

# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PETTISTREE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2011 IN THE PARISH ROOM AT 7.30 PM

Councillors present: Mr J Hallett (Chair), Mrs E Boardley,  
Dr Peter Hayward, Mr Terry Rowles, Mr Mike Watts

In attendance: Mr C Mann – Parish Clerk  
Cllr M Bond – Suffolk Coastal District Councillor and County Councillor

## **1.0 Public Forum**

- 1.1 It was unusual to note that no police report had been received.
- 1.2 Councillor Bonds reports were discussed and he was able to update the Council on the latest cost saving measures by the County Council. He stated that the previous Governments micro management of all matters was being scaled back but with some difficulty. Despite a rationalisation of the Highways dept Cllr Bond spoke highly of the Personnel and that he worked well with them. He also confirmed his commitment to fund 2 new grit bins. The continuing saga of Campse Ashe station was also highlighted.

## **Closure of Public Forum and commencement of Parish Council Meeting**

**2.0 Apologies** - Vic Gilmore, Councillors Bidwell, Stollery and Chilvers

**3.0 Declaration of Interests** - There was none recorded.

## **4.0 Minutes:**

- 4.1 Parish Council Meeting – 13th September 2011 were signed as a true record.

## **5.0 Matters Arising from the previous meetings:**

- 5.1 The Clerk had written to the Highways dept regarding a dead elm tree in Pettistree and a reply had been received saying the inspector would visit the site and report back.
- 5.2 A local meeting had been held by the fire authority relating to the register of properties with thatched roofs.
- 5.3 Nothing had been heard back regarding Pettistree Peoples entry to the newsletter of the year competition.
- 5.4 The Clerk will endeavour to visit the Village Hall to retrieve any Pettistree Parish Council documents still stored there.
- 5.5 There were positive vibes from the village meeting on the 2012 Jubilee events and it was hoped the organising group would continue the good work. A meeting was planned for Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2011.
- 5.6 The Council are happy to support the village activities but they needed the lead to come from the community itself.

## **6.0 Preparations for winter:**

- 6.1 Following confirmation of funding by Cllr Bond and the procedures being outlined by the highways dept the procurement of two grit bins would be put in place.

## **7.0 Grass cutting:**

7.1 The grass cutting of the village communal areas had been undertaken by Mr J Barker during the year. A payment of £180 was agreed along with grateful thanks.

## **8.0 Planning Matters:**

8.1 None had been received.

8.2 No planning decisions had been received.

## **9.0 Finance:**

9.1 It was agreed to pay the following Invoices:

Clive Mann - Clerks Expenses to 31/10/2011	£126.80
Jeff Hallett - Village meeting expenses	£42.09
Community First Response - Donation	£150.00
Pettistree Heritage - Donation	£150.00
J Barker - Village grass cutting	£180.00

9.2 The draft budget was reviewed and minor changes made with a final approved 2012/2013 spend of £5775. This includes a provision for expenditure in connection with the 2012 Jubilee events. The precept was agreed to remain at £2200 with the shortfall coming from balances. A note was made to review the insurance during 2012 to ensure it was up to date, appropriate and value for money. It was agreed to discuss at the next meeting an honorarium for the work done in keeping the excellent Pettistree Parish website updated.

9.3 A cheque had been received and deposited relating to income from recycling credits.

## **10.0 Correspondence:**

10.1 Postal correspondence:-

Clerks and Councils Direct & The Local Councillor - Publications  
NatWest - Fixed rate deposit leaflet  
SAVO - display poster request  
SALC - Annual report  
Came and Co. - Parish Council insurance leaflet  
Vitalise - Request for donation (Support for disabled and carers)  
Leiston and District Citizens Advice Bureau - Donation request  
Age UK - Poster and brochure, spread the warmth  
Boundary Commission - Consultation on 2013 review of constituencies  
Society of Local Council Clerks - Clerks training module

10.2 Email correspondence:-

M. Bond - District and County Councillors report for November 2011, Grit bin contacts

SCDC - Budget Consultation meetings, letter re divestment of open spaces and play areas to Town and Parish Councils, Tree Warden events update, Invite to Suffolk Coastal LSP Annual Forum, Budget review meetings, briefing on the draft National planning policy framework, proposed changes to management of car parks, budget consultation meetings

SCC - Preparations for the coming winter

SALC - Managing properties, consultation on neighbourhood planning, SALC AGM agenda, Suffolk County Councils Budget challenge, Conference on Questions for a Greener future, Libraries and new heritage organisation for Suffolk, Reform of public sector pensions, winter gritting workshop, CEO report for area meeting, Council winter gritting volunteer schemes, AONB October update, Suffolk Coastal area meeting

Suffolk ACRE - Help to maintain Rural services, October update, Cloud Computing workshop, Correcting sat navs to prevent HGV's using unsuitable roads, Green dog initiative to tackle dog fouling, Post Office Mutualisation, Local foods Suffolk project

David Chenerey - Dead Elm tree, Pettistree grit bins  
Alice Bull - Request for Pettistree People contact details  
Suffolk Sport - Fit villages classes  
Norfolk China - Bespoke 2012 Jubilee products  
Suffolk Info link - Parish details update  
Insignia - Jubilee commemorative products  
Suffolk Sport - Fitness activities available

The postal communications were discussed with two donation requests and two posters for display turned down. The e-mails received since the last meeting had been forwarded on to Councillors as and when they arrive and the Chair briefly commented on several that had been of interest. It was agreed to put in Pettistree People the new keep fit classes available and whether there was any interest in ballroom dancing.

**11.0 Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council:**

- 11.1 The date for the next litter pick was agreed for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2012.
- 11.2 It was reported that an overgrown hedge obscured a stile on a heritage trail footpath and it was agreed to contact the landowner on this matter.
- 11.3 The Councillors wished to convey best wishes for a speedy recovery to Maureen Stollery.

**12.0 Dates for future meetings:**

7th February 2012	Parish Council Meeting in the Parish Room	7.30 pm
15th May 2012	Parish Council AGM in the Village Hall	7.30 pm
15th May 2012	Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall	7.45 pm
22nd May 2012	Annual Parish Meeting in the Village Hall	8.00 pm

Signed: ..... Dated: .....