

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PETTISTREE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020 BY ZOOM AT 7.30PM

Councillors present: Mr J. Hallett (chair), Mr T. Rowles, Mr C. Cook, Mr M. Watts, Mr P. Westrope, Mrs S Jones

In attendance: Alexander Nicoll – County Councillor  
James Hayward – Member of Public agreeing to discuss the local housing development  
Keith Bridges – Pettistree Parish Clerk

**1.0 Public Forum.** The Chairman welcomed all present to the Zoom meeting and thanked James Hayward for attending

### **1.1 Reports from County and District Councillors**

The Chairman asked about **Sizewell** Cllr Nicoll shared the dissatisfaction of SCC, its members and officers with the final application for planning consent by Sizewell C. Pettistree was affected with the Park and Ride. There was information which neither the SCC or Parishes could obtain. Cllr Nicoll will send in a negative response as can the members of the Public but must be done by 30<sup>th</sup> September.

**Boundaries change.** Pettistree is in a different Parliamentary boundary from Wickham Market at present but this is proposed to change in due course. The Boundaries Commission has suggested that there should be new boundaries for county council electorates with 70 new areas with equal number of electors. Pettistree would still be with Wickham Market as at present. The next election for county councillors is due May 2021 but any changes will not apply until May 2025.

**SID (Speed indicator devices)** Cllr Jones sent email chasing up and found problems getting the SID installed and replacement of the dirty road speed signs. Cllr Nicoll stated there is a backlog and staff fully stretched and suggested that must keep up the pressure and to copy him in on any correspondence. The Chairman had received complaint of empty maize-harvesting trailers going fast by the village green. Cllr Westrope had stopped one of the trailers and requested them to slow down as it was important that the general public did not think that the farmers were running wild. Cllr Watts had also noticed the speeding. Cllr Jones stated that need to look at what traffic is going through Pettistree and do a survey as it was two years since the SID question started.

**Chairman angry about Planning Application system.** The comments you can only do online, cannot go back to previous fields, hard to find the deadline for comments, not clear wording understanding the meanings, must make new passwords, restricted to only 2000 characters.

**Cllr Nicoll stated that he had a small pot of money in his budget** and could direct some to Pettistree as some time since given any. Cllr Watts suggested the war memorial required a thorough clean up and was advised that a one-off grant could be given but not for any maintenance work.

**James Hayward was asked to discuss the Planning Application for building of new homes on Pettistree land.** The Chairman introduced James Hayward who has, following the tragic death of his father, taken over management of the farm land on which the latest Hopkins Homes development may be built. A senior member of his family is still the official owner.

James stated that he joined the meeting as a listening exercise and to assist in any questions.

The Chairman asked if the development on the old School site was dead. James stated that it was not going forward for the time being

The Chairman asked if the new development was on good agricultural land and was advised that it was not the best but still good.

The Chairman asked about archaeologists and James stated that a number of digs had been done.

The Chairman asked if James was familiar with the concerns of Pettistree. James stated he was only aware from the emails he had received (which included the circular that the Chairman had circulated to all villagers)

The Chairman asked if James was involved in the boundaries, hedges, drainage and flooding. James stated that all the plans had been seen by him and he does have a say as to what goes where. The site has to be self-contained to ensure that the drainage stays on the site.

In respect of the site Hopkins Homes has an exclusive option to purchase the land within 10 years. Cllr Jones asked for confirmation that they have bought the option. James stated Yes

Cllr Westrope thanked James for the most informative chat regarding the land of which he has become master of and has conducted himself admirably.

James stated that he has lots of specialised machinery which might be of use to the village and would be happy to help if required.

Cllr Nicoll had just received an email regards problem in Byng Hall Road with speed signs being covered.

Cllr Nicoll and James Hayward left the meeting at 8.12p.m.

- 2.0 Welcome and Apologies** – The Chairman welcomed the Councillors and to Cllr Jones for her first meeting. A belated apology was received by email from District Cllr Carol Poulter, with report circulated to Councillors on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020.
- 3.0 Declaration of Interests** – None received and Chairman acknowledged receipt of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office from Susan Jones
- 4.0 Minutes**
- 4.1** To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020 as a true record. Parish Clerk asked for confirmation that as Cllr Mary Chilvers has been unable to attend the Zoom meetings, that the other Councillors agreed that she continue to remain as a Councillor. The Chairman agreed and was seconded by Cllr Westrope. It was unanimously agreed as Mary was a great asset.
- 5.0 Matters Arising**
- 5.1 Potholes in Pettistree** Cllr Cook said no change except that a few more potholes had been filled.
- 5.2 Footpath access and maintenance - Risk Assessment** Need to talk to Sue Tansley, who has subsequently advised that most of the same problems exist as she noted in her original footpath report with unusable stiles and poor clearance of vegetation. Our action will need to be to get further advice from the Rights of Way team at SCC on making the footpaths safer and more accessible.
- 5.2a Formation of Pettistree Community Work Group** This will be left due to Covid
- 5.3 Sizewell C updates** Chairman stated that Sizewell doing lots of adverts. Noted that SCC has rejected the application and he will prepare a circular advising villagers how to make comments before 30<sup>th</sup> September..
- 5.4 SID – Speed Indicator Devices** Previously discussed.
- 5.5 30mph signs faded and obscured.** They are still disgraceful
- 5.6 Local Plan and Land grab** Chairman stated article in EADT and circular sent out today by Cath Caudwell to the Pettistree villagers Cllr Jones asked if the Parish Council had done a Judicial review how the plan was put together without consultation and also about Neighbourhood Plan. The latter not done as a small village. Cllr Cook said that still to be approved by ESC planning and asked if Cllr Carol Poulter was part of this. Can we pursue with Carol? Cllr Westrope like to comment that if she is to represent us then let us put forward our views to her and our concerns.
- 5.7 Suggestions for Village events** Due to COVID nothing to discuss at moment.
- 6 Other Pettistree Matters**
- 6.1 Quiet Lanes** Walnut Lane has been registered as a candidate and was noted that it also goes into Wickham Market. Cllr Watts stated that Loudham Hall Lane was proposed around five years ago as a green lane which is different to current quiet lanes.
- 6.2 New Pettistree WhatsApp group for Village safety** This is functioning well with alarm messages and villagers need to be watchful as local burglaries are happening more often.
- 6.3 War Memorial maintenance** Lichen is growing fast over the memorial. Cllr Westrope would be happy to spray with non nasty anti-bacterial solution which could keep it clear for about 12 months. Chairman stated that ‘war graves’ give recommended substances which must be used on memorials. Cllr Rowles suggested a patch test and this was agreed upon
- 7 Planning Matters**
- 7.1 Planning Applications received**
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| DC/20//2325/FUL | Pettistree Grange. Removal of Tree limbs                     | Responded         |
| DC/20/2738/FUL  | Hardstanding Presmere road- new units                        | Withdrawn         |
| DC/20/2821/EIA  | 136 Homes on land High Street-Chapel Lane                    | Awaiting Decision |
| DC/20/2835/FUL  | The Nursery, Main Road -10 Containers storage                | Awaiting Decision |
|                 | The Parish Council has made an objection to this application |                   |
- ALSO received after Agenda posted.
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| DC/20/3264FUL | 136 Homes on land High Street-Chapel Lane | Awaiting Decision |
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**8 Finance**

**8.1 Parish Council Accounts Paid and to be Paid**

**To Pay and Paid**

Parish Magazine printing September 2020	£51.50
I.C.O. GDPR Data Protection Subscription – Direct Debit on 16.09.2020	£35.00

ALSO received after Agenda posted.

Business Services at CAS – Parish Council Insurance	£234.08
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**Receipts. None**

**8.2 Accounts to be agreed**

Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2019/2020 submitted to External auditor on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020 and approval received on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**Change Bank Mandate to remove George Hind and add Chris Cook.** The Bank has now requested that Cllr Cook attends their Branch to verify identification

**9 Correspondence Received – Postal and Emails** None

**10 Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council**

Free packs of Tree Planting had been offered to the villagers. Cllr Westrope was happy to plant the trees to enhance the area along the paths. Chairman stated that Ann Westover had been talking to James about these and to talk to her. Cllr Westrope said he would await instructions if to get any.

Suffolk Sports Cars had gone into liquidation

Cllr Cook stated fly tipping in Java Lodge Lane and bags moved from field to hedge. Cllr Rowles said to have word with Highways but Chairman said he would send email to James Hayward

Cllr Jones would contact the Council and find out if waste management responsible

**11.0 Dates for future meetings: To be confirmed**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7.30p.m. by ZOOM**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7.30p.m. – Venue to be advised**

The meeting closed at 8.52 pm.

Signed:-..... Dated: .....