

PETHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10TH OCTOBER 2019

In attendance were Cllrs Mrs Spratt, Clark, Patrick, Warden, Mrs Knox and the Parish Clerk.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Obry

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

Cllrs Clark declared an interest in item 4ii Finance Payments and Cllr Mrs Knox declared an interest in item 4iv Renewal of License.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

Item 7 Highways: The Clerk has reported the school request for safety measures in Church Lane. It was noted that one school sign has been cleared of foliage but the other is totally covered by the hedge.

4. Financial Matters

(i) Kenfield Cricket Ground – Members approved the action of the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman in dealing with the outstanding Castle Water invoices.

It was explained that the escape of water must have occurred during or before the period up to 31st December 2018 as the invoice jumped from £27.30 to £663.10 Although Castle Water advised the clerk that it was an estimated figure which has now been reduced it to £500.38.

Cllr Clark stated that the Cricket Club knew of the leak as did SE Water before we took over responsibility of the cricket ground.

Cllr Nason has also been in communication with Castle Water and was given more or less the same information as the Clerk. Following a very lengthy discussion it was proposed by Cllr Nason that we make an offer of £250.00, this was agreed.

It was further agreed that we write informing the Cricket Club that we will be making a charge of £25.00 for each use of the ground and that all future communication must be with the Parish Council and not the Land Agents.

As it was Strutt & Parker who alerted us to the water bill problem, the Clerk to write putting them in the picture as to the possible outcome.

The Clerk has contacted our insurers, and as the main feeds the pavilion, they have stated they may be able to help, although their Schedule lists escape of water not covered. However, if we do receive anything by way of insurance, there will be an excess of £250.00.

(ii) Due to there being no signatories at the last meeting the following invoices were approved but carried over for payment to the October meeting.

Norman Clark	£ 198.84	Electrical Equipment (Kenfield)
HMRC	£ 83.60	Paye (paid by the clerk due to time constraints)
Parish Clerk	£ 26.60	Expenses & Stationery

(iii) Members approved payments as follows:

Scottish & Southern Electric	£ 89.12	St Light Energy
Castle Water	£ TBA	Outstanding Invoices
HMRC	£ 83.60	PAYE
S. Shaw	£ 83.60	Sept Paye paid by the Parish Clerk
Parish Clerk	£ 15.16	Expenses & Stationary October
Mrs C. Obry	£ 18.00	Travel Expenses

(iv) To approve and sign renewal of License to use land behind the village hall

Having agreed at the last meeting that we renew our agreement to the licence for a further year, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman signed the document

(v) Members noted and approved the payment sheet and draft level of reserves as follows.

Draft Level of Reserves as at 1st October 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	31.28	
Village Assets Account Interest	12.15	
Total	21007.03	
		51387.63
Less expenditure to date		10607.57
Balance		40780.06
NatWest Current Account sheet 364		50.00
NatWest Reserve Account sheet 227		28742.76
NatWest Village Assets Replacement Fund sheet 149		11987.30
Total at 1st October 2019		40780.06

5. Planning Matters

- (i) CA//19/01828/FUL New Barn Farm, Petham
Proposed formation of riding arena and erection of replacement stable block
No objection

6. Planning Decisions

There were no planning decisions this month

7. Highway Issues

- The Clerk has reported the sewerage leak and the need to clear the field alongside Chequers Hill to the Land Agents, Cllr Patrick has written to Southern Water requesting them to clear up the spill as soon as possible for health reasons and Cllr Nason has written to both the Environment Agency and the City Council's Environmental Department.
- KCC Highways wish to know whether we require any road salt this year, it was agreed that we apply for 2 ton. Cllr Mrs Knox provided the Clerk with a site map of possible locations for any new salt bins.
- The clerk to write to some residents in Garlinge Green regarding overgrown hedges and to also write to the Land Agents of the fields alongside Chequers Hill requesting they arrange to have the hedge cut as it is severely obscuring sight of any oncoming vehicle..

8. Recreation Ground

Members noted two inspection reports. Work to the tables is complete and work to the gates is in progress.

9. Village Signs

Members to give some thought as to what type and the subject of a village sign they consider appropriate for Petham.

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

11. To confirm date of the next Meeting as 14th November 7.30pm

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