

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PETTISTREE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 7th JULY 2015 IN THE PARISH ROOM AT 7.30 PM

Councillors present: Mr Jeff Hallett (Chair), Mr Mike Watts, Mr Terry Rowles, Mr Philip Westrope,
Mr Steve Hind

In attendance: Mr C Mann – Parish Clerk
Mr M Bond – County Councillor

1.0 Public Forum

- 1.1 Due to work commitments no police report was available but one would be forwarded to Councillors the week following the meeting.
- 1.2 Councillor Bond gave his report to the meeting. Devolution was in the air but he saw no convincing argument for it and cost cutting measures continue in all areas. He was disappointed at the response to the Parish Council on the request for clarification on the plans for the Green. Councillor Bond had made his own enquiries and a clearer position had been made to the Council by his legal team. He said there was no reason not to go ahead with the plan. The Chair highlighted continued planning issues and concerns over the future of villages such as Pettistree. It was noted that the planning application for a building in Pettistree, which was not supported by the Council, had been approved but only after major changes to the plan as the planners agreed with the Parish Council, however, no notification of the changes were made to the Parish Council. The Council also objected strongly to the Suffolk Sports Car application. It was suggested by Councillor Bond that a letter of complaint, copied to the District Councillor, may be of benefit. There was a small Community enabling budget available and proposals should be forwarded to the District Councillor Mark Amoss.

Closure of Public Forum and commencement of Parish Council Meeting

2.0 Apologies - Councillors Mark Amoss, Mary Chilvers and PC Howgego.

3.0 Declaration of Interests - None declared.

4.0 Minutes:

- 4.1 The 12th May 2015 meeting minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

5.0 Matters Arising from the previous meeting:

- 5.1 After no initial Interest in the post of Vice Chair Councillor Rowles said he was prepared to take on the task if nominated. He was duly nominated, seconded and with no other nominations was elected Vice Chair.
- 5.2 All elected Councillors have to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office form and two Councillors who were not present at the May meeting signed the forms in the presence of the Clerk. One Councillor is still to complete a form.

- 5.3 With the help of Councillor Bond the Council was legally able to deal with the parking issues on the Green by preventing vehicular access if it saw fit. Councillor Westrope was unsure if it was really necessary while Councillor Hind was concerned about cars passing each other on the somewhat narrow road and Councillor Watts pointed out that the problem of the width of the highway was still unresolved. After further discussion it was agreed that due to lack of support from Councillors and a reduction in problem parking of late that the plan would be shelved. It would be brought back for discussion if the problem recurs.
- 5.4 The Annual Parish meeting was again poorly attended but an excellent demonstration of the new website by Tony Franklin and Jeff Hallett was well received and comments and ideas were requested and were always welcome. Jeff Hallett thanked Mary Chilvers for the usual excellent sausage rolls and cake provided for consumption after the meeting.
- 5.5 No further update on the website but as technology continues to be a key communication method it is sensible to continue the project.

6.0 Other Pettistree Matters:

- 6.1 The bus shelters were now unusable due to weeds and nettles taking over inside and out. Councillor Hallett agreed to see if Jim Jarvie would assist him in strimming and killing the weeds to bring the shelters back into use.
- 6.2 The dead elm trees, which had been reported to the highways department were still there and Councillors were concerned on safety grounds. An e-mail would be sent to the highways department asking for an update on this matter.

7.0 Planning Matters:

7.1 The Council strongly objects to the planning application DC/15/1747/FUL by Suffolk Sports Cars Ltd to erect two ancillary buildings for storage of classic vehicles and vehicle parts as, among other things, it is unsuitable for a village location. The objection made by a neighbour was read out and there were strong reasons to refuse the application.

7.2 DC/15/2395/TCA to pollard Ash tree to remove dieback and pollard Sycamore to maintain at manageable size raised no objections.

7.3 Planning approval given for:-

DC/15/0906/FUL Change of use of John Woods Nursery store to Storage and Distribution

DC/15/0962/TCA for the felling of 4 Red Cedar trees and to reduce 1 Eucalyptus by 3m at

Pettistree Grange

DC/15/1184/FUL for a Garage and Workshop at 2 Presmere Road, Pettistree

The approvals were noted. No official notification is now given when agreed so online research is needed to keep up to date. It was agreed that the clerk would copy Councillors in with the final submitted response on planning matters.

8.0 Finance:

8.1 It was agreed to pay the following Invoices:

Clive Mann - Clerks Expenses to 30/06/2015	£201.00
BDO - External Audit Fee	£NIL

8.2 The Annual Return had been received back from the External Auditors with no queries or qualifications. A copy of the Income and Expenditure page had been placed on the notice Board for Pettistree residents to view.

9.0 Correspondence:

9.1 Postal correspondence:-

Clerk and Councils Direct - Issue 100 publication
Glasdon - Brochure
SCDC - Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule
SCDC - Consultation on Non-designated heritage assets
SCC - Temporary road closure notification
Leiston & Saxmundham CAB - Annual Report
Community Action Suffolk - Membership documentation
SLCC - Training Pack
AON - Insurance Proposal
Broxap Street Furniture - Brochure

92 Email correspondence:-

102 e-mails, including internal communications dealt with by the Clerk and Councillors.

The postal communications were reviewed and discussed.

The e-mails received are filtered for junk mail by the Clerk and relevant ones forwarded to Councillors for review and action; they contain many standard and regular Information e-mails from Community Action Suffolk and SALC.

10.0 Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council:

- 10.1 The continued poor maintenance of the footpath from Pettistree to Wickham Market was again raised. A resident had been given details of the schedule of work, which would bring the footpath back into full use, and had shared this with Jeff Hallett. The vegetation would be cut back July/August and the pathway repaired in November/December. This news was welcomed but it was queried as to the full extent of the pathway to be repaired so the Clerk would contact Highways to see if it was to be done from Java Lodge Lane.
- 10.2 It was suggested that Chris Cook would be a suitable candidate for the vacant position on the Parish Council and Jeff Hallett would contact him to see if he was willing and if so the Clerk would set the wheels in motion for co-option.
- 10.3 Councillor Watts requested a copy of the Standing Orders used for Parish Council Meetings and the Clerk said he would forward a copy to him.
- 10.4 A question was raised as to rural broadband, still a problem in many areas, with some communities taking matters in their own hands with masts etc. In Pettistree there was no real pattern. It was suggested that the better broadband Suffolk website contained useful links.
- 10.5 The Clerk reported that he was on holiday shortly after the meeting and would be unable to complete the minutes within the normal timescales.

11.0 Dates for future meetings:

Tuesday 15th September 2015 Pettistree Parish Council Meeting in the Parish Room at 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday 4th November 2015 Pettistree Parish Council Meeting in the Parish Room at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Signed: -Dated: