

Pett Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting: 20th March 2012

Minutes of the Meeting of Pett Parish Council duly convened and held on Tuesday 20th March 2012 at Pett Village Hall

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

Also in attendance: Ms S. Willoughby, Clerk; Cllr. R. Bird and 5 members of the general public.

1184. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. Hall, Maynard and Patten.

1185. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st February 2012 were agreed and signed as a correct record of the meeting. Noted that Mr Camble's name was spelt incorrectly.

1186. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

1187. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr. Green declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 11a – Finance, with reference to the grant application by the Pett WI and Pett Church.

The whole council declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 10 – Planning application with regard to allotments/shed.

Cllr. Dunlop declared a personal interest in agenda item 10 - Planning application RR/2012/400/p

1188. Chairman's Announcements:

The Chairman announced that Marion Ling had died earlier in the week. She had lived in Pett Level and had been involved in the Pett Level Preservation Trust. The council wished to recognise her contribution to Pett Level.

1189. 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.

1190. 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 Consultative Group – no report.

Pett Sports Association – were due to have their meeting on Wednesday 21st March.

Flood Warden – no report

Marsham Older Peoples Project – Cllr Richards suggested that as Pett now has its own Older People's Project that item G be removed from the agenda as from April 2012.

Pett Older Peoples Project – Cllr. Richards reported that Popp's now has around 36-37 members and will be holding an open day on 5th May 2012 in the village hall with a barbeque and stalls and will be supported by a local member of parliament.

1191. Annual General Meeting:

The agenda will follow that as outlined in the draft agenda circulated at meeting today and will take place in the small hall rather than the larger hall.

1192. Consideration and appointment of portfolio holders within Pett Parish Council:

Councillors and their respective portfolios are as follows:

Cllr Dean – Environment

Cllr Hall – Planning (supported by Cllr Stapley)

Cllr Green – Transport

Cllrs Stapley and Dunlop – Recreation Areas

Cllr Richards – Senior Citizens, including services provided

Cllr King – Highways

Sarah Willoughby – Financial Management

1193. 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 Applications had been on display prior to the meeting.

Cllr. Dunlop re-iterated his personal interest in the next item.

RR/2012/400/P – Bramleys, Pett Road.

Following discussion it was agreed that Council had no objection to the proposed development and would support approval. Proposed by Cllr Richards and seconded by Cllr Stapley

RR/2012/165/P – Pett Community Allotments.

The application should stipulate a maximum of 26 sheds and measurements should be in metric rather than imperial.

1194. Finance:

Cllr. Green re-iterated her prejudicial interest in the next item and left the meeting.

a) Pett WI and Pett Church Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. A donation of £200 was agreed and will be forwarded in due course.

Cllr. Green re-joined the meeting.

b) 14th Hastings Guestwell Scout Group. The council would like an exact figure requested from the scout group and would like to see their set of accounts in order to make a fair decision.

c) Authorisation of payment of Accounts –

The following payments were presented for payment and approved:

R. Hodgson Salary and expenses for March 2012 £268.05

Impression IT (Parish News) £212.64

Pett Village Hall (hire charges) £26.00

Sarah Willoughby Salary and expenses for March 2012 £229.48

1195. Parking on grass verges.

On consideration of the meeting with Graeme Lake from East Sussex County Council and discussions with PC Eldridge it was agreed that Pett Parish Council will request that East Sussex County Council issue a notice under section 33 of the East Sussex Act 1981 re: parking on grass verges.

1196. Pett Local Action Plan.

The plan will be left in abeyance unless any issues are brought up at the Annual Parish Meeting, in which case it will be reviewed.

1197. Pett Village Maintenance Contract.

Ms Willoughby will approach all companies that offered tenders to clarify whether the quotes are annual prices or for the 3 year term.

1198. Correspondence:

The clerk reported on correspondence received since the last meeting – no action required.

1199. Parish Matters:

a) Village Amenities – no matters for consideration.

b) Footpaths – Cllr Stapely proposed that the verge between Hyde Park corner and The Royal Oak be levelled to create a path. A site meeting will take place; date and time to be arranged by Cllr Richards.

c) Highways – It was agreed that a new campaign be started with Southern Water as the leak in the road outside Pett Recreation Ground is ongoing. Pett Parish Council is mindful of the need to conserve water in light of impending hosepipe ban. Pot holes along Pett Level are causing concern as they pose a danger to motorists and road markings at the Junction of Pett Level Road and Chick Hill are obscured and need re-marking. Ms Willoughby will write to Highways department to draw their attention to both matters as well as enquiring about how the problem caused by the overgrown hedge at the bus turning point ('Hilltop') is being addressed.

d) Community Safety – no matters for consideration.

e) Environmental Issues – no matters for consideration.

1200. Notification to Members of Council decisions:

Members who had been excluded from the meeting because of personal and prejudicial interests were informed of the Council decision in respect of their particular agenda item.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.