

PETHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON LINE ON 12TH NOVEMBER 2020 5.30PM

The meeting was held remotely via Zoom, no members of the public attended

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

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Obry
2. **Declarations of Interest and Update to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Register**
Cllr Clark declared an interest in item 4i Finance
3. **To approve the Minutes of the last Meeting and Matters Arising**
The minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2020 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record subject to recording Cllr Warden as being present at the meeting, and item 4vii lines three and four after the word raised, to read 'That BT can take on board an application from anyone wishing to purchase the kiosk'.
Item 4ii Kenfield Cricket Ground Business Rates: Following receipt of three years invoices for rates pertaining to Kenfield Ground, the Clerk applied for the Small Business Rates Relief and received invoices cancelling all payments. The premises is now exempt from paying rates.
Item 4vi Telephone Kiosk: Cllr Mrs Knox spoke with the resident explaining that the kiosk belongs to BT. She pointed out the obligations and liability they would have if residents took it over. This was accepted and decided to hold off any usage until next year.
Item 7 Chequers Hill Hedge: The Clerk reported the overgrown hedge abutting Chequers Hill to Hobbs Parker, Land Agents for the field who agreed to deal with the matter. As this has not yet been attended to, the Clerk to contact the Land Agent again.
Item 9 Correspondence: The Clerk has spoken to CCC regarding a problem with dogs and was advised that the matter is being dealt with. She will telephone the Officer dealing with this.
4. **Financial Matters**
 - (i) To approve payments as follows:

Scottish & Southern Electric	£ 19.16	St Light Energy – October DD
Commercial Services	£ 307.57	Gang Mowing Recreation Ground
Streetlights	£7020.00	Conversion of St. Lights to LED Lighting
KIKK	£ 236.50	Annual Updates and Hosting Dec 20 – Nov 21
Cllr Norman Clark	£ 14.39	Zoom Fee for November Meeting
HMRC	£ 86.60	PAYE – November
Parish Clerk	£ 42.36	Expenses & Stationary – October/November
 - (ii) Members approved the Payments Sheet and Draft Level of Reserves as at 1st November 2020
 - (iii) To consider Estimates
As the final decision is yet to be ratified on the concurrent functions issue, the estimates for 2021-2022 stand deferred till the next meeting.
 - (iv) Outcome of meeting between Parishes and City Council re Concurrent Functions Funding
Although a motion was put that CCC will pay the same in 2021-2022 as in year 2020-2021 which is yet to be ratified, no overall decision has been made on the future of CFF.
 - (v) Kenfield Cricket Ground: To consider details from UKPN re installation of electricity
As the quote from UKPN was far in excess of anything the Parish Council could afford, the matter stands adjourned until Cllr Clark discusses the issue with UKPN.
 - (vi) COVID-19 Update
As we are once again in 'Lockdown' members to be alert to anyone having difficulties coping
 - (vii) Website Accessibility Statement and change of Clerk's email address
Members were happy with the Accessibility Statement we are obliged to place on our website. They also found the new layout was clear and easily followed.
5. **Planning Matters**
 - (i) CA/20/02183 Thompsons Garden Centre, Stone Street, Petham.
Installation of 25m high lattice mast with headframe; 3 no. antennas; 2 no. 600mm dish and 4 no. cabinets..
Following a lengthy discussion majority of members objected to the application on the grounds of the unsightly mast in an AONB, the prominence of the mast from afar, little

benefit to the Parish, much too close to dwellings and the possibility of devaluation of properties in Stone Street. As the City Council has disposed of Parish Councils rights to call in applications, it was agreed to request Cllr Robert Thomas to intervene on our behalf.

- (ii) Notice of Appeal Ref; 3256375 Application CA/19/10233 Chequers Inn, Stone Street, Petham
Proposed change of use from public house to single dwelling house.
Agreed we adjust our original objection to the application to meet the requirements of the appeal.
- (iii) CA/20/02201 Yew Tree Farm, Stone Street, Petham
Application for listed building consent for internal and external alterations including installation of log burning stove with twin wall flue. No objection
- (iv) CCC's proposals to do away with Parish Councils rights to call-in applications
The vote by the Committee approved the above proposal along party lines.
- (v) To consider possible breach of Planning:
It was agreed to write to Planning Enforcement regarding a possible unauthorised access.

6. Planning Decisions

- (i) CA/20/02217 Earley Wood, Waltham Road, Petham
Felling Licence Application for TPO no11 1990 (FC ref 019/2731/2020). Approved by CCC
- (ii) CA/20/02118 Woodside Cottage, Garlinge Green, Petham
Application for a certificate of lawfulness of existing occupation of Woodside Lodge in breach of the agricultural occupancy condition (iv) of planning permission CA/86/1438. Was Lawful
- (iii) CA/20/01741 Earley House, Waltham Road, Petham
Creation of a secondary vehicular access and construction of looped drive. Refused by CCC

7. Highway Issues and PROW

- A communication from a resident was sent to a Councillor regarding the colour of the new salt bins, which he considers to be totally out of keeping for a rural village set in the Kent Downs AONB and in a Conservation Area. The resident has already written to the KCC Highways but received a negative response for various reasons.
It was agreed that not only were they an appalling colour and shape but one has been put in the wrong place. The Parish Council to write to highways.
- The Clerk to also write to KCC Highways regarding overgrown hedges along the pavement in Broadway.
- The Clerk to write to KCC PROW about overgrown vegetation along CB428.

8. Recreation Ground

Cllr Clark advised that all the outstanding work in the Recreation Ground is now complete. When asked about the Ash Tree – our contractor is not certain it is an Ash but is seeking advice.

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

10. Membership of the Council

Members regretfully accepted Cllr Andrew Nason's letter of resignation from the Council, they wish to place on record their thanks for his involvement and work in many Parish issues, and wish Mr Nason well for the future.

11. Staffing *Due to the confidential nature of this item the press and public will be excluded*

12. Confirmed the date of the Next Meeting as 10th December 2020 5.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.35pm

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