

PETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12TH JANUARY 2017

In attendance were Cllrs Mrs Spratt, Clark, Mrs Sewell, Warden and one member of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Knox, Mrs Obry and Patrick.

2. Declarations of Interest and Update to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Register

Cllr Spratt declared an interest in item 4i finance payments.

3. To approve the Minutes of the last Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

Item 5 Planning: As instructed, the clerk has written to the Planning Authority requesting that the application for development at Court Lodge Farm be placed before the Planning Committee, however, as it was indicated that the Planning Officer was willing to visit the site, she was then requested to ask that a site meeting take place.

Church Lane Drains: The clerk has received a response from the owners of Marble Barn giving permission for KCC contractors to enter the Marble Pond area in order to clear the gullies. Mr Davison advises that there is a gate in the bottom hedge but as he has dogs he would like to be informed in advance when this work will be carried out.

4. Financial Matters

(i) The following cheques were approved for payment:

Scottish & Southern Electric	£	58.67	St Light Energy – December 2016 DD
Commercial Services Ltd	£	867.38	Recreation Ground Mowing
C. Tanton	£	595.00	Ground Maintenance
KIKK	£	179.95	Hosting & Maintenance of Website
L. Spratt	£	10.00	Christmas Tree
HMRC	£	73.20	PAYE - January
Parish Clerk	£	24.66	Stationery & Expenses
HMRC	£	73.40	PAYE February

(ii) Garlinge Green: CCC informed the clerk that the bell shaped obstructions on the corner should have been included in the quotation for repairs to the Green. Following discussion it was agreed to contribute £500.00 towards the cost of the work.

(iii) It was proposed, seconded and the motion carried that we instruct the bank to transfer £2000.00 from the Business Reserve Account to the Village Assets Account. Members authorised the signing of a letter instructing the bank.

(iv) Following agreement at the budget setting meeting to increase the clerk's salary to SCP33, Members authorized the signing of a letter to the bank requesting a change in the Standing Order wef 12.04.17.

(v) Members approved the Draft Level of Reserves and Payment Sheet as at 01.12.16

Balance B/Fwd 01.04.16		22571.96
Income Received to Date		
Precept & Council Tax Support Grant	12495.42	
Concurrent Functions Funding	4065.48	
VAT Refund 2014-2016	2245.48	
Bus Res Account Interest	7.82	
Village Assets Account Interest	2.48	
Total	18816.68	41388.64
Less expenditure to date		9774.39
Balance		31614.52
NatWest Current Account sheet 331		50.00
NatWest Reserve Account sheet 194		23605.20
NatWest Village Assets Replacement Fund sheet 116		7959.32
Total at 1st January 2017		31614.52

5. Planning Matters

- (i) CA/16/02822/FUL The Howe, Vicarage Hill, Petham.
Proposed rear single-storey extension following demolition of conservatory. No objection
- (ii) CA/16/02949/FUL 5, East Wootton Cottages. Garlinge Green Road, Petham
Propose replacement of 2 windows from black timber to white timber on front elevation.
No objection.
- (iii) Denge Wood Development: A member googled the sale of the site from an English Woodlands website. It appears the purchase was for 3.5acres.
- (v) To note CCC changes to the planning system: Members deferred this item to the next meeting, however, there is no consultation, we have simply been informed of the changes
The clerk had contacted KALC on behalf of another Parish Council to enquire whether other Parishes had shown any concern and was informed that four had. It appears that the Chairman of the Canterbury Area KALC Committee – Ray Evison will be taking the matter up with the Planning Authority.

6. Planning Decisions

- (i) CA/16/02497/FUL Canterbury Fields Holiday Park, Stone Street, Petham
Proposed widening of access to site. Granted by CCC

7. Recreation Ground

Nothing to report

8. Standing Orders

Due to the absence of the Clerk this item was deferred to the next meeting

9. Highways

10. Parish Plan

Nothing to report

11. Correspondence, publications and other matters of importance

- Members approved the Calendar of Meetings 2017
- The Chairman and Spouse have been invited to attend the Lord Lieutenant’s Civic Service

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12. Confirmed the date of the next meeting as 9th February 2017 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed.....Date.....