

PETHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12TH MARCH 2020

In attendance were Cllrs Mrs Spratt, Patrick, Nason, Warden and the Parish Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Clark, Mrs Knox and Mrs Obry

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

Cllr Mrs Spratt declared an interest in item 4i Finance Payments

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2020 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

4. Financial Matters

(i) The following payments were approved

Scottish & Southern Electric	£ 17.43	St Light Energy – January DD
Strutt & Parker	£ 3.00	Annual Rent (3 Years) 2018/2019/2020
Cllr Mrs Obry	£ 18.00	Travel Expenses
Cllr Mrs Spratt	£ 18.00	Travel Expenses
HMRC	£ 83.60	PAYE
Parish Clerk	£ 17.68	Expenses & Stationery

(ii) Insurance Claim – Nothing to report as yet

(iii) Kenfield Cricket Ground – Cllr Patrick suggested that we should update the directory for Kenfield Cricket Ground as opposed to the Cricket Club on the contacts page of the Petham and Waltham News.

(iv) To note payment sheet and draft level of reserves as at 1st March 2020

Following the Clerk's calculation on the number of payments still to be made and the possible amount of reserves predicted at the financial year end, members approved the payments sheet and the draft level of reserves.

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Draft Level of Reserves as at 1st March 2020	
Balance B/Fwd 01.04.18	30380.60
Income Received to Date	
Precept	13317.00
Concurrent Functions Funding	2981.60
Street Lighting Grant	1350.00
VAT Refund 2017-2018	1292.37
Kenfield Funding	2915.00
Kenfield Funds from Cricket Sunday	400.00
Bus Res Account Interest	52.75
Village Assets Account Interest	22.08
Total	22330.80
	52711.40
Less expenditure to date	17427.19
Balance	35284.21
NatWest Current Account sheet 369	50.00
NatWest Reserve Account sheet 232	23236.98
NatWest Village Assets Replacement Fund sheet 154	11997.23
Total at 1st March 2020	35284.21

(v) Following requests from Kent Surrey Sussex Air Ambulance and Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership for grant funding. It was proposed and seconded to award £100.00 to the Air Ambulance and £50.00 to Kent Stour Group towards their stolen equipment.

(vi) The Clerk to draft a letter to the bank requesting £2000.00 be transferred to the Village Assets Account

5. Planning Matters

- (i) CA/20/00430 Slippery Sams, Stone Street, Petham
Proposed change of use from 1 no. holiday let to 1 no dwelling together with sub-division of existing three bay garage.
Whilst there was no objection to the change of use there was some concern over the access to the properties from the B2068 Stone Street. The Clerk to inform the Planning Authority.
- (ii) CA/20/00527 3, The Street, Petham
Application for lawful development for existing workshop/garden storage building.
No Objection
- (iii) CA/19/01828 New Barn Farm, Duckpit Road, Petham. – Amended Plans
Proposed formation of riding arena, erection of replacement stable block and refurbishment of barn. No objection
- (iv) CCC’s consultation on proposals to improve the appearance of St George’s Street including removal of the street market.
Whilst members welcome the proposed improvements to the area they were concerned for the street market traders for their loss of trade for six months and their permanent removal from the site. The Clerk to respond along these lines and suggest a possible relocation to ??? square.

6. Planning Decisions. There were no decisions to report this month

Highway Issues: Lay-by Parking on Stone Street B2068: Having written to Community Police Officer about HGV’s overnight parking without lights facing oncoming traffic, Cllr Patrick has received a reply that all vehicles MUST display parking lights when parked on a road or a lay-by on a road with a speed limit greater than 30 mph (48 km/h).

7. Recreation Ground: Cllr Nason supplied the Clerk with another inspection report. He was concerned at the narrowing of the pedestrian entrance by a large tree in a neighbouring garden around which the owner has erected a fence. Members to check

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

- Following receipt of an email from a resident of Stoneway Park stating “when has the Parish Council ever taken into account any views and concerns from residents at that end of Stone Street”, it was agreed the clerk respond outlining that the Parish Council has actively been campaigning for years regarding speeding and other issues such as lorries, laybys and the closure of the public house. The clerk to also remind him of the public meeting arranged by the Parish Council held at the Chequers Inn – where Stoneway Park was well represented, having been notified by a leaflet drop to every household. The Clerk to inform him that our agenda is published on the notice board s and the website and any members of the public are welcome to come to our meeting.
- Members considered a request from AwCRK to place a mobile pop up café providing coffee, tea and cake for two hours on a Wednesday morning once every four weeks, to be stationed in the VH car park. The aim is to help tackle loneliness and isolation in rural areas. Due to the village hall events that take place on a Wednesday members reluctantly could not accept.

9. Staffing *Due to its confidential nature this item was taken with the press and public excluded*

10. Confirmed the date of the Next Meeting as 16th April 2020 6pm to be followed at 7.30pm by the Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.05

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