

Pettistree Parish Council

Minutes of the Pettistree Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Room on July 21, 2021

Parish Councillors Jeffrey Hallett (Chair), Sue Jones, Chris Cook, Mary Chilvers and Philip Westrope were present, together with Rod Caird as Clerk. The District and County Councillors were unable to attend. Three representatives of BSR Energy were present by invitation to give a presentation and answer questions about the proposed solar panel development referred to in item 5 on the Agenda. As landowner, Philip Westrope would leave the meeting during that part of the proceedings.

1/210721: Apologies and Approvals of Absence

James Hayward, James Clarke as Road Safety Officer and Mike Watts had sent apologies and their absence was approved.

2/210721: Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation

Philip Westrope declared his interest as landowner in Item 5, DC/21/2387.

3/210721: Members of the public are invited to make any comments on items on the Agenda or to raise issues for consideration at future meetings. Reports may be presented by the County and District Councillors

The BSR Energy team explained this is their first meeting in a process of public consultation leading to submission of a formal planning application. Feedback would be requested from residents via a Freepost return questionnaire. East Suffolk has stated there is no requirement in this case for a formal environmental impact assessment (EIA). Information will be distributed throughout the community about the project, which would have a 40 year lifespan, after which the land would return to agricultural use. The construction period would last 4 to 6 months; there would be 2 to 3 weeks of pile driving. A mitigation payment, entirely separate to the planning process, can be offered to the Parish Council to be spent on various community projects. Parish Councillors felt the scheme would have little impact on residents and while a piece in Pettistree People would be beneficial there would be little value in a public meeting. There is no housing in the immediate vicinity and the footpath on the site is currently little used. It would in any event be retained with limited adjustment and fenced off.

4/210721: To approve the minutes of the meetings held on May 19, 2021

The minutes were approved.

5/210721: To consider planning issues including:

DC/21/3028/FUL | Erection of single storey extension | Sandpit House Loudham Hall Road – *for consideration*

There was no objection to this application

DC/21/2387/EIA | EIA Screening Opinion - Proposed development of a 21 MWp Solar PV Development | Land West Of Sandpit House And Sewage Pumping Station Loudham Hall Road – *for consideration; a representative of the company has been invited to attend to answer any questions*

This matter had been discussed under Item 3 on the Agenda.

It was also noted that the appeal against refusal of two small light industrial "starter" units (Class E), on hardstanding Off Presmere Road, was dismissed on May 5.

6/210721: To consider progress on installation of posts for a Speed Indicator Device

Shortly after the meeting the posts were installed.

7/210721: To discuss the Nottcutts Estates tree-cutting plans

Parish Councillors agreed there was no objection to these plans.

8/210721: To discuss the Festival of Suffolk celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

A meeting will be held in the Village Hall in September to bring together interest groups in the village and consider initial proposals, especially for nomination of a "Festival Community Champion" who would spearhead efforts for the four-day event in June 2022.

9/210721: To consider plans to purchase a new marquee

The Clerk will contact possible suppliers in order to clarify details of available equipment.

10/210721: To consider next steps in the Quiet Lanes project

An initial deadline appeared to have been missed but after the meeting it became clear that it is still possible to include Walnuts Lane in the project. James Clarke is leading this effort.

11/210721: To discuss the proposed boundary change with Wickham Market Parish Council

Wickham Market Parish Council is preparing the required petition paperwork.

12/210721: To discuss footpath problems in the Parish

Footpath 7 is reported to be in poor condition; the Byng Hall Lane footpath also needs work and the landowner is reported to be happy for volunteer help on the site. It was felt this could be raised at the September village meeting.

13/210721: To discuss any further developments on the Sizewell C planning process

There continue to be widespread concerns about the impact of the park and ride site near Wickham Market in terms of the visual impact on the landscape as well as the transport and travel implications. The use of local roads to avoid the A12 presents obvious dangers. A Traffic Management Review Group is being formed. The fact that proposed A12 improvements only come as far north as Woodbridge is an obvious planning failure.

14/210721: To consider further suggestions for village events and/or projects which may be suitable for financial support

Jubilee proposals for 2022 are likely to fall under this heading. It is possible further funding may be available for specific projects from the District and County Councillors.

15/210721: To consider installation of a new litter bin

This will be installed at the end of July at a cost of £240 plus VAT. Emptying charges will amount to £52 plus VAT annually.

16/210721: To receive an updated financial report from the Clerk, and to deal with any payments due. The annual audit process may also be complete and the outcome can be discussed or set for a future agenda.

A bank reconciliation was presented showing a balance available of £9,477.42. Payments due were: Rod Caird (clerk pay) £234.84; Parish Magazine Printing (Pettistree People) £69.50.

It was agreed an Agenda item would be included for the next meeting to discuss issues arising from the annual audit by SALC, and any action points which were necessary as a result of the report.

17/210721: Correspondence and urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council

The next two meetings would be held on Thursday September 9 and Thursday November 11 at 7.30pm in the Parish Room.