

Pettistree Parish Council

Minutes of the Pettistree Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Room on May 19, 2021

Parish Councillors Jeffrey Hallett (Chair), Sue Jones, Chris Cook, Mary Chilvers and Mike Watts were present, together with James Clarke as Road Safety Officer and Rod Caird as Clerk. The District and County Councillors were unable to attend.

1/190521: Apologies and Approvals of Absence

James Hayward and Philip Westrope had sent apologies and their absence was approved.

2/190521: Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation

None.

3/190521: 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

No member of the public was present. Cllr Carol Poulter had sent her annual report to the Annual Parish Meeting and Cllr Nicoll had hoped to be present subject to the length of his previous meeting in Norwich.

4/190521: To approve the minutes of the meetings held on February 9, March 11 and April 20, 2021

The minutes were approved.

5/190521: To discuss the proposed boundary change between Pettistree and Wickham Market Parishes

An additional meeting of the Parish Council had been held on March 11 at which it was agreed, for practical reasons, to support the proposal by Wickham Market Parish Council to change its boundary in order to include the whole of the new Hopkins Homes development. This support has been conveyed to Wickham Market Parish Council.

6/190521: To consider progress on installation of posts for a Speed Indicator Device

Highways are proceeding with post installation, three of the four proposed sites having been agreed: The Street, Presmere Road and The Green. The sightlines at the fourth site, by the children's nursery, are too short so Highways will install a warning sign there. The cost of a smiley/grumpy face SID from Westcotec is £3,250 plus VAT, to include a Bluetooth data collection facility. The costs associated with the posts, if any, are unclear and this would be raised with Cllr Nicoll.

7/190521: To consider plans to purchase a new marquee

The Clerk will research prices of equivalent marquees and will discuss the Village Hall's needs with Jim Jarvie.

8/190521: To consider next steps in the Quiet Lanes project

James Clarke will liaise with Chris Taylor from Otley who is helpful and knowledgeable on the Quiet Lanes process. A village consultation will need to be undertaken. An approach will be made to both Campsea Ashe and Wickham Market to discuss inclusion of shared routes.

9/190521: To discuss ideas for use of the Parish Council's redundant laptop and printer

Mike Watts will consider purchasing or looking after them.

10/190521: To discuss footpath problems in the Parish

Sue Tansley continues to serve as Footpaths Officer for the Council; she is liaising with Philip Westrope concerning issues near Byng Hall.

11/190521: To discuss the upcoming inquiry by the Planning Inspectorate into the Sizewell C project; written comments are due by June 2 and Cllr Hallett has an opportunity to speak in person to the inquiry

Jeff Hallett has an opportunity to speak in person to the Inspectorate. His comments will focus on problems which will arise from traffic of all kinds using minor roads including those through Pettistree in order to avoid the A12. There is serious concern about traffic congestion in an d around Wickham Market and also about light pollution from the Hacheston park and ride site.

12/190521: To discuss current planning applications and in particular the current appeal against East Suffolk's refusal below:

AP/21/0011/REFUSE | Two small light industrial "starter" units (Class E), housed within a singular dog-leg building. Each unit will have a floor area of approximately 65m² and will benefit from two parking spaces. The total gross internal floor area of the building will be 130m². | Hardstanding Off Presmere Road

There is no other current planning application.

Deadlines and constraints on further comment would be researched and reviewed. *It subsequently became clear that the deadline for further comment was actually April 26, and that existing comments, such as those from the Parish Council, would be considered at appeal.*

13/190521: To consider suggestions for village events and/or projects which may be suitable for financial support

Ideas to be considered include celebrations of the Queen's 70th Jubilee; an apple juicing day; a Village Hall barbecue; a village hotpot supper or similar hosted by Mary Chilvers; a theatrical or musical event involving the Village Hall and/or the Church. Chris Cook will discuss with Jim Jarvie.

14/190521: To consider the outcome of the recent litter pick and the possible installation of a new litter bin

There had been an excellent response, with up to 14 people taking part. It was agreed to commit up to £500 to the purchase and installation of a litter bin by Norse close to the grit bin.

15/190521: To consider updating the list of Pettistree businesses

As a starting point, the Clerk will circulate the existing businesses list among Councillors for review.

16/190521: To receive an updated financial report from the Clerk, and to deal with any payments due

It was agreed to add Sue Jones to the bank mandate and to arrange for internet payment of bills in order to reduce or eliminate cheque use.

A bank reconciliation was presented showing a balance available of £9,833.70. Payments due are: Rod Caird (clerk pay) £208.64; SALC subscription £142.68; SALC training £180.00.

17/190521: Correspondence and urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council, and to confirm the dates of upcoming meetings, currently planned for Wednesday July 21 and Wednesday September 15.

There was no objection to the request from East Suffolk to spend £9,617 from its Outdoor Playing Space Fund on a portable dug-out for Wickham Market Football Club.

Availability from East Suffolk of "Grandpads" for suitable recipients; a positive response will be made via Cath Caudwell.

Meeting dates would be left as currently planned for the time being.