

Pett Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting: 15th May 2012

Minutes of the Meeting of Pett Parish Council duly convened and held on Tuesday 15th May 2012 at Pett Village Hall

Present: Cllr. A. Dunlop (Chairman), Cllrs. Dr. J.Green, J.Dean, M. King, M. Hall and P. Stapley. Also in attendance: Ms S. Willoughby, Clerk; C.Maynard and R Pattern and 7 members of the general public.

1213. Election of chairman:

It was proposed by Cllr. Richards and seconded by Cllr. Stapley that Cllr. Dunlop be elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Agreed unanimously.

1214. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Bird

1215. Election of Vice-Chairman:

It was proposed by Cllr. Richards and seconded by Cllr. King that Cllr. Green be elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. Agreed unanimously.

1216. Declarations of Interest:

Re: item 15. Should it be a report only Cllrs Richards and Stapley would like to remain in chamber. Dr Jillian Green declared a personal interest in respect of item 11b planning application no. RR/2012/165/P

1217. Election of Representatives to Outside Bodies:

The following appointments were agreed:-

- a) SALC – Cllrs. Dunlop and King
- b) RALC – Cllrs. Richards and Stapley
- c) Village Hall Management Committee – Cllr. Dr. Green
- d) Sports Association – Cllrs. King and Stapley
- e) Police Community Consultative Group – Cllr. Hall
- f) Flood Warden – Mr. B. Roberts (If in agreement)
- g) MOPPS – Cllr. Richards

1218. Schedule of Meetings 2011/12:

The dates for Council meetings having been circulated were agreed with one adjustment – that the APM be scheduled for March 2013 rather than April.

1219. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17th April 2012 were agreed and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

1220. Matters Arising:

None

1221. Chairman's Announcements:

The deaths of two residents of Pett Village was announced, Trevor Hindson and Betty Dymott, a great village character. Both will be sorely missed.

1222. Public Time:

The Chairman, with the agreement of Members adjourned the meeting so as to allow Elected Representatives and any members of the public to address the meeting in relation to the business to be transacted at the meeting.

Elected Representatives and Members of the public addressed the meeting; details of comments/questions and Reports are available in the Record/Log of Public Time, which is available for inspection at Council meetings.

1223. Planning:

a) Minutes of the special meeting held on 26th April 2012 were approved as correct.

b) The clerk had circulated details of recent Planning Applications and other planning matters, details of which had been included on the schedule attached to the agenda. The Planning Applications had been on display prior to the meeting.

Cllr Green re-iterated her interest in the following application.

Planning application RR/2012/777/P - Following discussion it was agreed that Council would support approval.

Planning application RR/2012/165/P – Planning permission had been granted.

1224. Finance:

Insurance Policy: Two quotes for the council insurance policy were compared. Council agreed it would be preferable to stay with current insurers if they could match the lower priced quote.

Authorisation of Accounts:

The following payments were presented for payment and approved:

Sarah Willoughby – Clerk's salary and expenses - £264.50

Impression IT - Pett Parish News - £238.08

Pett Village Hall - Pett Village Hall Hire charges - £27.00

Pett WI - Grant - £200.00

1225. Correspondence:

The clerk reported on correspondence received since the last meeting.

Pett Sports Association – Cllr Dunlop will arrange a solicitor to look through the lease. S. Willoughby will reply to letter and arrange a site visit.

Pett Level Rescue Boat – Cllrs King and Hall will attend the grand opening of the new boathouse in June.

Devolution – will be discussed at next meeting. Details to be circulated to councillors.

1226. Parish Matters:

a) Amenities – Bus service. Clerk to write a letter to stagecoach informing them of the terrible service. Copy to Rother.

- Play area. Large swings need replacing. Quotes needed for comparison.

- Village hall floor will need replacing in the coming year or two at a cost of approx £10,000.

b) Footpaths – An article will be placed in the parish news. A survey of the condition of footpaths in Pett will be conducted.

c) Highways – Leak at bottom of Chick Hill. Cllr King will inform Southern Water.

- Overgrown hedges from White Hart down Friars Hill. Cllr Dunlop will liaise with chairman of Guestling Parish Council.

- Large Hedge at 'Oak Tree'

d) Community Safety – A reminder that the play area needs weekly inspecting and should be logged.

e) Environmental issues – none

1227. Pett Village Allotment Association

Clerk to provide agreement in writing that PVAA can erect sheds in accordance with planning permission.

1228. Action in Rural Sussex:

Energy Champions – after discussion it was agreed it might be more appropriate to include it in the Parish newsletter.

1229. Fields in Trust:

Recreation ground to be nominated.

Clerk to approach Mr Robert Lovejoy and owner of old Stamco ground to inform them of the Fields in Trust scheme.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.