

Pett Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting: 20th November 2012

Minutes of the Meeting of Pett Parish Council duly convened and held on Tuesday 20th November 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; Cllr Bird and 4 members of the general public.

1297. Apologies for Absence:

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

1285. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2012 were deemed to be a correct record of the meeting.

1286. Matters Arising:

None.

1287. Declarations of Interest:

Cllrs Dean, Richards and Stapley declared a person interest in Item 10.

1288. Chairman's Announcements:

None

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.

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 – Now that Popp is one year old it is nearing the end of its lottery grant

and entering in to a period where it will try to obtain financing. It has grown from 9-39 members. The annual cost of running Popp is approx £18,500 gross. Labour costs, hall rental, food, equipment and transport all represent significant costs. To raise funds Popp holds raffles and have a bring and buy table. Some members are living on small pensions and for many it is their only outing throughout the week. Paul Brown from Guestling Council recently donated £150.00. Popp will be holding a Christmas party on the Tuesday before Christmas (18th)

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/2012/2008/P - Following discussion it was agreed that Council will support approval.

Planning application RR/2012/1991/L – Following discussion it was agreed that Council will support approval.

Planning application RR/2012/2175/P – Following discussion it was agreed that Council would support approval despite having concerns about visibility at the point of access.

1293. 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

Rural Rother Trust - Donation £100.00

A Dunlop - Re-imburement for costs £6.99

1296. Correspondence:

The clerk reported on correspondence received since the last meeting.

PVAA - Following discussion it was agreed that the trees do not constitute part of the boundary and hence Pett Parish Council are not responsible for their upkeep although the offer to pay half the £250.00 cost stands.

1297. Parish Matters:

a) Amenities – No report

b) Footpaths – Footpaths

c) Highways – The clerk has written to Southern Water again and was informed the leak is a drainage problem, for which Highways is responsible. Highways have been approached.

d) Community Safety – The gate to the play area is in need of repair. Cllr King will undertake the repair. The bin adjacent to the pavilion fills with water after rainfall making it difficult to clean out. Holes will be drilled in the bottom to allow rainwater to drain. There are bolts loose in the main apparatus: Cllr Richards will repair.

e) Environmental issues – There has been an increase in dog mess on the recreation ground.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.