

PETHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON THE 8TH OF DECEMBER 2022 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

In attendance were Vice Chairman Cllr Collins, Cllr Mrs Spratt, Cllr Henderson, Cllr Patrick, and the Parish Clerk Mr Beatrup

1. **Apologies for Absence** Apologies were received from Chairman Cllr Clark, Cllr Warden, and Cllr Mrs Knox
2. **Declarations of Interest and Updates to the Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Register**
There were no declarations of interest by members on the agenda items presented
3. **To approve the Minutes of the last Meeting and Matters Arising** All councillors present voted that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday the 8th of November 2022 should be approved and accepted as a true record. The Vice Chairman duly signed them

The clerk reported that planning and tree ownership matters in the vicinity of Court Lodge Barns have now been resolved. Kent County Council are planning to fell two dead oak trees in the verge of Church Lane within the next couple of months

Council members voted not to pursue an insurance claim for street light damage on Stone Street, as the policy excess would not make the claim worthwhile

Outside lighting in Tillard Close has been improved by the installation of motion detection switches. These are better than the previous on-all-the-time installation, but the clerk was asked to request Canterbury City Council to reduce the sensor sensitivity, in order that swaying branches in windy conditions, do not inadvertently trigger the lights to come on

Any further matters arising from the previous meeting were reviewed and discussed further in the minute items below

4. Financial Matters

(i) Members approved the following payments:

Scottish & Southern Electric	£ 44.29	St Light Energy – Account for November DD
HMRC	£ 148.80	HMRC PAYE (including tax on back pay)
Parish Clerk	£ 594.83	Parish Clerk Salary December 2022 (including back pay)

- (ii) The Payment Sheet and Draft Level of Reserves as at 30.11.2022 were reviewed and approved by members
- (iii) The Parish precept was discussed, and agreed that it should remain the same as for this year, at £15,800. The concurrent funding is expected to rise by 10% to £3269 for spending on maintaining public areas (especially grass and trees)
- (iv) The firework event was reviewed financially, and was recorded, as well as individual donations, to have raised £344.43 through collection on the night. And a further £573.66 from food and drink sales by the organisers, and the Petham Pint
- (v) Queen's Platinum Jubilee Community Orchard and Meadow at the Recreation Ground
Cllr Patrick has arranged an Apple tree package (30 trees) with Wingham Garden Centre, for delivery before or on 25th February 2023, for a tree planting event at the recreation ground. A grant from the International Tree Foundation is also being pursued by the Parish Clerk

Consideration was given and discussed to running an event for the forthcoming Coronation on May 6 2023. To be carried forward as an item to the next Parish Council meeting(s)

5. Planning Matters. Members reviewed the following planning applications

(i) CA/22/02495	T1 Deodar. Reduce height from 10 metres to 7 metres and spread from 5 metres to 3 metres. T2 Silver Birch. Reduce height from 11 metres to 6 metres and spread from 4 metres to 2 metres. T3 Purple Maple. Reduce height from 8 metres to 6 metres and spread from 5 metres to 3 metres. T4 Laburnum. Fell. T5 Cherry. Reduce height from 5 metres to 4 metres and spread from 5 metres to 4 metres. T6 Cherry. Reduce height from 7 metres to 4 metres and spread from 6 metres to 4 metres. Trees located in rear garden South Lodge Wootton Drive Petham Canterbury Kent CT4 5WD
Comments:	No objections from the Parish Council
(ii) CA/22/02521	(Additional to the published agenda) Single-storey side extension together with alterations to front boundary treatment following demolition of existing utility room. Duke House The Street Petham Canterbury Kent CT4 5QY
Comments:	No objections from the Parish Council
(iii) CA/22/02530	Ash tree- Remove dying tree. Located next to the public highway Linhay Court Lodge Barns Church Lane Petham Kent CT4 5RD
Comments:	Parish Council requests that tree be replaced by indigenous semi-mature tree of a similar nature. Otherwise no objections from the Parish Council
(iv) CA/22/02532	To consider any applications received following publication of the agenda G1 - Ash - fell in rear garden. T5 - Ash - fell, Maple - fell, at boundary. Linhay Court Lodge Barns Church Lane Petham Kent CT4 5RD
Comments:	Parish Council requested more time to consider the application
	There were no further applications received following the publication of the agenda

6. Planning Decisions by Canterbury City Council

(i) CA/22/02074	T.P.O. no 2 1959: T(1) - Ash Fell, (T2) and (T3) Ash - re-coppice. Little Jersey Jersey Lane Petham Canterbury Kent CT4 5QS. Decided. Granted
	No further planning decisions to report at this time

7. Highway Issues and PROW

(i) Stone Street Traffic Regulation Order. 50 mph to 40 mph speed restriction anticipated to be introduced by Kent County Council around March 2023, at no further cost to Petham Parish Council

(ii) Speedwatch Scheme. In conjunction with item 7(i) above, it was proposed that a sub-committee be formed to monitor the situation on this item. Matters to be included are the cost of the equipment, training, and help available from the Police. Clerk to contact Lower Hardres for advice, and invite a representative to attend the next Petham Parish Council meeting to discuss their experience with Speedwatch. Further developments to be discussed at the next Parish meeting

(iii) PROW CB431 Vicarage Hill. It is understood that the fence has been re-aligned in accordance with the request from Petham Parish Council. Item will no longer appear in future Parish meeting agendas and minutes

(iv) Condition of village trees - Highway and power line impact. Under review. Most issues now addressed, and the matter will be picked-up again in March/April, as the leaves return to the trees

(v) Salt Bins and other issues. Kent County Council have replaced many yellow bins with green, at the request of the council and a local resident, who kindly funded the operation. Members reported that a bin outside Knightley House remained as yellow. Clerk to follow up with KCC Highways

8. Recreation Ground

(i) Grounds maintenance. Play equipment replacement. The climbing apparatus in the enclosed playground has recently been repainted, so replacement is no longer being considered for the next financial year. Long-term plans for accessible play equipment continue to be formulated

Playground / Recreation Ground Inspection rota :- (from draft rota of August 2022)

December 2022 : Cllr Patrick

January 2023 : Cllr Knox

February 2023 : Cllr Collins

March 2023 : Cllr Clark

April 2023 : Cllr Henderson

May 2023 : Cllr Warden

June 2023 : Cllr Spratt

and so on. So for example it is anticipated that the member inspecting the grounds in December 2022 would report back to the Parish Council meeting in January 2023. Any member unable to inspect in the allocated month is requested to swap with another available member

9. Correspondence, Publications and Other Matters of an Urgent Nature

A pothole by Barn End Cottage (Kenfield Road) to be reported to KCC Highways for repair as soon as possible (clerk)

Fly tipping in and around Duckpit Road to be reported to land agent (Hobbs Parker - James Hickman) Maylam Trust. (clerk)

Proposals for double yellow line marking around Church Lane and The Street from Canterbury City Council were reviewed, and additional marking to be requested outside Lyon House and Duke House (also a bus stop) (clerk)

Stop road markings (rather than Give Way) requested to be implemented at the Broadway / Duckpit Road junction (clerk)

Parish Council events sub committee (inclusion and cohesion) arranging Carols at the Church, and

Friday 3rd February - Tapas - village social night

Friday 17th February - Quiz Night

Thursday 23rd February - Film Night

Defibrillator details at the village hall to be made known to the ambulance and emergency services (Clerk)


Vegetation reported as obscuring some street lights in the Parish. Clerk to liaise with Chairman, advising which lights are affected, and possibly contact contractor Rob Gay to carry out the work

Mr Carter, of Kenfield Cricket Club, had contacted the Parish Clerk, to say that he had been approached by the deputy head of Dover Grammar School for Girls, looking for Cricket playing facilities, and Mr Carter had suggested the Kenfield Cricket Ground. Members discussed the request, and agreed that this would be possible, subject to a nominal negotiable fee, to cover the costs of toilet and any other facilities. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Carter, and request that the School Deputy Head contact the Parish directly through the Clerk or the Chairman, in order to take the request further

All members present extended their thanks to Mary Henderson and Phil Collins for the Church decorations on behalf of the Parish Council

10. Confirmed the Date of the next Parish Council meeting as Thursday the 10th of January 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All welcome

The meeting concluded at 8.40 pm

Signed..........Date.....9/2/23.....

Prepared by :Chris Beatrup, Parish Clerk