



19th MARCH 2024 PETT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

I hereby give notice that the Meeting of Pett Parish Council will take place on
19th March 2024 at 7.30pm
and you are hereby summoned to attend.

Signed M E Philo

Mary Philo (Clerk to Pett Parish Council) on 13th March 2024
(Members are reminded to make any declarations of interests prior to the appropriate agenda item)

AGENDA

1. Formalities

1.1 Apologies and reasons for absence.

(LGA1972 sch12, 12)

1.2 Declarations of interest and whether prejudicial.

1.3 To consider any requests for dispensations that have been received in writing prior to the agenda date.

(Code of Conduct)

2. Agreement of Previous Meeting Minutes

To agree the minutes of the 16th January 2024 and 20th February 2024 as a true record.

Adjournment of the Meeting for Public Time

Reports from County and District Councillors.

Questions and comments from the public on items on the agenda.

Reconvening of the Meeting

3. Policy on Mandatory Discretions – Pension Scheme

To agree that the council policy remains unchanged.

4. Planning

4.1 Enforcements and Appeals

ENF/6/24/PET Swallows Chase, Pett Road: High fence adjacent to road. A letter has been sent requiring removal or reduction to 1 metre height adjacent to the road.

4.2 Planning Decisions notified

RR/2023/2449/L Meadow Sweet, Pett Road: Replacement of non-historical poor condition windows.
Granted.

RR/2024/110/P 7 Rectory Park: proposed two storey extension. Approved.

4.3 Applications to be considered

i) RR/2024/372/P Southlands, Pett Road: Garage conversion to studio annex.

ii) RR/2024/287/P Stonedene, Pett Road: Proposed single storey rear extension and alterations to include new vehicular access with drop kerbs to create additional off road parking.

5. Marsham Brook Lane Flooding January 2023 – February Developments

Written report from the Flood Warden can be found at the end of the agenda.

6. Pett Level Public Toilets Temporary Closure

The council has chased for a response from Rother District Council regarding the agreement to run the toilets with the district council. There appears to be a change in that the parish council will have no say over contractors. A meeting with all the parishes and Rother District Councillors, taking on toilets is scheduled for the 28th March.

7. D Day 80th Celebrations

To agree to buy a commemorative flag to be flown on the 6th June. How many? 2 or 3 average price is £25.

8. Potential Affordable Housing for Land at Fairview

On the 23rd January 2024, the council representatives met with the Guestling Parish Council working party looking into this potential development and relayed the following:

- The history of events
- The council position as per the meetings of the 21st November 2023 and 21st June 2022
- The council intention to respond to the local plan consultation. Advertising the consultation to electors and to hold a public meeting.

9. Bike Rack for the Village Hall and Repair Shop

i) **Following report by Councillor Tasker, to agree to support the Repair Shop venture.**

ii) **To agree to donate a bike rack to the village hall.** Estimated cost £tba. Funds to come from Community Infrastructure Levy funds.

10. Highways

i) Bollards for Chick Hill – The work is starting on the 8th April.

ii) Jubilee/Coronation Tree for Hyde Park. This will be dropped for the lack of a feasible location.

iii) The Strengthening Local Relations meeting has been deferred to 8th May 10am. Please advise of any points to be raised.

iv) Any other issues.

11. Footpaths

i) Jubilee Way leaflet is ongoing.

ii) Information boards. Defer to next meeting

iii) Any other issues

12. Recreation Ground

i) Following RoSPA inspection recommendation to have the basket swing rotating hinge serviced. The contractor removed the swing basket and replaced the universal joint. The basket is now back in situ.

ii) Any other issues.

13. Village Maintenance

i) Rother District Council has replaced the broken bin at the bus shelter outside the recreation ground. The red bin from the play area now needs to be found a new home.

ii) Fingerpost opposite the turning to Chick Hill is in poor condition.

ii) Any issues

14. Allotments

The allotment Annual meeting is the 26th March. No advice has been received from the Pardi's about a few months extension of the current lease.

15. Finances

15.1 Bank Balances

Current account balance as at 29th February £44,570.26 (including any unrepresented payments).

Project Remember remains unchanged at £ 1,458.50

15.2 Receipts for January and February

See end of agenda.

15.3 Additional Payments for December, January Payments and February Payments

See end of the agenda

15.4 Payments to be authorised

£ 841.03	Staff: Salaries
£365.54	Impression IT magazine print invoice 16503
£20.00	Pett Village Hall October room hire, invoice 1172
£59.31	M Philo Office and travel, paper
£19.03	EE limited: Clerk's Mobile Phone (vat £2.61)
Charge Card –	
£705.60	Microsoft business basic x 9 (vat £117.60)

15.5 Donations

Following the report from the Flood Warden the grant made for a hydrology will not be taken up. This would have been taken from reserves. The ARC request for a donation always falls at the end of the council financial year, whilst most requests are made in April. It should be noted that the law is being clarified to confirm that a parish council can make donations towards the fabric of the church.

i) Archive Resource Centre Funding Request

Financial papers have been circulated. **To agree to donate £500 to the Archive Resource Centre.**

LGA 1972, s 137

ii) Pett Level Independent Lifeboat Rescue Boat

The group continues to fund raise towards equipment and building improvement and has requested a donation. **To agree whether to give a donation and the amount**

LGA 1972, s 137

16. Reports

i) Village Hall Liaison.

ii) Other Reports

17. Information for Councillors (including items for the next agenda)

Parish Online will be charged directly rather than via Rother Association of Local Councils

Garden waste bin renewals

Beach consultation about vehicles on the beach.

18. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 21st May, 2024 7.30pm, Pett Village Hall

Flood Warden Report

The scheduled February meeting between the Environment Agency (E.A.), Southern Water (SW), Highways and East Sussex County Council (E.S.C.C.) Sally Ann MP and chaired by Chris Saint went well. The contents of the previous E.A. presentation had been updated which indicated that the volume of water trying to pass through the Calvert, compared with that being diverted across the reed bed, was not so great as previously reported.

However, it was noted that surface water flows entering the catchment area directly via the Fairlight Cliffs and Pett Level areas were greater than originally estimated. As a result of these new findings the meeting agreed that a full catchment hydrology review is now necessary before proceeding further. This will include areas in Guestling and behind Took Rock.

The EA agreed to provide the scope of the proposed survey to the ESCC and via SW, an estimate of costs will be obtained to undertake this survey.

It is anticipated all funding will be sourced by one, or all utilities attending the meeting and ESCC will continue to act as the lead authority.

January and February Receipts

£110.00	Magazine Advert: Jennings-Bramley Furniture
£15.00	Resident Magazine Subscription
£110.00	Magazine Advert: Bargain Floors
£220.00	Magazine Advert: St. Michael's Hospice
£30.00	Magazine Advert: The Cove
£10.00	Magazine Sales
£128.00	Magazine Advert: Garden Gems
£55.00	Magazine Advert: Yew Tree Stone
£220.00	Magazine Advert: Rush Witt & Wilson
£32.82	Iden PC Share of Clerk's Mobile
£1,121.36	HMRC: Vat reclaim for February 2023 to January 2024
£110.00	Magazine Advert: Coast Guard Cafe
£3.50	Magazine Sales

Additional December payments, January Payments and February Payments

£48.00	ESALC: New Councillor training for Councillor Jan Tomalin
£87.02	Refund M Philo: Share of Clerk's Society Subscription
£163.97	Rother District Council: Elections recharge
£8.50	Refund S Adams mileage collection of magazine print run
January Charge Card: £35.00 Information Commissioner: Annual data handler registration	
£19.03	EE limited: Clerk's monthly Mobile Phone
£30.00	Refund B Kirkham: Magazine postage
£48.00	ESALC: Planning training for Councillor David Penfold
£37.20	Iden PC: Share of ink for clerk
£841.03	Staff salaries
£30.00	M Philo office
£20.00	Pett Village Hall : January room hire
£2,340.00	Safeplay Playgrounds Ltd: Basket Swing universal joint (vat£390)
£8.50	Refund S Adams mileage magazine print run collection
February Charge Card : nil	