

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PETTAUGH PARISH COUNCIL HELD 16th NOVEMBER 2016 IN ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH AT 6.30 p.m.

Those present: Councillor Andy Corrigan (Chairman), Councillor Belinda Bulsing, Councillor Gordon Janson, Councillor Malcolm Owers and Councillor Stephen Rowe. Mrs Margaret Marlow was Acting Clerk. Four parishioners were also present and the Reverend Mark Sanders (for Item 6).

- 1. Welcome by the Chairman.** The Chairman welcomed those Parishioners present at the meeting, and thanked them for their support in attending.
- 2. Apologies for Absence.** There were no apologies, all Councillors being present.
- 3. To receive Declarations of Interest.** Councillor Janson declared an interest in item 6 and did not vote in the subsequent discussion.
- 4. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – 12th October 2016.** Councillors voted to approve the minutes, proposed by Cllr Bulsing and seconded by Cllr Rowe. The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.
- 5. Matters arising from the Minutes.** There were no matters arising.
- 6. The Diocesan Financial Structure with reference to a request by PCC for financial support towards essential tree work in the Churchyard.** The Rural Dean, the Reverend Mark Sanders attended the meeting, and gave Councillors a brief insight into the role of the national Church and Diocese and the funding thereof. He also spoke of the legal ownership of churchyards, and the rights and responsibilities of both PCC's and parishioners. Following questions from councillors, the Chairman expressed his gratitude to the Reverend Sanders who then left the meeting. The Chairman decided to discuss this item further after the Public Forum when any parishioner's comments could be considered.
- 7. To finalise the Parish Council Budget for the year 2017/18.** Following-on from the budget discussion at the last meeting, the Acting Clerk had prepared a final budget. Councillors agreed the budget should stay the same at £2,600, and this was signed by the Chairman.
- 8. To receive a report on the meeting to discuss future activities in connection with 'Jan's shop'.** Cllr Bulsing had met with Mr Thornton, Mr Kitchin and Mr Peek. The Acting Clerk was also present. Cllr Bulsing told the meeting that Mr Thornton was hopeful that the remaining renovation work would be completed within a month. The group had agreed that events should go ahead as soon as possible, with another 'pop-up' pub as a starting point and swiftly followed by a coffee morning. Cllr Bulsing said the meeting had been constructive and the group had agreed to hold another meeting on the 16th December.
- 9. To update on Road Safety matters.** Cllr Bulsing, Cllr and Mrs Janson had attended the Road Safety meeting with Tim Passmore, the Police and Crime Commissioner, and the Chief Constable. The comments made by Mrs Janson at the meeting were followed-up by PC Jayne Gardiner, who arranged for speed counters to be used for a one week period on Ipswich Way, Debenham Way and Church Road. The resulting analysis of the data showed a significant percentage of vehicles over the ACPO limit of 35 mph which is the limit set for prosecutions. It is hoped that the police panel will agree to an enforcement programme in the village. The highest percentage, 55.5%, of vehicles over the ACPO was on Ipswich Way travelling towards Crowfield.

10. To receive a report on the change of the Pettaugh Website. Mr Clark reported on the change-over of the website to Suffolk Cloud. This had gone smoothly and the website was up and running. It was agreed that the website needed a considerable amount of work undertaken to remove out of date information and replace with more current news. Suffolk Cloud will also be arranging training sessions, which it would be helpful for relevant persons to attend.

11. To receive a report by the Acting Clerk and to authorise cheque payments. The Acting Clerk presented the accounts. The Parish Council has a current account balance of £4,447.05 following authorisation of the presented cheques, and the Business Saver account has a balance of £1,048.79. The Councillors were asked to authorise payment of cheque no 100367 for £30.00 to St Catherine's PCC for use of the Church on 12/10/16 and 16/11/16, and cheque no 100368 for £49.63 to Dr H Marlow to cover Parish Council stationery expenses.

12. To record correspondence received. The only significant correspondence received for the period 13th October to 16th November 2016 was a LAIS 1394 information document on the Neighbourhood Planning Bill and the October report for Thredling Division from Councillor Matthew Hicks.

13. Any other business. The meeting was advised that there is still no date for a Planning Committee meeting on the development plans for Stonham Barns. Cllr Corrigan had investigated the report that fast Broadband was available via a mast at Evergreen Garage in Crowfield. This link can only benefit Crowfield, and is expensive. The only option for Pettaugh is still a mast on the water tower, which is not considered to be an option.

Public Forum. Parishioners were invited to speak on items on the agenda. A parishioner spoke of the need to support the work in the Churchyard. It was stated that this was the only public area within the parish. The footpath was widely used by a considerable number of parishioners on a regular basis, and their safety was crucial. It should be deserving of support by the Parish Council.

6. Further discussion on the tree work in the Churchyard. Councillors returned to this item for further discussion. Following discussion and listening to comments from parishioners, the four Councillors in a position to vote agreed to make a contribution towards the tree work. The Councillors then agreed by a majority vote to pay the sum of £3,000 for the work. Cllr Bulsing wished it be minuted that she felt the contribution should not exceed the precept payment.

14. Date of next meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for the 11th January 2017 at 6.30 p.m. in the Church.

The meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.