

PETHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON THE 9TH OF FEBRUARY 2023 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

In attendance were Chairman Cllr Clark, Vice Chairman Cllr Collins, Cllr Mrs Spratt, Cllr Henderson, Cllr Patrick, Cllr Warden, the Parish Clerk Mr Beatrup, and 8 members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence** Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Knox
2. **Declarations of Interest and Updates to the Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Register**
 Vice Chairman Cllr Collins declared an interest in some of the financial matters (hire of the village hall) and the issue of double yellow lines in the village, being a local resident close to the area concerned
3. **To approve the Minutes of the last Meeting and Matters Arising** Cllr Collins proposed, and Cllr Patrick seconded, that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday the 8th of December 2022 (no meeting in January) should be approved and accepted as a true record. All present members agreed, and the Chairman duly signed the presented minutes. Matters arising from the previous meeting were reviewed and discussed further in the minute items below

4. **Financial Matters**

(i) Members approved payments for the following items :

Scottish & Southern Electric	£ 86.10	Street Light Energy – Account for January DD
Darren Peacock	£ 360.00	Gritting of local roads 16th - 19th January
Cllr Scott Collins	£ 249.98	Fireworks and Village Hall hire
Petham Village Hall	£ 276.75	Village Social Nights Bookings
Streetlights	£ 288.00	Pruning works around street lighting
CPRE	£ 60.00	Subscription
PAW News	£ 55.00	Subscription
HMRC	£ 93.20	HMRC PAYE
Parish Clerk	£ 373.07	Parish Clerk Salary February 2023

- (ii) The Payment Sheet and Draft Level of Reserves as at 03.02.2023 were reviewed and approved by members
- (iii) The Carol Concert, and the Tim Baker Concert, were acknowledged as being successful events, with thanks to all involved
- (iv) Queen's Platinum Jubilee Community Orchard and Meadow at the Recreation Ground. Preparation work to be carried out on site (trial hole digging and planting) Sunday 19th February, in anticipation of complete event Saturday 25th February. Trees to be collected and stored from supplier prior to the event(s)

Consideration was given and discussed to running an event for the forthcoming Coronation on Saturday May 6 (Coronation Day) 2023. Road closure of Church Lane as previously for the Jubilee street party. To continue 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/23/000066	T.P.O No 2 1959, T1 Horse Chestnut, crown reduce by 5 metres. Swarling Manor Swarling Hill Road Petham Canterbury Kent CT4 5QW
Comments:	No objections from the Parish Council
(ii) CA/23/000093	Replacement windows from timber to timber to all elevations. Sweet Auburn Cottage Church Lane Petham Canterbury Kent CT4 5RD

Comments:	No objections from the Parish Council
(iii) CA/23/00164	Replacement of front and side windows from aluminium to UPVC and replacement front door from aluminium to composite. Little Cottage The Street Petham Canterbury Kent CT4 5QY
Comments:	Parish Council requests that the replaced units be in keeping with neighbouring properties, and the village in general
(iv)	To consider any applications received following publication of the agenda
	There were no further applications received following the publication of the agenda

6. Planning Decisions by Canterbury City Council

(i) CA/22/02521	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. Decided. Granted
(ii) CA/22/02578	Sycamore in front side garden reduce crown by 30% 1 Kenfield Bungalows Garlinge Green Road Garlinge Green Canterbury Kent CT4 5RR. Decided. No Objection
(iii) CA/22/02588	T1) Sycamore - reduce to form a monolith 3-4 meters in height. T2) Ash reduce to a monolith 3 meters in height. Both trees located in Garlinge Green Road. T3) Ash - fell, showing signs of dieback. Located in Town Road Woodlands Garlinge Green Road And Town Road Kent. Decided. No objection
	No further planning decisions to report at this time

7. Highway Issues and PROW

(i) Stone Street Traffic Regulation Order. Installation of signage and lineage anticipated for the speed reduction from 50 mph to 40 mph from March, accompanying carriageway patching work scheduled for that time. Parish Council also planning a speedwatch scheme, but this cannot be implemented until 3 months after the new speed limit introduction (to 40 mph)

(ii) Double yellow lines at Church Lane / The Street / Town Road junction. The problem was discussed, with both residents and members putting forward their points of view. Ultimately the decision of whether yellow lines will be implemented lies with the transport planning team of Canterbury City Council. Comments were to be submitted directly by email or any other means by noon on Friday 10th February

Comments included

The provision of double yellow lines will displace cars that park in that area to elsewhere in the village, just moving the problem rather than resolving it

No reason could be seen for the provision of double yellow lines at the proposed location

The Parish Council have received 3 complaints regarding parking in the area. Additionally the local bus company have reported problems with stopping at the location, and not causing a complete obstruction when allowing passengers to board or alight, due to parked cars

Residents voiced concern that the removal of parked vehicles will encourage speeding through the location, as the natural slowing of traffic caused by parked cars will be removed, and more hazards created to persons exiting or entering their properties

Alternative parking (locations) needs to be supplied if yellow lines are to be introduced

Parish Council prepared to compromise, with shorter yellow lines on corners of junction, and lines opposite in the area of Lyon House and Duke House

This is a difficult junction to exit safely from, with the current parked vans, school bus, delivery vans, and farm traffic. The proposed solution from Canterbury City Council is over-the-top, but something needs to be done

There is no magic answer. A speed limit introduction of 20mph would help the matter. The village was never designed for motor vehicles

The Parish Council proposed a compromise of double yellow lining on the corners for two car lengths, and opposite outside Duke House and Lyon House. This was proposed by Cllr Clark, and seconded by Cllr Patrick. All Members agreed. Members of the public were thanked for their input

(iii) Speedwatch Scheme Jo Mckeever (Kent Police Volunteer) gave a presentation on the scheme, and invited the Parish Council to advertise recruitment of volunteers, ideally at least one being from the Parish Council. The emphasis is on the community, with full training being available online, and situation reports for the local area being available daily, weekly, or monthly. It is possible that equipment for the scheme be loaned to the Parish for a trial period, in order to gauge the uptake of the scheme, rather than an outright purchase of the required kit. The Parish Council are keen to take this forward, and place further information in PAW News magazine in due course

(iv) Condition of village trees - Highway and Power line impact. The Parish Council were pleased to see progress on the removal of the tree hazards at The Old Chapel, and planned removal of the dead trees in Church Lane. The hazard to agricultural vehicles at the top of Chequers Hill to be taken up with the chalet park owners

(v) Salt bins and road markings. It was noted that while some yellow bins have been replaced with green units, some yellow bins remain in the area (outside Knightley House, and at the top of Garlinge Green Road, where it meets the Downs Road, Chartham). Clerk to take matters forward with KCC

(vi) Denge Wood AirBnb Further investigation required. The matter has been reported to Canterbury City Council, who requested further information / photographic evidence. This to be taken forward to the next Parish meeting

8. Recreation Ground

(i) Play equipment replacement. This is a long term project, and will be continued through further Parish meetings

(ii) Condition report. No outstanding issues reported. Chairman to find form for regular reporting. Deteriorated bench at lower end of recreation ground thought to be repairable rather than in need of total replacement. To be investigated and repaired in conjunction with the Orchard planting in February 2023

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

(i) Sub Committee work on Community Inclusion and Cohesion. Parish Council proposing a calendar of evening events at the village hall. Including a Scalextric Night, a Quiz Night, an American Supper, a Beer tasting event, and a photography course. Next scheduled event a quiz night at the Village Hall, Friday 17th February

(ii) Election 4 May 2023. Two members announced that they would be standing down for this election

(iii) Other matters

It was reported that there have been a number of bonfires in the area after dusk, resulting in unpleasant smoke being present in the village. Problem to be reviewed and taken forward to next meeting

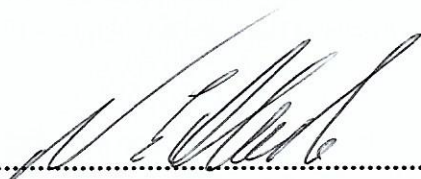
The village gateway signage, and speed limit sign at top of Chequers Hill, was noted as being obscured by vegetation. Local gardener to be contacted (Rob Gay or others) to request a general village tidy-up

Members discussed a 'Petham' sign to be placed on the green verge / green space at the foot of Vicarage Hill. All to take forward for next meeting

10. Confirmed the Date of the next Parish Council meeting as Thursday the 9th of March 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All welcome

The meeting concluded at 9.30 pm

Signed.....



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9/3/23

Prepared by :Chris Beatrup, Parish Clerk