

Pett Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting: 21st August 2012

Minutes of the Meeting of Pett Parish Council duly convened and held on Tuesday 21st August 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 Bird and Maynard, PC Paul Fielder, Gary Potter (Representing Economy, Transport and Environment Department,ESCC), and 5 members of the general public.

1259. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Patten.

1260. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2012 were deemed to be a correct record of the meeting with the adjustment of type of meeting and correction of number sequencing. 1242: It should be noted that the initiative to repair and rebuild the pavilion will be carried out by Pett Sports Association.

1261. Matters Arising:

The bracken on the verge outside 'Bracken' has been trimmed by the owner.

1262. Declarations of Interest:

None

1263. Chairman's Announcements:

None

1264.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.

1265. 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 – no report

1266. 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/2012/1561/P - Following discussion it was agreed that Council would support approval.

Planning application RR/2012/1614/T – Following discussion it was agreed that Council would support approval.

1267. Finance:

a) Authorisation of Accounts:

The following payments were presented for payment and approved:

Sarah Willoughby – Clerk’s salary and expenses £286.55

Impression IT £243.04

Pett Village Hall £11.50

Play Safety Ltd £97.20

b) A new internal auditor is needed due to the resignation of Gordon Camble. Clerk to approach Lesley Wilkins with an invitation to take up the position.

c) The list of Pett Parish Council’s assets was updated. Clerk to check value against the insurance policy and confirm that it is ‘new for old’.

d) Councillors were reminded that cheques drawn up for organisations must not be signed by any councillors who have an interest in that organisation.

1268. Parking on Grass Verges:

The clerk relayed information given by ESCC regarding types of trees most suitable for planting on grass verges, a list of which had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting, along with minimum dimensions of verges. An application to plant trees along Pett Road and at the end of Watermill Lane will be submitted to ESCC.

1269. Localisation of Council Tax Support:

This will be held in abeyance until September.

1270. Correspondence:

The clerk reported on correspondence received since the last meeting.

Pett Village Allotment Association requested that Pett Parish Council pay the costs of trimming the boundary trees. Council agreed to pay half.

New clerks training course – it was agreed to pay the cost of the one day course if a bursary was not available.

Parish and Town Conference – Cllr Dean to attend on behalf of Pett Parish Council.

1271. Parish Matters:

a) Amenities – No report

b) Footpaths – Wildlife hedges will be put in place and the footpath resurfaced on the path beside Watermill House. Footpath 1 beside the church is overgrown with stinging nettles.

c) Highways – An enquiry will be sent to Gary Potter regarding fingerposts at end of Pannel Lane. Council thanked Mr Potter for attending the meeting.

d) Community Safety – Following the report of the play area inspection, clerk will approach Wicksteed with a view to carrying out recommended repairs.

e) Environmental issues – none

There being no further business the meeting was closed.