

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PETTISTREE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 1st NOVEMBER 2012 IN THE PARISH ROOM AT 7.30 PM

Councillors present: Mr J Hallett (Chair), Mrs E Boardley (Vice Chair), Mr P Hayward
Mrs M Chilvers, Mr Mike Watts.

In attendance: Mr C Mann – Parish Clerk
5 Pettistree residents – M Stollery, R Hayward, J Peck, C Caudwell, S Wassell

1.0 Public Forum

- 1.1 The meeting opened in Public Forum and the Chair welcomed all those present and explained the protocols relating to any input from members of the public during the public forum and their responsibilities during the Council meeting which would follow.
- 1.1a The Council planning representative had over 3Kg of paperwork relating to the Hopkins Homes planning application C12/2123 for a development at Featherbroom Gardens in Wickham Market and this was available for review, all Pettistree Councillors had seen it. The revised plan was for 65 homes with 65% being affordable. Wickham Market Parish Council had agreed the plans with only one major objector. It was noted that the developers had offered £50,000 for Village Hall improvements plus contributions to other Community projects as part of the plan. November 16th was the agreed final date for the submission of objections and comments and Pettistree Council would prepare and agree a response based on the available data and issues raised with them by that date. Individual submissions by residents could be copied to Pettistree Council if they wished and these would be taken into consideration.
- 1.1b The points raised during the public forum are summarised below in no particular order, relevancy or necessarily accurate.
- There would be a distinct loss of identity between the two settlements of Wickham Market and Pettistree.
- The plan uses habitat surveys to conclude no loss of wildlife; however, these surveys date from the late 1990's and Skylarks were now nesting there.
- Drainage would be an issue as properties closest to the development drain under the road into a culvert which is not shown on the plans.
- A court case is pending relation to a sewage problem in Wickham Market.
- Flood worries and concern was expressed about the adequacy of water pressure and the effect on Pettistree water supply from the tower, also the loss of drainage land.
- Concern over increased traffic flow, particularly at the "pinch point" on the entry road into Wickham Market and that the traffic flow assessment did not take account of the recently built supermarket close by. Speed limits on the A12 and B1438 require urgent review.
- There would be an increase in light pollution.
- Some other smaller building sites were dismissed on grounds that equally apply to Featherbroom Gardens.
- AP230 states infill only for housing.
- The site is outside the village envelope and therefore should be 100% affordable housing.
- Are the affordable homes to be built first or funded by the sale of the others?
- The boundary could be softened by carefully designed planting of shrubs and trees.
- The largest home (plot 62) is not an attractive design but is the one seen first.
- More people in the village would help struggling local services, e.g. libraries, health centre, however, where would they work? Local amenities and shops have declined over many years, would new residents help or will they shop elsewhere?
- There is a need for a controlled crossing, funded by the developer, to give access to the footpath into Wickham Market since the path is on one side of the road only.

Closure of Public Forum and commencement of Parish Council Meeting

2.0 Apologies - The Chair thanked everyone for their input and noted that apologies had been received from Councillor T Rowles, Councillor M Bond and J Speedman.

3.0 Declaration of Interests - There was none recorded.

4.0 Proposed development at Featherbroom Gardens:

4.1 There were no further points to add as the Councillors had contributed fully to the discussions in the public forum so it was agreed to vote on whether the Council should support the application. This was defeated by 3 votes to 2. Councillor Hayward, the planning representative, would prepare the Councils response and this would be agreed by the Council before submission.

5.0 Dates for future meetings:

13th November 2012	Parish Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Room
5th February 2013	Parish Council Meeting at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Room

Signed: Dated: