

PETHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
11TH JANUARY 2018 7.30PM

In attendance were Cllrs Mrs Spratt, Clark, Warden and Mrs Knox

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllrs Patrick, Mrs Sewell, Mrs Obry and the Clerk

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

Cllr Mrs Spratt, declared an interest in items 4ii & 4iii – both relating to the Village Hall

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

There being no December meeting the minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

Due to the confidential nature, item 4ii was taken with the press and public excluded

4. Financial Matters

(i) Members approved the following payments

Scottish & Southern Electric	£ 53.90	St Light Energy Nov – DD
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Commercial Services	£ 858.64	Mowing & White Lining
Kikk	£ 189.95	Maintenance of website
Charlie Coleman	£ 440.00	Salt & Grit the roads
S. Shaw – Paid HMRC	£ 78.60	PAYE – November
HMRC	£ 78.40	PAYE - December
Parish Clerk	£ 39.22	Stationery & Expenses Dec/Jan

(ii) To consider letter from Hobbs Parker

Following receipt of a letter from Hobbs Parker Land Agents, the Clerk was authorized to respond.

(iii) Defibrillator

The VHMC having agreed the appropriate position on the external wall of the hall on which to place the defibrillator, the committee is now seeking a second quotation for the work.

(iv) To act on bank letter re transfer of funds from Village Assets Account to Current account.

This item deferred to the next meeting.

(v) The Christmas tree display was well received and well attended raising around £400 for church funds. Next Christmas they are planning a display event of Nativities. We will have to think about that as it is important for PC to participate in these things!

(vi) Members approved the Payments sheet and draft level of reserves

LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Level of Reserves 19th December 2017

Opening Balance 01.04.17		10535.02
Income Received to Date		
Precept	6490.29	
Concurrent Functions Funding	1694.13	
KALC Fee for Office Equipment	1369.53	
Petham PC Part share in training	36.00	
Total	9589.95	
Total Income & Reserves		20124.97
Less expenditure to date		6760.74
Balance		13364.23
Bank Balances as at 19 th December 2017		
Lloyds Account sheet 81		6150.91
National Savings Account		7213.32
Balance		13364.23

5. Planning Matters

- (i) 17/02710 Stable Lodge, Broadway, Petham
Proposed conversion of existing outbuilding to a residential annex to the main house and alterations to the main house comprising the removal of a flat roof and replacing it with a pitched, the roof to match replacement of existing metal windows with painted softwood joinery, and cladding of part of the building with traditional featheredged timber boarding.
No objection
- (ii) 17/02762 Pengarth, Stone Street, Petham. Proposed first floor extension.
As this dwelling is in Upper Hardres Parish, members made no comment
- (iii) 17/01917/AS 21 dwellings at Penny Pot Lane (Thruxted Mill).
Members were disappointed that Ashford Borough Council had not notified Petham of this application and authorised the Clerk to write a letter of concern outlining the history of the site and requesting information on what environmental tests are proposed and the monitoring of decontamination of the site and surrounding area.

6. CCC Planning Decisions

There were no City Council decisions to report

7. CCC Consultation on Community Governance Review

As there appears to be no changes to Petham Parish, there is nothing to report.

8. Recreation Ground

- Members noted that latches have now been placed on the small gates in the fenced area
- Following a meeting in private with a new Trustee of the recreation ground land on a new licence, members were pleased that the he has agreed not to increase the rent for five years. The Trustee also referred to a possible development in the Parish but members advised that they could not comment on that issue.

9. Highways

Following a member reporting that the bottom of Garlinge Green Hill is flooded, Highways Attended, cleared and checked the drains, however this has not rectified the situation as flooding is still occurring.. The Clerk to report this again.

10. Correspondence, publications and other matters of importance

Mr Loxton Edwards advised that he wishes to resign as a flood warden for the Parish. This was accepted and our thanks recorded for his involvement.

11. Confirmed the date of the next meeting as 8th February 2018

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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

Due to the confidential nature of item 4ii, the matter was discussed with the press and public excluded

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Item 4ii Letter from Hobbs Parker

Although interested in the land on offer, it was considered that the asking price is far too high for the Parish Council alone. It was agreed to liaise with representatives of the Church, the School and Village Hall to see if jointly we can come to some financial arrangement over the purchase of the land.

It was also suggested that the landowners give consideration to retaining ownership of the land and rent it to the Parish under an agreed licence until such time they have an alternative use.

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