreaming of initiatives from the Government but no additional money with which to implement them leaving District Councils to meet the costs.

The Suffolk Coastal LDF had now been drafted and would appear before the Cabinet on 5 December. If approved it would be put out for consultation in January/February 2007.

- 5.3 County Councillor's Report – Cllr Aitchison reported that SCC were anticipating a £22m shortfall due to the Government's settlement. Savings would be made through a number of ways including looking at contracting out services. A review was currently underway on the county's ageing population. The School's review consultation period had concluded and the results of this would be discussed in January 2007.

Police Direct – This was being piloted in Suffolk whereby people register for a free service for text alerts. There were currently 10,000 signed up to the pilot, with an aim to have 50,000 next year. To sign up go to www.suffolk.police.uk and choose the police direct link.

Mr Hallett formally thanked Cllr Aitchison for her generous contribution towards the Church gates project.

The issue of raising money through advertising to pay for the production of the Pettistree People was raised. Mrs Kay confirmed that there would be questions in the Parish Plan relating to the Pettistree People, including that regarding advertising.

There was a suggestion that people could opt out of the Brown Bin scheme, thereby saving money for the District Council. Cllr Aitchison would speak to Cllr Perry.

6.0 Highway Matters:

- 6.1 Traffic – Byng Hall Road - letter to residents. Deferred to the next meeting.
- 6.2 Request for road name – Old Main Road, Pettistree. Confirmation that the alteration of road name from 'Main Road' to 'Old Main Road' will be effective from 1 October 2006. A street nameplate for 'Old Main Road' will be erection in due course. Noted. Mrs Kay and the Clerk would liaise regarding the Java Lodge Road.

7.0 Planning Matters:

- 7.1 Planning Report

The Tree Preservation Order on Pettistree Lodge and Homlea had been confirmed.

C06/1161 - Suffolk Sports Cars – one decision was pending on this site. Both the previous applications had been approved.

7.2 Notification of Decisions

C06/1358 - The Bungalow, Byng Hall Road – Planning Permission.

C06/1488 – Fitness Ltd – Planning Permission

C06/1946 – Church Rooms, Walnuts Lane – supported by the Planning

Committee.

8.0 Finance:

8.1 Council Payments: **Accounts to Pay - Approved**

Clerk's Salary £54.47 x 2 (Oct/Nov)	£108.94
Suffolk Coastal Services Ltd – Litter bin	£199.75
Pettistree People – Printing (Nov 06)	£ 46.55
SALC – Attendance at AGM	£ 30.00

8.2 Consideration of Budget for 2007/08. (attached)

Consideration was given to renovation of the village sign. Mr Hallett suggested Brian Hobbs of Wickham Market. Mr Kay kindly offered to approach Mr Hobbs for a quote.

A precept of £2,200 was agreed.

8.3 Appointment of Internal Auditor – It was agreed to appoint Trevor Brown, former Clerk to Melton Parish Council as Internal Auditor for Pettistree Parish Council.

9.0 Correspondence:

9.1 Publications

Suffolk ACRE – Suffolk Scene
Clerk & Councils Direct
SCDC – Parish Bulletin – Autumn 2006
SCC – A land managers' guide to rights of way in

Suffolk

EEAPTC News –
regional report for Parish & Town Councils
Suffolk Heritage Housing Assoc – 'Edition'

newsletter

SCDC – Standards Committee agenda & minutes

It was agreed to circulate e-mails relating to the Standards Committee to all councillors via e-mail in future.

9.2 Environment Agency – East Suffolk Catchment Flood Management Plan – Scoping Report Consultation. Responses required by 8 December 2006. Noted.

9.3 Crime Prevention Panel – Mrs Kay was unable to represent the Parish Council on the Panel.

10.0 Parish Plan. Progress Report.

Mrs Hunter reported that the draft questionnaire had been produced and would be piloted in the next couple of weeks to 10 households.

11.0 Future of the Greyhound PH. Progress Report.

Mr Franklin reported that since the last meeting Mr Beagley had supplied him with contacts within Ernst & Young. Cllr Perry had tried to make contact but had not received a response. The pub was still being advertised as leasehold and freehold and there was ongoing concern that the pub would be converted to a residential dwelling.

12.0 Any other matters arising since notice of meeting.

12.1 Litter Pick – The Council set a date of Sunday 25 March 2007 for the annual litter pick.

12.2 Elections – May 2007 – to be put on the February agenda. An article to be included in the March Pettistree People.

12.3 It was with much regret that it was announced that Carol Locke had died last weekend after a long illness. The Council expressed their sympathies to the family.

13.0 Dates for future meetings:

5 February 2007 – Parish Council Meeting, 8pm.

17 April 2007 – Parish Council Meeting, 8pm

15 May 2007 – Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by an Ordinary Parish Council meeting. **7.30pm.**

Annual Parish Meeting – to be put on the February agenda.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.