

## MINUTES OF PETTISTREE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21st MAY 2013 IN PETTISTREE VILLAGE HALL AT 8.00 PM

**Present:** Jeff Hallett (Chairman), Elaine Boardley, Maggie Hallett, Mike Watts, Maureen Stollery, Mary Chilvers, Roger Chilvers, Terry Rowles, Tony Franklin, Jim Jarvie, Peter Hayward, Pat Deliss and Clive Mann (Clerk)

- 1.0 Apologies for Absence:** R James, J Bidwell, M Bond, Sally Anne Chattenbury, R Leigh and Cath Caudwell.
- 2.0 Minutes of Meeting 22nd May 2012** were produced to the meeting. It was correctly pointed out from the floor that in item 7.3 it was “District” not “County” Council and this was amended accordingly. 7.3 mentions dialogue with the Council and planners and Tony Franklin requested that this should be more specific and after some discussion it was agreed that the word “Officers” would be inserted after the word Council. With these amendments made and initialled by the Chair the minutes were then agreed and signed as a true record.
- 3.0 Matters Arising:** The poor winter weather had delayed the removal of the payphone and hence the re-instatement of the Green. Tony Franklin asked what dialogue had taken place regarding the Featherbroom Gardens planning application. Councillor Hayward responded that communication was difficult with changing Personnel and lack of response from Officers; he had ensured the collective view of the village and Parish Council, as agreed at Council and public meetings, was logged with the planners and had also attended the relevant meetings. The Chair had also had a lack of response from the Wickham Market Councillors. The application had been approved and the timing of the development was awaited.
- 4.0 Parish Council Chairman’s Report** – see attached. The Chair reported on the work of the Council and welcomed the input from the newly co-opted Councillor Ruth Leigh. The dead Elm trees had still not been dealt with by the Highways department and this would be chased up. It was noted that 500 members of PROPS had saved over £78k on their heating oil bills. The new Police Beat Officer PC Richard James was making himself known to the locals and offering advice. Changes to both Village pub landlords had taken place. Pettistree People and the website continued to be successful and Mike Watts had recently taken over as editor. The Parish Councils finances remained good and the precept had remained the same for several years.
- 5.0 To receive reports from:**
  - Pettistree & Loudham** – The report from the Local History Recorder (Joan Peck) was read out and noted the hosepipe ban, Jubilee celebrations, the Olympic Torch and the OBE for Jim Jarvie.
  - Pettistree Heritage** – The report by Cath Caudwell was read out and it continues its good work with a stable committee. They put on a timeline exhibition to celebrate the Jubilee followed by afternoon tea which brought forth many memories. A Jubilee photograph album has been created. The Bumpstead Boys and the Burns night supper were well attended and enjoyed as well as being captured by Terry and his trusty camera. As they say, today’s events are tomorrows history.
  - Pettistree Parochial Church Council** – see attached report presented by Maggie Hallett. The report highlighted the excellent work done during the year including a new Pettistree Church Guide produced by Ray Whitehand. The Jubilee weekend finished with Songs of Praise in the Church and a more permanent reminder will be an Avenue of fruit trees in the Churchyard. Repair work to the roof is needed and fund raising is now being organized. The aims of the PCC for the coming year are:
    - To keep the times and style of services under review to ensure that these fulfill the requirements of the majority of the congregation.
    - To continue to strengthen the links between the church and the wider village community and participate fully in village events.

- To raise funds required for the repair and re-decoration of the interior of the church.
- To complete the planting of an avenue of fruit trees in the churchyard to mark the Queen's Jubilee.

**Village Hall Committee** – Jim Jarvie presented the report and highlighted the events held during the year. The events continued to be enjoyed and successful and this helped with funds for the upkeep of the Village Hall. A healthy cash balance would enable work on the electrics would go ahead. The meter has been removed as it was hoped to deter break-ins for what was normally a small sum but a large inconvenience. (Particularly to the thief who dropped more value in drugs than he was able to steal). A new member on the Committee from Loudham was welcomed.

**Suffolk Coastal District and Suffolk County Councillor** – Cllr Bond and Bidwell were unable to attend but their reports are regularly reviewed by the Parish Council and Councillors Bonds attendance at many of the Parish Council meetings gives an opportunity for dialogue on a range of topics.

**Safer Neighbourhood Team** – see attached report. The Chair updated the meeting on its contents which showed 6 reported crimes in Pettistree during the last three months (two occurred at the Three Tuns Public House). There were occasional problems with anti social behaviour.

**Dr Therese Coffey MP** – Despite asking for the dates of the Annual Parish Meeting no report was received this year.

## 6.0 Matters concerning Pettistree Village

6.1 The grass around the bus shelter had been maintained but not quite sure by whom.

6.2 The Three Tuns welcomed back George as landlord and some refurbishment had taken place.

6.3 Pettistree Parish Council was represented at the planning meeting and made its objections known; however, the application was passed unanimously.

6.4 The plans for the Avenue of fruit trees to permanently celebrate the Jubilee were beginning to take shape although Jeff Hallett was open to ideas and suggestions and offers of help in doing the work this autumn.

6.5 Ruth Leigh suggested that perhaps a local intranet would be useful to get messages and information circulated in a timely manner and agreed to do some research on the subject.

6.6 The plan to re-instate the Village Green was raised and whether this was a good use of the available funds, the Chair invited anyone with ideas which would benefit Pettistree Community was welcome to raise them with the Parish Council.

## 7.0 Any Other Business –

The reports previously given under item 5.0 were approved by the meeting and a vote of thanks was agreed for Mary Chilvers who provided the excellent refreshments at the end of the meeting.

A tree had been flattened by a car on the Green, it had recovered but perhaps some posts to protect it would be appropriate. Jeff Hallett, as Tree Warden would investigate.

The War memorial would be cleaned with mild detergent and elbow grease as recommended to Terry Rowles in his search for cleaning solutions.

It was noted that First Responders and indeed any services find it difficult in country communities to find an address, particularly when known by a name only. Residents were asked to see that any house name was visible as in an emergency time is of the essence.

## 8.0 Date for 2014 Annual Parish Meeting – 20th May 2014

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