

Pett Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting: 16th October 2012

Minutes of the Meeting of Pett Parish Council duly convened and held on Tuesday 16th October 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; Cllr Patten and 35 members of the general public.

1284. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Bird and Richards.

1285. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2012 were deemed to be a correct record of the meeting with the correction that the tilt mentioned at 1283b has yet to be installed.

1286. Matters Arising:

None.

1287. Declarations of Interest:

Cllrs Dean and Stapley declared a person interest in Item 11. Cllr Hall declared a personal interest in RR/2012/1890/P an RR/2012/1986/P. Cllr Dunlop declared a personal and pecuniary interest in RR/2012/1986/P and Cllr Martin declared a personal interest in the same matter. Cllr Patten declared a prejudicial interest in RR/2012/1890/P.

1288. Chairman's Announcements:

Cllr Dunlop announced that the order of the meeting should be changed to allow item 12 to be discussed straight after public time.

1289. 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.

1290. The Ridge Fire Station and its possible downgrading.

After discussion it was suggested that members of the public that have strong views on the matter should write to their MP. Members of Pett Parish Council will fill in the Fire Authority questionnaire and add comments. Clerk will write to the Fire Authority on behalf of the council and copy it to MP and County Councillor.

1291. Reports from Members and Representatives on external meetings, conferences, training courses and other similar events:

SALC – no report.

RALC – no report.

Pett Village Hall – no report.

Police Community Group – no report.

Pett Sports Association – no report

Flood Warden – no report.

Pett Older Peoples Project – no report

1292. Planning:

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.

Planning application RR/2012/1706/L - Following discussion it was agreed that although Council are disappointed the application is retrospective it has no other comment to offer.

Planning application RR/2012/1945/P – Following discussion it was agreed that Council will support approval.

Cllr Dunlop reiterated his interest in the following application. Cllr Patten left the room.

Planning application RR/2012/1986/P – Following discussion it was agreed that Council would support refusal as access on the plan is unclear. Council also object to development in what was previously a garden.

Cllr Dunlop left the room.

Planning application RR/2012/1890/P – Following discussion it was agreed that although Council have reservations about the height of the building, it supports approval.

Cllrs Dunlop and Patten re-entered the room.

1293. Finance:

a) Authorisation of Accounts:

The following payments were presented for payment and approved:

Sarah Willoughby – Clerk's salary and expenses £257.90

Castle Lawns - Quarterly payment £289.58

Pett Village Hall - Hire Charges £11.50

Impression IT - Printing Costs £554.78

Southern Water - Allotment Water Charge £58.22

Mazars - Audit Fee £342.00

b) Internal Auditor. Council voted to appoint Lesley Wilkins as the new internal auditor proposed by Cllr Stapley and seconded by Cllr King. Cllr Dean objected to the motion.

1294. Parking on grass verge:

Trees to be planted will be Mountain Ash, Wild Service Tree and Oak. Clerk to apply for licence.

1295. Pett Village Allotment Association:

Following discussion it was agreed that PVAA should pay half the cost of trimming the boundary trees. Pett Parish Council have no obligation to pay toward the cost in the future.

1296. Correspondence:

The clerk reported on correspondence received since the last meeting.

1297. Parish Matters:

a) Amenities – Cllr Stapley will prune the crabapple tree in the play area at the recreation ground.

b) Footpaths – A map of permissive paths will be drawn up.

c) Highways – Another complaint is to be put in to Southern Water regarding the leak on the road outside the recreation ground.

Councillor Hall left the meeting.

d) Community Safety – No report

e) Environmental issues – No report

There being no further business the meeting was closed.