

Pett Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting: 17th July 2012

Pett Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of Pett Parish Council duly convened and held on Tuesday 17th July 2012 at Pett Village Hall

Present: Cllr. A. Dunlop (Chairman), Cllrs. Dr. J.Green, J.Dean, M. King, M. Hall D. Richards and P. Stapley. Also in attendance: Ms S. Willoughby, Clerk; Cllrs.Patten and Bird and 4 members of the general public.

1230. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Maynard.

1231. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2012 were deemed to be a correct record of the meeting.

1232. Matters Arising:

None

1233. Declarations of Interest:

Cllrs Stapley and Dunlop expressed a personal interest in Item 13: Pett Cricket Club Cllrs King and Dunlop expressed a personal interest in planning application RR/2012/1400/P

1234. Chairman's Announcements:

None

1235. 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.

1236. Reports from Members and Representatives on external meetings, conferences, training courses and other similar events:

SALC – no report.

RALC – Cllr Stapley had attended the meeting on 4th July and has the minutes available.

Pett Village Hall – no report.

Police Community Group – no report.

Pett Sports Association – no report

Flood Warden – The question was raised whether an emergency warden should be appointed in addition to the flood warden. Appropriate to have a Cllr in this position.

Pett Older Peoples Project – no report

1239. 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. The Planning Application for RR/2012/1157/P had been on display prior to the meeting.

Planning application RR/2012/1157/P - Following discussion it was agreed that Council would support approval.

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1240. Finance:

a) Authorisation of Accounts: The following payments were presented for payment and approved:

Sarah Willoughby – Clerk’s salary and expenses - £262.70

Impression IT £315.76

Rother District Council £38.13

Public Works Loan Board £1,020.00

Pett Village Hall £11.50

b) Due to vision problems, Gordon Camble has had to resign as internal auditor. A new internal auditor will be appointed at the next meeting.

c) An up-to-date list of assets will need to be drawn up at the next meeting.

d) Cllr Dean enquired into whether councillors can be re-imbursed for their printing costs.

1241. Fields in Trust:

The old Stamco ground, now under private ownership, could possibly be restored to a useable sports field thereby returning it to the community. Clerk to approach owner to see how the Council can help in this matter whether it be via fields in trust or through buying the land.

1222. Parking on Grass Verges:

The previous suggestion of having planters in place was deemed to pose a possible risk of accident or injury. The planting of trees or installation of flower beds was agreed to be a more acceptable alternative. Clerk to approach ESCC to seek advice on types of trees that would be most suitable.

1222. Code of Conduct:

After discussion and comparison of two codes of conduct it was agreed unanimously to adopt the Rother District Council Code of Conduct.

1242. Pett Cricket Club:

Cllrs Dunlop and Stapley re-iterated their interest in the following item. Pett Cricket Club would like to build a new pavilion, possibly with the help of Fields in Trust or the Community Grant Scheme. The Council is in support of improving the condition of the pavilion, which is used by different sports, not only the Cricket Club.

1222. Correspondence:

The clerk reported on correspondence received since the last meeting.

1243. Parish Matters:

- a) Amenities – No report
- b) Footpaths – The bracken on the verge outside ‘Bracken’ has still not been tackled. Clerk has approached ESCC and is awaiting a response. Paul Norris has cleared the footpath opposite the church. The Council expressed their thanks for this.
- c) Highways – A representative from Rother will be coming to look at the hedges causing a problem: Cllrs Dunlop or King will meet him to show them the specific areas and discuss the issues. Marc Fleischer, the landlord of the Two Sawyers has offered to cut the hedge beside his property (even though it is not his responsibility) in order to help with visibility along Pett Road. Resurfacing of some areas of roads in Pett will commence in September
- d) Community Safety – A rota for inspection of the play area is in place. Dog waste bins are still being misused.
- e) Environmental issues – none

There being no further business the meeting was closed.