

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PETTISTREE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 5 FEBRUARY 2007 AT PETTISTREE VILLAGE HALL, 8PM

PRESENT: Mr Franklin (Chairman): Mr Hallett: Mr Beagley: Mrs Kay:

Cllr Aitchison – County Councillor
Mrs Heelis – Clerk

1.0 Apologies: Mrs Hunter, Cllr Perry and Mrs Stollery.

2.0 Minutes of the meetings held 28 November 2006: Agreed with the following amendments:

8.2 – amend ‘Mr’ to ‘Mrs Kay’ and ‘Hobbs’ to ‘Knobbs’

Action: The Clerk to circulate the confirmed budget for 2007/08.

Action: To include the Parish Council contact details in the ‘Useful Numbers’ section of the Pettistree People.

3.0 Declaration of Interests: None.

4.0 Matters Arising from the last meeting:

4.1 Village Green Ownership – Ongoing.

4.2 Dog Bins – Village Hall & The Green – It was agreed to order 2 dog bins from Suffolk Coastal Services and confirm 50% of the cost to Cllr Aitchison. There was still support from a resident to install a litter bin on the village green. It was agreed to reassess the situation following the Litter Pick on 25 March.

4.3 Replacement Tree on the Village Green – There was no report from Mrs Hunter on the progress of this item. Agreed to defer to the next meeting.

4.5 Village Seats– maintenance – Mrs Kay reported that her builder was unable to help with the repair of the seats and kindly offered to contact Brian Knobbs and the contractors installing the new church gates.

5.0 Reports:

5.1 Police Report – It was noted that the man in custody for the murder of Rebecca Rice had pleaded guilty to her murder.

5.2 District Councillor’s Report – Apologies had been received from Cllr Perry. A written report was read in his absence.

5.3 County Councillor’s Report – Cllr Aitchison reported that she had contributed £2,000 towards the refurbishment of the village hall.

H5N1 Bird Flu outbreak – a 3km protection zone had been set up following the outbreak. The Council were impressed with the quick action taken by SCC in this matter.

Council Tax – a proposed rise of 4.5% would be put before full Council on 6 February. In the roadshows carried out by SCC, keeping Council Tax down was found to be resident’s top priority.

Pathfinder Bid – SCC have agreed that should Ipswich BC's bid for unitary status fail, they would welcome IBC back into the Pathfinder bid.

6.0 Highway Matters:

- 6.1 Traffic – Byng Hall Road - There has been no response to date regarding a letter sent to SCC Highways and no further representation by residents in Byng Hall Road. Action: Mr Franklin to pursue the date the letter was sent.
- 6.2 Request for road name – Old Main Road, Pettistree. Confirmation that the alteration of road name from 'Main Road' to 'Old Main Road' will be effective from 1 October 2006. A street nameplate for 'Old Main Road' will be erection in due course.

It was agreed that the owners of South Lodge, Carriage House and Pettistree Lodge would all write independently to SCDC regarding the request to rename their section of Main Road to 'Java Lodge Lane'. It was agreed to support the application when it was submitted to the Parish Council.

7.0 Planning Matters:

- 7.1 Planning Report – Mr Beagley reported that 2 applications had been received and both had received planning permission. There was some concern regarding the removal of a hedge without permission at Home Farm. SCDC had become involved and it was noted that the hedge had to be replaced.
- 7.2 Notification of Decisions – None.

8.0 Finance:

8.1 Council Payments: **Accounts to Pay**

Clerk's Salary £54.47 x 4 (Dec-March)	£217.88
T Brown – Internal Auditor	£ 50.00

The above payments were approved.

9.0 Correspondence:

- 9.1 Publications
- SCDC – Parish & Town Councils working towards crime prevention, an evaluation and good practice paper, 2006
 - SCC Suffolk Highways Partnership – newsletter
 - Suffolk Hedgerow Survey Newsletter
 - Suffolk Coastal Resource Network – newsletter
 - Optua – News & Views – newsletter
 - Suffolk Preservation Society – Suffolk View – Newsletter
 - SCDC – Parish Bulletin
 - Suffolk Coastal LSP – Information leaflet
 - Bredfield Parish Plan – passed to Mr Franklin

- 9.2 SALC – Training courses: Noted.
New Councillor training – 19/20 March, 21/22 May, 13/14 June, 9/10 July
A walk down Quality street – Mon 19 Feb or Mon 23 April.

Essential event for all parishes – Building & Strengthening your
Community at the Riverside Centre, 14 March.

Suffolk's Draft Pathfinder Status Bid – now available at
[http://apps2.suffolk.gov.uk/cgi-
bin/committee_xml.cgi?p=doc&id=1_9054&format=pdf](http://apps2.suffolk.gov.uk/cgi-bin/committee_xml.cgi?p=doc&id=1_9054&format=pdf)

- 9.3 SCDC – Information on the size of Parish Councils – *a briefing note on
changing the number of parish councillors on a council.* Noted.
- 9.4 Postwatch – *A Consultation on the Post Office Network to determine the
long-term role that post offices play in rural and urban communities
throughout the UK. Deadline for responses 8 March 2007. The
consultation document can be found on www.dti.gov.uk*

Copies were given to those present. It was agreed to send a letter of
support for the Wickham Market Post Office which was considered an
essential service for local communities and a valued and worthwhile
facility. Copy to be sent to Wickham Market Postmaster. Action:
Councillors to look at the consultation document on the website.

- 9.5 SCDC – Outdoor Playspace Funding Scheme – Application from
Wickham Market Youth Football Team for funding of £2,000 towards
constructing a pavilion (to include toilet and changing facilities) at Simon's
Cross Field, Gelham Hall Road, Wickham Market. Agreed to support.

10.0 Parish Plan. Progress Report.

Mrs Kay reported that the working group had sent out 10 pilot questionnaires
which were due back by the end of the weekend. A meeting was being held next
week when a budget for the project would be prepared. It was noted that
Graham Forder, Treasurer, had resigned from the group.

11.0 Annual Parish Meeting

Topics for the meeting would include a talk on the Parish Plan by the working
group and an open debate on the Greyhound PH. It was agreed to hold the
meeting on Tuesday 22 May at 7.30pm.

Car parking charges at Wickham Market – Mrs Kay expressed concern regarding
the proposed car parking charges being introduced this year and the lack of
policing on existing parking on the double yellow lines and zebra crossing. It was
noted that Wickham Market PC would welcome support for continued free
parking. Mr Beagley suggested that introducing limited free parking would solve
the problem of long stay parking.

Reports requested for the Annual Parish Meeting were as follows:

Parish Council – Chairman’s report **
Village Hall *
Heritage Trust *
Wickham Market Primary School *
Parish Plan **

PCC *
Local History Report *
District Councillor **
County Councillor **

* indicates a written report

** indicates a verbal report

12.0 May 2007 Elections.

Mr Franklin reported that he would not be standing for re-election in May. An article on the elections would be submitted for inclusion in the next issue of the Pettistree People. Action: Mr Franklin and Mrs Stollery to liaise on the article. The Clerk would circulate information when it became available.

13.0 Village of the Year Competition 2007.

Mr Hallett proposed that the village enter the competition. Agreed.

11.0 Future of the Greyhound PH. Progress Report.

Mr Franklin reported that he had received further information. An approach had been made to councillors by a recruitment company for a chef and front of house manager at the Greyhound, with a view to purchase the pub. However, there was no firm evidence with which to back this information up.

A letter had been received from Rosie Hayward regarding the poor state of the building and pointed out the s5.1 in the Town & Country Planning Act 1971 stated that owners of Listed buildings had an obligation to repair and maintain the buildings. An action plan was requested.

Mr Speedman, a resident, had identified that the owners were a company called Ordersolve and that the current lease was with London & Edinburgh Inns which were currently in administration. He had kindly offered to investigate further.

It was agreed to arrange a meeting with the Dir of Planning at SCDC. Mr Franklin, Mr Hallett and Mrs Stollery to attend.

12.0 Any other matters arising since notice of meeting.

It was noted that the School Organisation Review was due to go before full council on 22 March 2007.

13.0 Dates for future meetings:

17 April 2007 – Parish Council Meeting, 8pm

15 May 2007 – Annual Parish Council Meeting & Parish Council Meeting, **7.30pm.**

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

SIGNED _____

DATED _____