

PETHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2018

In attendance were Cllrs Clark (Acting Chairman), Warden, Mrs Knox., the Parish Clerk and one member of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Spratt and Cllr Patrick.
Also Absent were Mrs Obry and Mrs Sewell.

2. Declarations of Interest and Update to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Register

There were no Declarations of Interest

3. To approve the Minutes of the last Meetings and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th November were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

Item 3 Denge Wood Development: Following notification from Cllr Thomas confirming that all items that would domesticate the building have been removed and the owner will now be using it in accordance with its authorised use associated with forestry, the clerk has written again stating that we are still concerned as the site is very secluded and is not possible without regular visits into the confines of the site to monitor whether the premises is being used purely for the purpose it was built – as a store for tools. The Clerk also expressed concern that the Enforcement Officer has not seen fit to inform the Parish Council with the outcome, particularly in view of the number of written communications we made.

Item 4v Website: The Clerk has informed our website handler of the possible additions discussed at the last meeting to improve the Parish Council Web but has suggested to him that we deal with this in the New Year. The Clerk has also read through the Welcome to Petham booklet and found that quite a number of amendments are required. The Chairman and Clerk will make the corrections and then circulate to members for approval.

Item 6iii Thruxted Mill Development: Members noted that Ashford Borough Council has granted outline permission with a large number of reserved matters for the development of 20 dwellings on the Thruxted Mill site.

Breach of Planning: Members supported the action of a Councillor in reporting to Planning Enforcement, a possible breach of planning on a recent application. It was agreed the Clerk follow this up with a letter from the Parish Council

4. Financial Matters

(i) The following payments were approved

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| Scottish & Southern Electric | £ 57.16 | St Light Energy – November DD |
| KIKK | £ 209.95 | Updates & Annual Hosting of Website |
| Chris Tanton | £1255.00 | Ground Maintenance |
| CPRE | £ 36.00 | Annual Subscription |
| Robert Gay | £ 28.00 | Repair of Playground Gate |
| HMRC | £ 78.40 | PAYE |
| Parish Clerk | £ 47.29 | Expenses & Stationery |

(ii) GDPR

This item was not discussed.

(iii) To Confirm Recommendation from last Meeting re Estimate and Precept for 2019-2020

The Clerk explained that she has altered the figures agreed at the last meeting and has also deducted the lighting grant from the street lights estimate, resulting in an overall budget of £13317.00, this being an increase on last year of around 2.5%. It was proposed and seconded that we set a precept of £13317.00 for 2019-2020, on being put the motion was carried.

(iv) Church Christmas Decorations

This item was deferred for the Chairman to report.

(v) To approve transfer of £2000.00 from one account to another

As the Chairman was not in attendance it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

(vi) Members approved the Draft Level of Reserves and Payment Sheet as at 1st December

| DRAFT LEVEL OF RESERVES 1st DECEMBER 2018 | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Balance B/Fwd 01.04.18 | | 23655.30 |
| Income Received to Date | | |
| Precept & Council Tax Support Grant | 13034.72 | |
| Concurrent Functions Funding | 3005.85 | |
| Street Lighting Grant | 1350.00 | |
| Transparency Fund Grant | 1417.00 | |
| Bus Res Account Interest | 15.06 | |
| Village Assets Account Interest | 5.82 | |
| Funding for Kenfield Ground | 3847.47 | |
| Total | 22675.92 | |
| | | 46331.22 |
| Less expenditure to date | | 10743.91 |
| Balance | | 35587.31 |
| NatWest Current Account sheet 354 | | 50.00 |
| NatWest Reserve Account sheet 217 | | 25569.43 |
| NatWest Village Assets Replacement Fund sheet 139 | | 9967.88 |
| Total at 1st December 2018 | | 35587.31 |

5. Planning Matters

- (i) 18/02385 Garlinge Cottage, Garlinge Court Road, Garlinge Green, Petham
Proposed first-floor rear extension with new roof gable and 2 no. rooflights.
Whilst there is no objection to the application, members request it to be conditioned that any damage caused by builders/deliveries etc parking on the Green, should be made good.
- (ii) CA//18/02343/FUL The Firs, Stone Street, Petham
Change of use from outbuilding to holiday let with parking space. No objection
- (iii) 18/02424 Earley House, Waltham Road, Petham
Proposed single-storey side extension, garage and artist studio, change from flat roof to pitched roof on existing house for use of roofspace as authorised accommodation with retrospective change of use to extend garden area. No objection
- (iv) Planning Training
Cllr Clark attended the training session given by the Head and Deputy Head of Planning. The issue was made on Parish Councils not having access to specific planning officers and not being able to get beyond the help desk for information on applications. As a result the Head of Planning has arranged that Parish Councils should now have priority and be in a position to speak to the officer dealing with a particular application.

6. Planning Decisions Granted by CCC

- 18/01623 Blakesbourne, Wootton Drive, Petham. Proposed single-storey side extension with chimney to side elevation following demolition of single-storey side extension.
- 18/01686/FUL Flaxland Cottage, Garlinge Green Road, Garlinge Green, Petham
Single-storey front extension following demolition of existing single-storey front extension.
- 18/02017/TPO Petham House Duckpit Road, Petham. TPO no 13 1990 Fell Ash tree on roadside.
- 18/01201 Court Lodge Farm, Church Lane, Petham. Proposed 5 no detached two-storey dwellings following demolition of agricultural buildings.
Cllr Warden attended CCC Planning Committee Meeting to speak against the above application. He was extremely dismayed, after a lot of preparation to find that not only were the Parish Council's observations ignored but the whole attitude to the development was one of euphoria – unlike the previous application for four dwellings to which there had been objections.

7. Highway Issues

As Cllr Patrick, who attended the Highways Seminar was absent, there was no discussion.

8. Recreation Ground – To note Serco Inspection Reports & to consider quotation for mowing in 2019

- The Serco Reports were noted. There were no issues raised.
- Following receipt of Landscape Services quotations for 2019, members accepted the quote of £722.00 for gang mowing the recreation ground on 21 occasions and £275.05 for initial set up and white lining the football pitch on 16 occasions
The Clerk explained that Mr Tanton now mows the section inside the fenced off play equipment area and the strimming of the grounds.

9. Correspondence, Publications and urgent matters of importance

- A Councillor brought up the question of the hydrant sign on the Green at Garlinge Green, which has now disappeared into oblivion. The Clerk to advise the Fire Service and to locate a map of hydrants in the village that she may have.
- The matter of overgrown vegetation obstructing highway signs was raised – in particular the zig zag barrier at the top bend of Chequers Hill and the sign approaching the junction of Town Road and Stone Street.

10. Confirmed the next meeting is scheduled for 10th January 2019 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

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