

PETHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON THE 14TH OF SEPTEMBER 2023 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

In attendance were Vice Chairman Cllr Scott Collins, Cllr Mary Henderson, Cllr David Patrick, and the Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer Chris Beatrup. One member of the public later joined the meeting at 7.45 pm

1. **Apologies for Absence** Apologies were received from Chairman Cllr Norman Clark, Cllr Marion Fulton, Cllr Phil Collins, and Cllr David Longman
2. **Declarations of Interest and Updates to the Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Register**
There were no additions or changes to any declared financial or other pecuniary interests
3. **To approve the Minutes of the last Meeting and Matters Arising** Cllr D Patrick proposed, and Cllr M Henderson seconded, that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday the 10th of August 2023 should be approved and accepted as a true record. All present members agreed, and the Vice Chairman duly signed the presented minutes. Matters arising were discussed in the items presented below
4. **Discussions with Guests** There were no invited guests at this meeting
5. **Financial Matters** (i) Members approved the following payments to be made:

Scottish & Southern Electric	£86.13	Street Light Energy - Account for July DD
KCC Commercial Services	£1324.52	Recreation Ground Mowing
Streetlights	£99.00	Shade to light on Duke House
HMRC	£93.20	HMRC PAYE
Parish Clerk	£373.07	Parish Clerk Salary September 2023

(ii) The Draft Level of Reserves as at 31.08.2023 were reviewed and approved by members. Approved by Cllr S Collins, and seconded by Cllr D Patrick

6. **Planning Matters** Members reviewed the following planning applications

(i) CA/23/01625	T1) Pine tree - located Woodcot side of the boundary hedge, fell. T2) 3 Pine trees - located between Woodcot and land adjacent to White Cottage, fell. Woodcot Garlinge Green Road Garlinge Green Canterbury Kent CT4 5RP
Comments:	No objections from the Petham Parish Council
(ii) CA/23/01626	Use of garage as ancillary accommodation following extension to roof, additional of external staircase and external alterations including cladding and fenestration. Samain Duckpit Road Petham Canterbury Kent CT4 5QE
Comments:	No objection from the Parish Council provided that the additional accommodation is used only in conjunction with the main house
(iii)	To consider any applications received following publication of the agenda. The following application was received following the publication of the agenda
(iv) CA/23/01652	Erection of a tennis court. Buckholt Park House Waltham Road Petham Kent CT4 5RY
Comments:	No objection from the Parish Council
	There were no further applications received following the publication of the agenda

7. Planning Decisions by Canterbury City Council

(i) CA/23/01469	T1- 2 Conifer trees, in front garden, felling. Bankside The Street Petham Canterbury Kent CT4 5QZ - Decided - No objection
(ii) CA/23/01506	Fell single Ash tree threatening ancient flint wall. Sappington Court Garlinge Green Road Garlinge Green Canterbury Kent CT4 5RT - Decided - No objection
(iii) CA/23/01577	TPO No 3 1959, Fell 1 Scots Pine from front of property. The Dower House Garlinge Green Road Garlinge Green Kent CT4 5RH - Decided - Granted

8. **Highway Issues and PROW** (i) Speedwatch project for the new 40 mph zone along Stone Street. Training is planned for the Speedwatch team group, but date and venue yet to be decided

(ii) Petham Village 20mph speed limit introduction. Cllr Patrick has received some updated guidance and documentation from Kent County Council, and is working on the Highway Improvement Plan (HIP) for Petham Parish Council. This to be completed once the Speedwatch team plans ((i) above) have been completed

(iii) Street Furniture. On-going discussions continued around the location of litter bins in the Parish. Notably that at the bus shelter. Parish Clerk attempting to have the remaining Yellow salt bins in the Parish replaced by Green ones, to better suit the rural environment

(iv) Cllr Henderson as a member of a regular walking group is monitoring and reporting any problems encountered on public rights of way. Currently in discussion with local landowners, regarding broken stiles, gates, and fences. Could also be the responsibility of the Kent Public Rights of Way team (KCC). In addition there is a publication Walks in Petham (as on the PPC website) that the parish council are considering updating in due course

9. **Recreation Ground** No reported problems. Local contractor has been asked to clear turfs to a 1 metre radius around trees in the Jubilee Orchard, plus to water when possible. Tillard Close play equipment not the responsibility of the Parish Council, but request made that clerk sets up meeting with CCC councillors, to review and possibly replace the existing equipment, and also to request a latest RoSPA report on the equipment from Canterbury City Council

10. **Correspondence, Publications and Other Matters of an Urgent Nature** (i) Petham Parish Events C.I.C (Community Interest Company). No problems to report, and all is running well. Good relationship developing between the Parish Council, Petham Parish Events, and the Village Hall

(ii) Standing Orders, Policies, and Procedures. Postponed until next meeting

(iii) D-Day 80 years 6th June 2024. Thought that most veterans will be in France at that time. Possibility of running a war film such as 'The longest day' as part of film night, with bar / refreshments. If beacon lighting is involved, the Parish Council understands that the property on which the beacon stands (Lime Tree Farm) has recently changed hands. Vice chairman agreed to make contact with the new owner(s), to assess the situation. Petham Parish Events to run the event

(iv) Fly tipping / Litter picking / CCTV offer from local resident. Not currently required. Clerk requested to check with CCC enforcement team to check on signage progress

(v) Capital Grant for 2024-25. Discussions in progress. Needs to be submitted by 25 September 2023

(vi) Village Sign. Cllr P Collins continuing to work with Eastwell Ironworks on the development of a sign for the village. A deposit has been paid, and a capital grant applied for from Canterbury City Council to help fund the project. Request to be made to local architect Robert Palmer to assist with an appropriate Planning Application to CCC

(vii) Flaxland Lane Woodland Development. Remains in progress. Has been chased, and the Parish Council have been informed that an outcome will be made known once investigations have been completed

Finally with the arrival of a member of the public, the speedwatch team / issue was again discussed, and Cllr M Henderson proposed, seconded by Cllr S Collins, that a separate group from the Parish Council be created, to which non Parish Council member volunteers could be affiliated. This to be led by Cllr D Patrick, who would feed back to the Parish Council at the regular monthly meetings. All those present agreed

- 11. Confirmed the Date of the next Parish Council meeting to be Thursday the 5th of October at 7.00pm in the Petham village hall. All welcome**

The meeting concluded at 8.00 pm

Signed..........Date.....5-10-23.....

Prepared by :Chris Beatrup, Parish Clerk