

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PETTAUGH PARISH COUNCIL HELD 3rd AUGUST 2016 IN ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH AT 6.30 p.m.

Those present: Councillor Andy Corrigan (Chairman), Councillor Belinda Bulsing, Councillor Gordon Janson and Councillor Stephen Rowe. Mrs Margaret Marlow was Acting Clerk. Four parishioners were also present.

- 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.** Apologies had been received from Councillor Malcolm Owers due to annual holidays.
- 3. To receive Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest.
- 4. To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting – 11th May 2016.** Councillors voted to approve the minutes, subject to a minor correction to item 12. This was proposed by Cllr Janson, seconded by Cllr Bulsing. The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.
- 5. Matters arising from the Minutes.** There were no matters arising from the minutes.

The Chairman suspended the meeting to take the **Public Forum**.

PUBLIC FORUM. A Parishioner commented on the overhanging branches on Debenham Way and that the amount of growth, including brambles was impeding people trying to walk on the pavement. A report would be made to Highways asking for the hedges to be cut back.

A Parishioner raised the subject of Broadband and the fact that in spite of all the promises made by central and local government, Open Reach had still made no any improvements to the infrastructure and broadband speed in this area. Cllr Corrigan agreed that the position was unacceptable and frustrating particularly to those in the area trying to run a business. He will try and review the situation before the next meeting.

The meeting was re-opened.

6. To discuss the Consultation Document on the proposed Suffolk and Norfolk Devolution. Councillors had been provided with copies of the relevant parts of the Public Consultation documents laying-out the arguments as to the benefits of devolution to Suffolk and Norfolk. Cllr Bulsing queried what the advantages would, in fact, be. Cllr Janson questioned if this was just a way of passing on work, or would it become a duplication of work. Cllr Corrigan highlighted that Local Councils were being encouraged to provide input to the consultation, and asked all Councillors, and Parishioners, to respond to the on-line questionnaire.

7. Discussion and update on the Stonham Barns Planning Application. (Planning application 3150/15). The Parish Council had responded by letter on the 9th July 2106, with the Councils objections to the amended planning statement. The Parish Council's concerns were the increase in the number of proposed static caravans and lodges over the original application with an increase of caravans from 18 to 39, and lodges from 37 to 87 in this latest amendment. There is a concern as to how the eleven month occupancy will be enforced by MSDC and if all the caravans/lodges were occupied on a permanent basis how this would place pressures on the local infrastructure, i.e. schools and doctors. The application should be going to Planning Committee on the 17th August.

8. To discuss feedback on the 'Pop-up' Pub night and future plans. It was considered that the pub night had been a great success with 36 people attending, in spite of the awful weather conditions. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Corrigan for organising the Temporary Entertainment Licence and the beer, and to all helping with the organisation. The Acting Clerk had prepared a brief expense account for the evening. Costs had been £84.13 and Sales (including a donation of £18.00) had amounted to £111.04. This leaves a balance

of £26.91. It was suggested that another evening be planned for the end of September, provisionally the 23rd. Cllr Janson felt that before there were any plans for future events a committee should be formed with Mr and Mrs Thornton, a Parish Councillor and another interested parishioner. It was important that there was a formal format to future events, including considerations of health and safety and insurance. Cllr Bulsing felt parishioners should be encouraged to provide suggestions for other opportunities for use of 'Jan's shop'. The Acting Clerk agreed to explore opportunities for any grants to help with equipment for the shop.

9. To discuss Notice Boards. A Parishioner had spoken to Cllr Janson of his concerns about unusual activities he had recently observed around the notice-boards and telephone box. He thought some-one had been sleeping rough behind one notice-board and would it be possible to amalgamate the boards to make the area more open. The Councillors considered it was not feasible to combine the boards as there would be insufficient room for all the relevant notices. The situation would be monitored to see if there was any repeat, and if necessary the police would be informed. A Parishioner has also been caring for the 'green' area around the village sign and the planting underneath that was started by Cllr Hook. He is also willing to maintain the area by the notice-boards and initiate some planting to enhance the image of the village. The Parish Council welcomed this initiative and expressed its thanks to the parishioner for offering to undertake this work. The Parish Council agreed its willingness to contribute towards the cost of some suitable planting. The Parish Council were also asked to consider whether it was appropriate to plant a tree to commemorate the Battle of the Somme.

10. To receive a report by the Acting Clerk and to authorise cheque payments. The Acting Clerk presented a statement of the accounts covering the period 1st April 2016 to 3rd August 2016. During this period the Parish Council had received the first half of the 2016/17 precept payment. Payments had been made to Westcotec Ltd cheque no 100360 for £60.00 – additional bracket for VAS: St Catherine PCC, cheque no 100361 for £15.00 – use of the Church for Annual Parish Council meeting 11th May: MSDC cheque no 100362 for £126.00 for dog bin emptying: SALC cheque no 100363 for £127.49 – Annual Subscription and the 'Local Councillor' publication. Councillors were asked to authorise cheque no 100364 for £105.60 to SALC for the Internal Audit payment, and cheque no 100365 for £15.00 to St Catherine PCC for use of the Church 3rd August.

The Parish Council has a current account balance of £3,877.72 and a Business Saver account balance of £1,048.66 giving a total balance of £4926.38.

11. To record correspondence received. A list of significant correspondence received for the period May to 3rd August 2016.

Letter 12th May to Westcotec Ltd with cheque no 100360 to cover cost of additional bracket set and clips for VAS.

Letter 12th May to Treasurer of PCC with cheque no 100361 for church use 11/5/2016. Acknowledged

Letter 13th June to MSDC with cheque no 100362 for annual dog bin emptying.

Letter 22nd June to SALC with cheque no 100363 to cover the Annual SALC subscription and 2 copies of the Local Councillor. SALC pamphlet with information about their services.

e-mail 13/07/2016 from ICO – Renewal of Registration reminder.

e-mail 22/07/2016 from UK Power Networks re '105' new national phone number.

SALC dated 21st July – Invoice for Annual Internal Audit payment.

Letter 18th July from MSDC Planning for Growth. Letter calling for sites for development.

Annual Report for 2016 and June report for Thredling Division from Councillor Hicks.

Additional e-mails include weekly planning lists, and Rural Services Network bulletins.

13. Any other business. Cllr Rowe noted that the bus shelter had been cleaned, the surrounding area clipped and tidied. This had improved the shelter.

14. Date of next meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for the 2nd November 2016 at 6.30 p.m. in the Church.

The meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.