

# Pett Parish Council

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## Minutes of Meeting: 18th December 2012

Minutes of the Meeting of Pett Parish Council duly convened and held on Tuesday 18th December 2012 at Pett Village Hall.

Present: Cllr. A. Dunlop (Chairman), Cllrs. Dr. J.Green, J.Dean, M. King, D.Richards and P. Stapley.

Also in attendance: Ms S. Willoughby, Clerk; Cllrs Bird, Patten and Maynard and 3 members of the general public.

1309. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Hall.

1310. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2012 were deemed to be a correct record of the meeting with the clarification that the donation mentioned at 1304 was not a personal donation but from Guestling Parish Council.

1311. Matters Arising:

Cllr Dunlop questioned whether the leak in the road outside the recreation ground could be a drainage issue, as stated by Southern Water, as there is no pooling of water.

1312. Declarations of Interest:

Cllrs Richards declared a person interest in Item 10b.

1313. Chairman's Announcements:

None

1314. 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.

1315. Reports from Members and Representatives on external meetings, conferences, training courses and other similar events:

SALC – no report.

RALC – no report.

Pett Village Hall – issues were covered during public time.

Police Community Group –

Pett Sports Association – no report

Flood Warden – no report.

Pett Older Peoples Project – The Christmas party was held today (18th) with a visiting choir providing entertainment. The meal with wine was paid for by a donation of £300 by Kitt McClean. They had their biggest attendance so far, with 34 guests.

1316. Planning:

The clerk had circulated details of recent planning matters, details of which had been included on the schedule attached to the agenda. No applications for planning had been submitted.

1317. Parking on grass verges:

Council agreed to fund the replacement of signs on the grass verges to accommodate the planting of trees. Clerk to ascertain cost.

1318. Finance:

a) Authorisation of Accounts:

The following payments were presented for payment and approved:

Sarah Willoughby – Clerk's salary and expenses £257.90

Pett Village Hall - Hire Charges £13.00

Impression IT - Printing Costs £243.04

Public works loan board – Repayment £1005.00

Pett cricket club – Maintenance of recreation ground £300.00

b) Council discussed possible expenditure over the coming year and ring-fenced amounts for various items. It was suggested that £2,000 could be ring-fenced for Pett Village Hall and another £2,000 for Pett Sports Association. Council agreed in principle to raising the precept for 2013-14 by 10%. A final decision will be made in January 2013.

1319. Correspondence:

The clerk reported on correspondence received since the last meeting.

1320. Memorial Seat:

It was agreed to allow fence panels to be erected around the memorial seat, stained or creosoted green. Vic and Vi Cook will remain responsible for any future maintenance.

1321. Parish Matters:

a) Amenities – No report

b) Footpaths – A query was raised with regard to the stile onto the footpath by the military canal.

c) Highways – Around 10-11 potholes have been reported along Pett Level Road by Cllr King. Council thanked Cllr King. Visibility at the junction of Pett Level Road and Chick Hill is poor due to an overgrown hedge on the corner property. Clerk will write to request it be trimmed.

d) Community Safety – No report

e) Environmental issues – The environment agency has postponed work on the weir at Pett Level until next spring. Council considers this a dire waste of public money.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.