

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PETTISTREE PARISH COUNCIL HELD 16th SEPTEMBER 2008 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 8PM

Councillors present: Mr J P Hallett (Chairman), Mrs M Stollery (Vice Chairman), Mr N Beagley, Mrs Elaine Boardley, Mrs Mary Chilvers, Dr Peter Hayward, Mrs K Wilton.

In attendance: Cllr M Bond & Cllr J Bidwell - District Councillors
Mr Mike Flanagan (Prospective Parish Clerk)

1.0 Apologies.

Cllr C Aitchison – County Councillor

2.0 Welcome to new Parish Councillors, and their declarations.

Councillors Boardley and Chilvers were welcomed, introduced and declarations received.

Mr Mike Flanagan attended as an observer as he hopes to be able to move to Suffolk and become parish clerk

3.0 Declaration of Interests.

Mrs Wilton declared a prejudicial interest in Item 8.1

4.0 Minutes

4.1 Parish Council Meeting – 15th July 2008

4.2 Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting - 29th July 2008

Both sets of minutes were approved and signed,

5.0 Matters Arising from the previous meetings:

5.1 Village Green Ownership.-

Mr Beagley is still investigating and hopes to report at the next meeting.

5.2 Hedge-cutting – plans for this year.

Mr Hallett has arranged for Mr Simon Blowers to cut hedges around the village and has provided a list of those who want their hedges cut.

5.3 Village Green - sign repainting, corner post and notice-board replacement.

Mr Brian Nobbs has the work in hand and has already made the new notice-board. The most convenient site for the new board was discussed.

5.4 Replacement seat beside churchyard gate.

The new seat donated by the Holland family has been installed and is in use.

6.0 Reports:

6.1 Police Report - None

6.2 County Councillor's Report.

None apart from comments on the Boundary Commission proposals (Item 10)

6.3 District Councillor's Report.

Councillors Bond and Bidwell tabled leaflets prepared by Suffolk Coastal DC on the new boundary proposals, suggesting three new districts. Concerns were expressed over the very unclear picture for finance and services for the various plans proposed. It was also questioned whether the present government would survive in power for long enough to implement any changes.

7.0 Highway Matters:

7.1 Footpath beside B1438 from off-slip road to Wickham Market.

Mr Hallett and Mrs Stollery had met Mr Steve Aldous from the SCC Highways Department on the B1438 on 14th August. Our concerns over the state of the footpath were explained and he undertook to do as much as possible under his repairs budget. Major rebuilding of the footpath would not be possible. He also undertook to inspect the road to Hungarian Hall near Low Farm where the surface and edges are breaking down.

The footpath has already been cleared from Pettistree House to North Lodge.

7.2 Traffic speed on B1438. (near Three Tuns).

This was also discussed with Mr Aldous. The meeting agreed we should write to Highways asking for advice on the possibility of installing a speed limit on the B1438 near the Three Tuns or adding road markings to deter overtaking.

The overgrown state of the bus shelter was also discussed.

8.0 Planning Matters:

8.1 Advertisements for Home Farm Barn and Stable Block.

Councillors had noted advertisements for the sale of Home Farm Barn with the Stable block separate from the house. This was in contravention of the planning permissions that had been granted and a letter and personal representation had been made to Suffolk Coastal DC. Since then the advertisements had been amended and planning requirement added to the sale notices.

8.2 Planning applications

None had been received or reported to the planning sub-committee.

The chairman had been approached by Mr Neil Arbon who explained his concerns that his parents were under stress due to the planning processes over possible tree damage to their bungalow, Holmleigh. Mrs Stollery confirmed that the sub-committee had not received a notice of the new application to allow felling of the Holm Oak trees so no Parish Council view had been expressed. The outcome of the application is not known to the Council.

9.0 Finance:

9.1 Progress of Accounts 2008/09 -None

9.2 Council Payments: **Accounts to Pay**

Insurance premium to Zurich Insurance via Suffolk Acre £319.95

Suffolk Acre annual subscription £25.00

(Unless contact with Suffolk Acre shows that the subscription has been paid for this year.)

10.0 Re-organisation of Local Government.

Written comments sent by Councillor Aitcheson stated her support for the single county-wide body that the County Council is now proposing. This would include Lowestoft.

The meeting decided that there is a very unclear picture for finance and services for the various plans proposed. It did not feel able to formulate a clear Parish Council view on the impact for the village of the various proposals and would not make any written submissions.

11.0 Correspondence:

11.1 Community First Responders – Request for donation.

The chairman had been approached by Jackie Hayes of the Ufford group of First Responders asking for a donation for their funds. They are a group of volunteers trained to provide emergency care such as cardiac resuscitation or

other life support pending the arrival of the ambulance services. They are notified at the same time as the ambulance service is alerted and can often arrive sooner. They cover Pettistree, Wickham Market and other nearby areas as well as Ufford. The meeting agreed to review their request at our next (budget setting) meeting.

11.2 Publications Received – Many documents are still being sent to our previous Parish Clerk, Heather Heelis, and she has forwarded them.

11.2.1 Suffolk Coastal Local Strategic Partnership (Draft Sustainable Community Strategy. www.sclsp.org.uk)

11.2.2 Suffolk Coastal DC “make Suffolk Three”

11.2.3 Recycling credits from SCDC (bottle bank) £13.07 for Apr to Jun 2008.

11.2.4 SCDC Minerals Specific Site Allocations (Sand and gravel extraction)

11.2.5 Suffolk Constabulary. Further review of Safer Neighbourhood Teams. Change from 47 SNTs for Suffolk to 30.

11.2.6 SALC New Deputy Chief Executive, SALC Conference and AGM 21.10.08, and training courses etc.

11.2.7 The Local Councillor magazine (No.3 2008)

11.2.8 Rural Dispensing decisions.

11.2.9 Suffolk Preservation Society “Suffolk View” magazine.

11.2.10 SCDC Call for Waste disposal sites.

11.2.11 SCC “Play your Part” Simplified notification to SCC of neighbourhood problems.

11.2.12 East of England Regional Assembly. Paperwork about review of the East of England Plan.

11.2.13 SCDC Updates on the Local Government Review plans.

11.2.14 The Boundary Committee. Draft proposals for Norfolk and Suffolk local government.

12.0 Parish Plan.

Dr Hayward reported that the report is nearly ready. Chris Garner is helping with the printing and about 30 copies will be bound. The report and conclusions will be presented at our next meeting and we hope that Annette Gray from Suffolk ACRE will be able to attend

13.0 Vacancy for Clerk.

Mr Mike Flanagan is still keen to serve as parish clerk but cannot commit himself until he knows if he will be able to sell his house in Cambridgeshire and move to our area. (The housing market is very slow at present.)

The chairman is continuing to pay in cheques, prepare minutes etc.

14.0 Any other matters arising since notice of meeting.

14.1 Funding for Pettistree People. To be discussed at our next (budget-setting) meeting.

14.2 Funding for Pettistree Heritage.

15.0 Dates for future meetings:

18 November 2006 – Parish Council Meeting. 8pm

(Budget, Litter pick, Parish Plan, Donations and support.)

10th February 2009, Parish Council at 8:00 pm. *(24th Feb is no longer possible)*

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DATED _____