

Pett Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting: 18th September 2012

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

Present: Cllr. A. Dunlop (Chairman), Cllrs. Dr. J.Green, J.Dean, M. King, M. Hall and D. Richards.
Also in attendance: Ms S. Willoughby, Clerk; Cllrs Bird, Patten and Maynard and 6 members of the general public.

1272. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Stapley.

1273. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21st August 2012 were deemed to be a correct record of the meeting with the correction that the footpath mentioned at 1271b is opposite not beside the church.

1274. Matters Arising:

The matter of appointment of internal auditor will be included as an agenda item at October's meeting.

1275. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Dunlop declared a personal interest in RR/2012/157/P. Cllr Dean declared a personal interest in RR/2012/1634/P

1276. Chairman's Announcements:

Cllr Dunlop announced the passing of Neil Crouch who had been a valuable member of the community.

1277. 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.

1278. 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 – The Pett Older People's project will be 1 year old on 2nd October 2012 and welcomes visitors to pop in on that day for a tea or coffee. They will be having an outing on 23rd October. There is an ongoing need for volunteers.

Town and Parish Conference: Cllr Dean had represented Pett Parish Council at this conference which covered issues such as the Village Steward Scheme and engaging with young people via AIRS and other means. It also covered the involvement of old and young people in village life through projects such as POPPs and coaching for the cricket team.

1279. 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/2012/1711/P - Following discussion it was agreed that Council would support approval.

Planning application RR/2012/1634/T – Following discussion it was agreed that Council would support approval.

Planning application RR/2012/557/P – Following discussion it was agreed that Council would leave the comments as they stand.

1280. Finance:

a) Authorisation of Accounts:

The following payments were presented for payment and approved:

Sarah Willoughby – Clerk's salary and expenses £286.55

Airs - Subscription £50.00

Pett Village Hall - Hire Charges £11.50

Peter Wiggins - Pett on the Net £49.99

Four Jays Group - Event Toilet Hire £338.40

The costs of trimming the boundary trees at Pett allotments will be discussed next month.

b) The appointment of a new internal auditor was deferred until October meeting.

1281. Localisation of Council Tax Support:

Discussed - no action is needed.

1282. Correspondence:

The clerk reported on correspondence received since the last meeting.

In response to the letter received from Rural Rother Trust it was agreed that the clerk will ascertain previous payments for discussion at October's meetings.

In response to the letter received from Pett Sports Association it was agreed that the council agree in principle to the codicil subject to the final dimensions.

1283. Parish Matters:

- a) Amenities – There are damaged windows in the pavilion that need repairing. Plastic sacks are needed for the bins. Green waste is being dumped on recreation ground.
- b) Footpaths – Pett level footpaths are generally in good condition. FP1 overgrown.
- c) Highways – A list of types of trees recommended for planting on grass verges will be circulated to Councillors.
- d) Community Safety – The gate in the play area has been repaired by Cllr King. Clerk is in process of gathering quotes for play area.
- e) Environmental issues – A new tilting weir has been installed on Marsham Sewer which will control water levels.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.