

**PETHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD**  
**ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH 2023 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

In attendance were Chairman Cllr Clark, Vice Chairman Cllr Collins, Cllr Mrs Knox, Cllr Mrs Spratt, Cllr Patrick, Cllr Warden, the Parish Clerk Mr Beatrup, and 1 member of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence** Apologies were received from Cllr Henderson
2. **Declarations of Interest and Updates to the Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Register** Cllr Spratt declared an interest in two planning applications (being a close neighbour), and Cllrs Clark and Collins declared interests in financial matters, being cricket pavilion maintenance, and refreshments for the recent tree planting event at the recreation ground. No further interest updates were recorded
3. **To approve the Minutes of the last Meeting and Matters Arising** Cllr Patrick proposed, and Cllr Warden seconded, that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday the 9th of February 2023 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 a thank you from Elizabeth Edwards, on behalf of PAW news for the recent donation from Petham Parish Council. The on-going matter of double yellow lines in the village was deferred, as it is going to the Joint Transportation Board meeting on 14th March for discussion by Kent County and Canterbury City councils

4. **Financial Matters**

(i) Members approved payments for the following items :

Scottish & Southern Electric	£ 83.92	Street Light Energy – Account for February DD
Wingham Country Market	£ 1157.85	Orchard Trees and accessories (paid in advance)
Cllr Scott Collins	£ 78.40	Tree planting event catering
Cllr Norman Clark	£ 494.86	Village Social Nights Bookings + Pavilion Materials
HMRC	£ 93.40	HMRC PAYE
Parish Clerk	£ 372.87	Parish Clerk Salary March 2023

(ii) The Income, Payment Sheet, and Draft Level of Reserves as at 28.02.2023 were reviewed and approved by members. Approved by Cllr Spratt, and seconded by Cllr Warden

(iii) Queen's Platinum Jubilee Community Orchard and Meadow at the Recreation Ground. Trees planted as planned Saturday 25th February, with around 25 members of the community attending to support the event, and enjoy the supplied refreshments. Watering of the trees to be arranged. Homeowners in the vicinity to be approached, regarding the possible use of their domestic water supply, being mindful that they may be using water meters, and so would incur additional costs

(iv) 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 approved, and Canterbury City Council informed. To continue to be carried forward as an item to the next Parish Council meeting(s). No fireworks. Parish Council to make £100 donation for use of the village hall

Parish Council Chairman Norman Clark has met the land agent / owner of Kenfield Cricket Ground, and discussed the maintenance and possible new trees at the ground. Funding could be made available from the landowner if required. The landowner is also happy for more events to be staged at the ground if requested, and all proposals should please be channelled through the Parish Council. At present the Parish Council has sufficient budget to meet proposed improvements to the Cricket pavilion



## 5. Planning Matters. Members reviewed the following planning applications

(i) CA/23/00208	Application for lawful development certificate for proposed single-storey outbuilding for use as garden room.   Cherry Trees Wootton Close Petham Canterbury Kent CT4 5WE
Comments:	No objections from the Parish Council
(ii) CA/23/00267	Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing single story rear extension.   1 Bank Cottages The Street Petham Canterbury Kent CT4 5QZ
Comments:	The Parish Council expressed concerns over the overbearing nature of the proposed extension on neighbouring properties
(iii) CA/23/00268	Application for Listed Building Consent for external and internal alterations including single storey rear extension following demolition of existing single storey rear extension.   1 Bank Cottages The Street Petham Canterbury Kent CT4 5QZ
Comments:	As per comments for CA/23/00267 above
(iv) CA/23/00309	T1) Oak tree reduce overhanging branches 2m away from the house.T2) Sycamore tree crown reduced by 15%. T3) Hazel reduce by 50% to clear power lines.   Gardeners Cottage Garlinge Green Road Garlinge Green Canterbury Kent CT4 5RL
Comments:	No objections from the Parish Council
(v) CA/23/00329	Replacement of existing flat roof with pitched roof, new cladding to all elevations and replacement of all windows from aluminium to timber .   Stable Lodge Broadway Petham Canterbury Kent CT4 5RX
Comments:	No objections from the Parish Council
(vi)	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/22/00066	T.P.O No 2 1959, T1 Horse Chestnut, crown reduce by 5 metres, T2 Norway Maple, crown reduce by 5 metres.   Swarling Manor Swarling Hill Road Petham Canterbury Kent CT4 5QW Decided Granted
	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 now anticipated for the speed reduction from 50 mph to 40 mph by the end of May 2023. However the contractor has a list of 800+ other jobs, and where Petham will be on that list remains to be seen

(ii) Speedwatch Scheme. Cllrs Clark and Patrick have undertaken online training for the scheme, and potential locations on Stone Street have been identified for where Speedwatch may be applied once (three months after) the 50mph to 40mph scheme has been put in place. Members also continue to be concerned over vehicles speeding through the village, particularly at school run times, and will be working towards introducing a 20mph limit in the village in due course

(iii) Condition of village trees - Highway and Power line impact. The Parish Council were pleased to see progress on the removal of the tree hazards in Church Lane, and at the top of Chequers Hill, following suitable road closures. Residents are invited to report any highway related tree problems to the Parish Council, who will be able to escalate matters to the City and County councils as appropriate

(iv) Salt bins and road markings. Clerk to follow up on some yellow bins still remaining near Garlinge Green, away from the village, and road markings in the area

(v) Denge Wood. Whether property in the woodland is being used as an AirBnb remains unknown. There have been reports of gates on paths being padlocked and then un-padlocked, possibly by contractors working for woodland owners in the area. The matter has been reported to Canterbury City Council. Parish Council to continue to monitor

## 8. Recreation Ground

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

(ii) Condition report. Report form for completion to be updated and circulated to members, to include the exercise equipment. Damage to ground access gate noted, and local contractor Rob Gay asked to carry out repairs

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


(i) Sub Committee work on Community Inclusion and Cohesion. Parish Council organising a race night (11 March) and Film Night (23rd March)

(ii) Election 4 May 2023. Three members announced that they would be standing down for this election. Nomination papers to stand for election to the Parish Council (7 members) now available

(iii) Other matters. 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 to be Thursday the 13th of April at 6.30pm, to be followed by the Parish Annual General Meeting, at 7.30pm, in the village hall. All welcome

The meeting concluded at 8.40 pm

Signed..........Date.....13.04.23.....

Prepared by :Chris Beatrup, Parish Clerk