

**PETHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**  
*The meeting was held remotely via Zoom.*

In attendance were Cllrs Clark (Acting Chairman), Patrick, Warden, Mrs Knox and the Parish Clerk. From Item three also in attendance were Cllrs Henderson and Collins

1. **Apologies for absence** Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Spratt

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2. **Membership of the Council**

It was proposed and seconded co-option of Dane Henderson and Scott Collins as members of the Parish Council, on being put the motion was carried unanimously. Following which both gentlemen were invited to join the meeting, the Chairman welcomed them and congratulated them on becoming Councillors. Both new members then signed the Acceptance of Office which was witnessed by all members present.

3. **Declarations of Interest** Cllr Clark declared an interest in item 5i Finance Payments

4. **To approve the Minutes of the last Meeting and Matters Arising**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

**Item 5iv Planning:** Regarding the Folkestone & Hythe notice in The Street of an application to fell three trees, the Clerk has written to both Canterbury and Folkestone & Hythe Planning. Canterbury has responded that they received notice for tree works from a property under application CA/20/01840 on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020 but are unsure why there is a notice from Folkestone & Hythe Council unless an application has been submitted to them in error. Cllr Clark telephoned Folkestone Planning who advised that both Districts share the arborical duties and the notice must have been placed in error as it referred to an application for Port Lymne Zoo.

**Financial Matters**

- (i) Members approved the payments as follows:

Scottish & Southern Electric	£ 17.56	St Light Energy – January DD
Streetlights	£ 498.55	Half Year Street Light Maintenance
Commercial Services	£ 173.64	Grounds Maintenance
CPRE	£ 36.00	Annual Subscription
C. Coleman	£ 200.00	Gritting
Cllr Norman Clark	£ 14.39	Zoom Fee for December Meeting
HMRC	£ 86.40	PAYE – January
Parish Clerk	£ 15.55	Expenses & Stationary – January/February

During the above item a member asked if Garlinge Green can be included in the gritting. Cllr Clark to speak to the contractor.

- (ii) Members approved the Payments Sheet and Draft Level of Reserves as at 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021

(iii) Kenfield Cricket Ground: Nothing to report.

- (iv) COVID-19 Update: The Council continues to receive several emails daily on updates of the virus, one of which advised that Councils' should continue to meet remotely until 7<sup>th</sup> May 21. However KALC has written to all Kent MPs seeking their support for extending the Covid-19 regulations to enable remote meetings to continue beyond 7<sup>th</sup> May. NALC and the SLCC are lobbying at national level.

KALC has also asked MPs for their help in getting the Secretary of State to respond to a call for a financial support package for our sector of local government.

6. **Planning Matters**

- (i) CA/21/00096 Earley House, Waltham Road, Petham  
Proposed two-storey extensions with basement following demolition of the existing side extension. Following discussion on the vast increase in size, but taking into account that the dwelling is well concealed it was agreed not to raise an objection
- (ii) CA/21/00212 Cotterell Court, Church Lane, Petham  
Installation of boiler flue and tile vents to roof. No objection

- (iii) CA/21/00213 Cotterell Court, Church Lane, Petham  
Application for listed building consent for the removal of internal stud walls. No objection.
- (iv) To note response to possible breach of Planning:  
An acknowledgement from planning enforcement stated they will look into the matter.

**7. Planning Decisions by CCC**

- (i) CA/20/02776 China Court, Church Lane, Petham  
Listed Building Consent for installation of 2 roof lights to rear elevation. Granted by CCC
- (ii) CA/20/02485 Woodside Lodge, Garlinge Green Road, Garlinge Green, Petham  
Removal of condition iv (occupation) of planning permission CA/86/01438/OUT for the erection of agricultural dwelling. Granted by CCC
- (iii) CA/20/02741 Lime Tree Farm House, Stone Street, Petham, Canterbury  
Outdoor, heated swimming pool, associated ancillary building, enclosing flint walls, low level retractable pool cover and associated landscaping. Granted by CCC

**8. Highway Issues and PROW**

- Salt Bins – to receive response from KCC Highways  
Following our request to KCC Highways for permission to exchange the yellow salt bins for Green bins, they responded that if we do, we are not permitted to place them on highway land nor will they fill the bins with salt.  
Members then discussed possible ways to overcome this but decided in the end that concerns over insurance and the legalities that may arise should there be an accident as a result of darker bins not being visible, could fall heavily on the Parish Council. It was therefore agreed to write to the resident who first raised the issue explaining our reasons for declining his offer to replace the bins.
- To consider communications from residents of Stone Street re parking and speeding.
- An email from a resident of Chequers Cottages has explained the problems of parking now that the Chequers Inn has stopped residents parking in their car park. She enquired whether the Parish Council could find them an area where they can park. Unfortunately, there is no available land in that area, but a solution may be to approach the owners of the pub car park or Thompsons Nursery to enquire if they would consider renting out a few spaces.
- KCC HIP: A KCC communication requests Parishes to submit their latest Highways Improvement Plan for review and set a date for a phone call meeting to discuss priorities. The Chairman asked Cllr Patrick to take this on board as far as Stone Street is concerned.
- There has also been communications from residents regarding the speeding of traffic in Stone Street and the number of HGVs now using the B2068 as a result of Operation Stack/Brock. The Clerk suggested that a small working group consisting of Councillors and Residents be formed. The Clerk to liaise with the two members who reside on Stone Street.

**9. Recreation Ground**

- The Clerk to report the damaged drain in the recreation ground at the end of the pedestrian entrance. She will also write again to KCC PROW and residents of Birch Tree House about the tree encroaching on the Pedestrian entrance – PROW CB 425 and the illegally erected fence placed on the footpath around the tree.
- Cllr Clark has drawn up a new playground inspection roster which will be circulated.

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

- 2021 Calendar of Meetings

**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 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 5.30pm**

*The meeting closed at 6.55pm*

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