

PETHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12TH DECEMBER 2019

In attendance were Cllrs Mrs Spratt, Clark, Warden, Nason and the Parish Clerk. Apologies were received from Cllrs Patrick, Mrs Knox and Mrs Obry

1. Declarations of Interest - None

2. To approve the Minutes of the last Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

3. Financial Matters

(i) Kenfield Cricket Ground – To note outstanding payment to Castle Water

Castle Water did not accept our offer of £250.00 as full and final payment for the leak of water but have agreed to deduct the late payment figure of £45.00 and to delete the DCA charge of £24.00. The total paid is £455.28.

The clerk then asked members if they wished to proceed with the insurance claim – as it amounted to nearly £1000.00 it was agreed we go ahead.

It was agreed to consider the Kenfield estimate for 2020-21 at this point. Cllr Clark answered a few questions following which it was proposed and seconded that they be approved in the sum of £2957.00.

(ii) Members approved the payments as follows:

Scottish & Southern Electric	£ 18.77	St Light Energy
Castle Water	£ 455.28	Outstanding Invoices
Streetlights	£ 117.30	Half Year lighting Maintenance
Commercial Services Trading	£ 309.47	Quarterly Ground Maintenance
KIKK	£ TBA	Web Updates & Hosting for 2020
Chris Tanton	£1070.00	Strimming/Ground Maintenance
HMRC	£ 83.60	PAYE
Parish Clerk	£ 19.85	Expenses & Stationery October

(iii) Sale of Village Asset – Chequers Public House

The Clerk enquired if there had been any progress in the Parish regarding an offer to purchase the public House as the time limit whereby it can go on the open market is up on 16th December 2019. Unfortunately this has not been progressed.

(iv) Website and Mobile Accessibility

It was agreed we invite the person who deals with our website to attend the February meeting.

(v) Members approved the payment sheet and draft level of reserves as at 1st December 2019.

Draft Level of Reserves as at 1st December 2019

Balance B/Fwd 01.04.18		30380.60
Income Received to Date		
Precept & Council Tax Support Grant	13317.00	
Concurrent Functions Funding	2981.60	
Street Lighting Grant	1350.00	
Kenfield Funding	2915.00	
Kenfield Funds from Cricket Fun Day	400.00	
Bus Res Account Interest	40.45	
Village Assets Account Interest	16.10	
Total	21020.15	
		51400.75
Less expenditure to date		13372.95
Balance		38027.80
NatWest Current Account sheet 366		50.00
NatWest Reserve Account sheet 229		25986.55
NatWest Village Assets Replacement Fund sheet 150		11991.25
Total at 1st December 2019		38027.80

(vi) During discussion of finance issues, a member asked why we do not have on-line banking or at least on-line viewing of our bank account. Members agreed not to go down this road for various reasons and that in particular, it places the onus on our single member of staff.

4. Planning Matters

- (i) CA/19/10099 Blakesbourne, Wootton Drive, Petham
Non-material amendment to planning permission CA/18/01623/FUL, for the proposed single-storey side extension with chimney to side elevation following demolition of single-storey side extension, to allow removal of chimney to the new extension and create a small raised roof in lieu to accommodate a balanced flue. No objection
- (ii) Canterbury City Council are consulting on the Canterbury Local Plan Review.
The Chairman and Clerk had viewed the Review and could find nothing untoward that would affect our Parish.
- (iii) Folkestone & Hythe Revised Core Strategy Review on Housing Requirement
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5. Planning Decisions

There were no decisions to report

6. Highway Issues

- Following a member's request to speak to the CCC Highways Officer – a response was received that he is too busy.
- The Clerk was informed that there had been complaints from Stone Street residents regarding the number of lorries using the road at night due to the M20 closures.

7. Recreation Ground

Landscape Services have quoted £1025.24 for 16 cuts or £1345.65 for 21 cuts for mowing the recreation ground. They have also quoted £432.00 for 14 strims around the play equipment and quoted £322.48 for white lining the five aside football pitch on 16 occasions. It was agreed to accept the quotation for 16 cuts the quotation for white lining.

8. Village Signs

Nothing to report

9. Correspondence, Publications and any other matters of an urgent nature.

- Members agreed the calendar of meetings for 2020 subject to the Council Meeting and the APM to take place on 16th April and not the 9th which is the day before Good Friday.
- Having held our meeting in the committee room, members agreed that it is more suitable than the small hall as it is already laid out for a meeting such as ours. The Chairman to make enquiries as to whether it is available.

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Glasdon Brochures

Copy of Folkestone & Hythe Revised Core Strategy Review on Housing Requirement

10. Confirmed the date of the next meeting as 9th January 2020 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

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