

PETHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PRISH COUNCILMEETING
HELD ON 22ND MARCH 2018

In attendance were Cllrs Mrs Spratt, Clark, Patrick, Mrs Obry, Mrs Know and Mrs Sewell

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Warden and the Parish Clerk

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

Cllr Mrs Spratt declared an interest in item 4i Payments

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th February 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

Item 9 Highway: The clerk has obtained the name & contact of the County Speedwatch Co-ordinator but is yet to contact him.

4. Financial Matters

(i) Members approved the following invoices:

Scottish & Southern Electric	£	50.76	St Light Energy Feb – DD
C. Coleman	£	720.00	Gritting
P.R. Lamb	£	188.40	Installation of Defibrillator
L. Spratt	£	18.00	Travel Expenses
HMRC	£	78.40	PAYE - March
Parish Clerk	£	17.06	Stationery & Expenses

(ii) To consider offer for taking over responsibility for Cricket Ground

Following the offer by a landowner to hand over management of Kenfield Cricket Ground to the Parish Council, a Licence document was presented. The owner is willing to fund expenses in order that the ground is used for village events as well as cricket.. Finances are included in the legal agreement, renewable each year with the lease. There is a start up fund of £6000 as some urgent work needs to be carried out on the pavilion, (this is why the owner is so keen to have the agreement in place soon). It is expected that the annual amount will be £3000 which should cover all the expenses including the insurance premium and the water bill which is around £26 PA. The owner is willing to increase the maintenance payment if the area is well used by Parishioners and costs are incurred, indeed he is hoping that this will be the case. On this basis Councillors agreed. It was proposed by Cllr Sewell and seconded by Cllr Obry that the agreement be signed. A bank account will be opened in the name of “Kenfield Cricket Ground” in which to deposit the money. Members were informed that there is also an amount of money raised by a quiz at the Chequers to put in to the account.

(iii) Installation of defibrillator.

This is now fitted and working, once registered it with Secam and our insurance we can arrange a training session.

(iv) Street Lights – To consider response from Streetlights re LED lighting

Streetlights has informed the cost of converting the lighting to LED and advised of the possible saving. The clerk has also asked Streetlights to request their energy suppliers to quote for power supply to the lights as they are at the moment. This will help us in our calculations on whether to go ahead with the conversion.

(v) To consider new regulations on GDPR

The Chairman to organise a data audit form for councillors to fill in at the next meeting where we will also sort out changing our email addresses to a designated PC one to receive all PC items separately from our personal emails. She will also contact another Parish Clerk to see how they are handling things.

(vi) Members approved the draft Level of Reserves and Payment Sheet as at 01.03.18

Balance B/Fwd 01.04.16		27446.70
Income Received to Date		
Precept & Council Tax Support Grant	12531.21	
Concurrent Functions Funding	4179.41	
CCC Section 106 Payment	516.78	
Bus Res Account Interest	4.37	
Village Assets Account Interest	2.14	
Total	17233 91	44680.61
Less expenditure to date		19522.44
Balance		25158.17
NatWest Current Account sheet 345		50.00
NatWest Reserve Account sheet 208		15146.51
NatWest Village Assets Replacement Fund sheet 130		9961.66
Total at 1st March 2018		25158.17

5. Planning Matters *Due to time constraints items 5iii & 5iv have been considered*

- (i) 18/00291 Marble Barn, Church Lane, Petham. Proposed Erection of single-storey garage
Members felt they wanted clarification on the new garage since the original is being converted into living accommodation. This is not made clear in the planning title.
- (ii) 18/00368 The Bungalow, Kenfield Hall Farm, Kenfield Road, Petham
TPO no 2 1958 Group of Norwegian Maples, T1 and T2 fell, T3 remove branch and deadwood, T4 and T5 remove deadwood. No objection
- (iii) CA/18/00124/FUL Yew Tree Farm Stone Street, Petham
Retrospective application for single-storey and workshop building together with siting of portacabin hard surfacing and gates
- (iv) CA/18/00222/LUP Capel Farm Cottage, Capel Road, Petham
Application for lawful development certificate for proposed detached garage
Notification has been received from CCC that the above is not lawful.

6. CCC Consultation on Community Governance Review

It was considered unnecessary to request a second meeting with CCC.

7. Recreation Ground

The inspection carried out by a member identified that the rope on the multiplay has come away from the anchor point in the ground and will need fixing. The Clerk to contact Serco.

8. Highways - Highway issues on Stone Street B2068 – results of speed monitoring

Members noted that there has been another accident on Stone Street involving a car hitting a recovery vehicle trying to recover another vehicle. A member dealing with the issue of speeding on the B2068 has number crunched the figures given by KCC from the speed survey and will forward them to members, who are keen to continue the campaign to reduce the speed limit.

9. Correspondence, publications and other matters of importance

A member asked if there could be something put in the Parish Magazine as there seems to be a lot of vehicles transiting through Garlinge Green at some speed.

10. To confirm the date of the next meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting be held on 19th April. The APM date was not decided but is likely to be in May. It was suggested that all members encourage residents to attend as numbers have been declining over the years.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm. .

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