

# Pettistree Parish Council

Minutes of the Pettistree Parish Council meeting held online on February 9, 2021

Parish Councillors Jeffrey Hallett, Sue Jones, Mary Chilvers, Philip Westrope, Chris Cook and Mike Watts were present, together with one member of the public.

## 1/090221: Apologies and Approvals of Absence

None

## 2/090221: Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation

None

**3/090221: Members of the public are invited to make any comments on items on the Agenda or to raise issues for consideration at future meetings. Reports may be presented by the County and District Councillors**

Reports had not been received from the District and County Councillors. No other matter was raised.

## 4/090221: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 12, 2020

The minutes were approved.

## 5/090221: To consider an update on issues discussed at the November 12 meeting, particularly:

**Damaged and worn traffic signs** – 30mph signs have been replaced; the Give Way sign is still awaiting attention.

**Reports of speeding and purchase of a Speed Indicator Device** – approval of the post sites is still awaited, pressure should be kept up on Highways, including involvement of the County Councillor.

**Overgrown footpaths** – there was no new report on this; grass on the village green may recover from its current mossy state in the summer; Sue Tansley is continuing as footpaths officer.

**Migration of the website to its new home** – Chris Garner has moved the site to its new home and it is working well, with good search engine results.

**Issues arising from the appointment of the new Clerk, including future use of the laptop and printer** – the new Clerk, Rod Caird, is in post. As he does not need them it was agreed to donate the laptop and printer for a suitable purpose, details to be confirmed..

**Continued use of the marquee by the Greyhound** – the marquee has collapsed under the weight of snow. Next steps will depend on what's left when the snow melts. An insurance claim may follow.

## 6/090221: To consider the current vacancy on the Parish Council and to co-opt a volunteer if appropriate

It was agreed to co-opt James Hayward as a Parish Councillor and to appoint James Clarke as Road Safety Officer to the Council. He will attend meetings without taking part in formal decisions.

The Clerk will advise availability of Councillor training courses run by SALC.

**7/090221: To consider updates on any current planning applications, particularly:**

DC/20/3361/FUL | Hybrid Planning Application (Duplicate): (i) Full Planning Application - Residential development of 129 dwellings (including affordable housing) together with public open space, roads, accesses, parking, garages, drainage and associated infrastructure; (ii) Outline Planning Application - 7 No. serviced Self Build Plots with associated access and infrastructure. | Land Between High Street And Chapel Lane (and the duplicate 3264) – **to consider an update following the planning committee meeting on January 26, 2021, which approved this application; to note the likely CIL receipt from this development** – Cllr Hallett had attended the Planning Committee meeting at which the application was approved in spite of objections. A Wickham Market Parish Council meeting had established a sub-group to monitor the development, but it was felt Pettistree should retain its own voice rather than joining the sub-group. A suggestion is being made to move the boundary between Wickham Market and Pettistree such that the Hopkins development would fall entirely within Wickham Market. It was agreed this needed to be discussed further and carefully considered. A meeting was to be held on February 25 which would include both Parishes and an East Suffolk expert on boundary questions.

DC/20/5149/FUL | Erection of extension to workshop and provision of additional shared parking area | Bridge Classic Cars Main Road – **decision awaited** – now permitted, and noted

DC/20/4220/AGO | Erection of Building. concrete base, wood framed, weather board clad, pitched corrugated roof, used for maintenance of existing broadleaved woodland. Secure storage of felling and extraction equipment. Work shop for preparing basic timber on site. | Presmere Wood Presmere Road – **permitted** - noted

DC/20/4175/OUT | Outline Application (Some Matters Reserved) - 1 new 4-bed dwelling and double garage with full details of access and layout | Land South Of Scotts Hall Presmere Road – **decision awaited** - noted

DC/20/4000/OUT | Outline Application (Some Matters Reserved) - Outline planning permission for 1no. dwelling and vehicular access | Land Adjacent Newstead The Street – **refused** - noted

DC/20/3815/FUL | Change of use from agricultural to commercial. The purpose is to have a MOT and service centre. | White House Farm Main Road – **withdrawn** - noted

DC/20/4757/FUL | Two small light industrial "starter" units (Class E), housed within a singular dog-leg building. Each unit will have a floor area of approximately 65m<sup>2</sup> and will benefit from two parking spaces. The total gross internal floor area of the building will be 130m<sup>2</sup>. | Hardstanding Off Presmere Road – **decision awaited** – now refused, and noted.

**8/090221: To consider an update on the Quiet Lanes proposal**

A number of routes were under discussion including Walnuts Lane out of Wickham Market. Chris Taylor from Otley was being very helpful about the process. It was agreed to move forwards with Walnuts and Rogues Lane while expressing uncertainty about alternatives.

**9/090221: To discuss reinstating a regular village litter pick**

Cllr Jones said she would look into the possibility of installing a litter bin near the yellow grit bin. It was agreed to organise a village litter pick in the spring, probably on a suitable Sunday morning. Cllr Jones will look into the availability from the District Council of bags, gloves, litter pick sticks etc.

**10/090221: To discuss an update on the Sizewell C planning application**

The application is progressing slowly with modifications to the proposal currently under discussion. Briefing documents are circulated as they are received.

**11/090221: To consider an update on the war memorial**

It was agreed the Clerk and Chris Cook will research appropriate cleaning materials and advice, and will report back.

**12/090221: To receive an updated financial report from the Clerk, and to deal with any payments due. To discuss and confirm the budget for 2021/22 and to note the precept requirement submitted for that year.**

A bank reconciliation had been circulated showing an available balance of £7,709.90. £3,200.00 is being held in reserve for purchase of a Speed Indicator Device. Three payments have been made:

January 15, 2021	Olivia Smith	547	£200.00	Grounds maintenance
Jan 15, 2021	Rod Caird	548	£212.19	Clerk pay
Jan 15, 2021	Chris Garner	549	£44.26	Website exp

A payment of expenses is still due for work carried out by Keith Bridges and this will be arranged with his widow. The Clerk is making inquiries about the audit charge for 2019/20. It was confirmed that the precept requirement for the year 2021/22 would be £2,527.59, which will show as a zero change contribution to Parish Council costs on Council Tax bills.

**13/090221: Correspondence and urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council, and to confirm the dates of future meetings as April 20, 2021 – Parish Council AGM and Parish Council meeting; May 4, 2021 – Annual Parish Meeting (if this proceeds according to coronavirus restrictions).**

The next meeting will be held on April 20, 2021 (which will be the AGM of the Parish Council); the subsequent meeting will take place on July 21, 2021. It is unclear what arrangements will be possible under coronavirus restrictions for an Annual Parish Meeting (last year's meeting having been cancelled).