

# **PETHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018**

In attendance were Cllr Linda Spratt, the Parish Clerk and seven members of the public. Apologies were received from Cllr Doyle, Tim

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all in attendance.

### **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

APM. Chairman's Report

It has been a busy year for the Parish with planning issues, speeding vehicles on Stone Street, purchase and fitting of a defibrillator, taking over the lease of the Cricket ground and implementing the new Data Protection Act which came into force in May this year.

Speeding vehicles on Stone Street is an ongoing issue with residents along this very busy road extremely concerned about safety. We have managed to have a road survey completed and the data released back to us. As with data in general Highways have interpreted it one way and we have interpreted it another! This continues to be under discussion until we find some way to reduce the speed of traffic that is acceptable to Highways and residents.

A defibrillator has been purchased and fitted on the wall outside the Village Hall for emergency use. The Parish Council will be arranging training for village groups who use the hall and representatives from the school and Church so that they are confident in its use.

The new Data Protection Laws have caused us to look again at the way we hold and use personal data. We are in the process of changing practices in line with advice given by KALK to ensure we fully comply with the new legislation.

The Parish Council along with a new landowner have taken control of the running of the cricket ground. The lease will enable repairs to be made to the pavilion and the grounds kept in good condition for matches. Villagers will also be able to book the ground for events giving another parish venue.

Planning, as always, provides us with plenty of points of discussion. One prominent site in the village has at last been agreed with the Planning Department. This allows a small development in keeping with the surroundings. In general, we have been astonished at some of the planning decisions which we find to be inconsistent. As a Parish Council we are always careful, under the guidance of our Clerk, to make our comments on planning within the guidelines. We have found that with similar applications, although our comments are similar the outcome of planning decisions are not. It is still a problem viewing applications on line as it is hard to evaluate plans on a small screen one by one. It is much easier to have paper copies side by side.

Finally, I would like to express mine and the Council's thanks to our Clerk who, although she has had some health issues this year, has managed to furnish us with an agenda each month and deal with the paperwork even if sometimes she was unable to attend in person. Personally I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their work throughout the year.

**REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS**

Reports were received and some read by representatives of the following organisations, written copies of which are held on file with the Clerk.

Baby and Toddler Club,

Zumba,

Village Hall

Cllr Robert Thomas

CCC Cllr Rosemary Doyle

Tuesday Tappers,

Arts Group

Brownies

KCC Cllr Michael Northey

**MATTERS RAISED BY PARISH ELECTORS**

- Housing, letting and houses in multiple occupation
- Stone Street speeding traffic and the Kent Highways interpretation of the speed monitoring figures

There being no further business the Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.35pm inviting all to take refreshments

Signed.....Date.....