

PETTAUGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting

TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2023

at St Catherine's Church, Pettaugh (start time 6.30pm)

Present:

Councillors Belinda Bulsing, Margaret Marlow, Stephen Rowe (Chairman) and Esther Thornton

1/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2/11 MINUTES OF MEETING – 26 SEPTEMBER 2023

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 26 September 2023 be approved and confirmed.

3/11 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS, OTHER REGISTRABLE INTERESTS AND NON-REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

None.

4/11 FINANCE

The Parish Council considered the following matters:

(a) Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation/Budget Update

A statement and bank reconciliation at 25 November 2023 had been produced by the Clerk and circulated prior to the meeting. This showed balances of £7,260.72 in the Community Account and £1,061.59 in the Business Premium Account. Total expenditure to date was £2,412.91.

The Parish Council also received and noted a 2023/24 budget update.

(b) Accounts for payment

The following accounts were received for payment:

Mr S P Jennings (Clerk's claim for hours and expenses) - £200.40

RESOLVED that the above account be approved for payment.

5/11 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Councillor Nick Hardingham, the Ward District Councillor, had arrived at this point in the meeting and it was agreed to receive his report and return to financial matters later. He reported on a number of items but gave particular emphasis to the recent approval and adoption of the District Council's Local Plan, Part 1. The importance of this was that it gave strength to updated planning policies which were now compliant with the National Planning Policy Framework. Crucial to planning decision-making also was the existence of a 5-year housing land supply. The emerging Part 2 of the Local Plan would give effect to new specific site allocations for development.

6/11 FINANCE

The Parish Council resumed consideration of financial matters.

(c) Review of banking arrangements

This was reviewed again, and Councillor Bulsing referred to correspondence from Barclays as to the status and operation of the Parish Council's banking arrangements and was awaiting a follow-up call.

The Clerk advised on guidelines and protocols in available to support any change to on-line banking and it was agreed that this, together with the ability to transfer funds between accounts, should be pursued with Barclays.

7/11 CORRESPONDENCE AND NOTIFICATIONS

The Parish Council confirmed the action of the Clerk in submitting comments based on the informal responses from Councillors in relation to planning application no. DC/23/04851. While no objection was raised, comment had been made regarding a design element of the proposed extended property and also the display of the site notice.

The Parish Council had been consulted by the District Council as part of a general review of polling places, polling districts and polling stations. It was agreed that there was no scope for the Parish Council to make any proposal by way of response.

8/11 TRAFFIC SPEED THROUGH THE VILLAGE AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

It was noted that a further location for a SID or advisory signage on the A1120 had been identified and the Clerk was asked to pursue approval of this with Suffolk County Highways.

9/11 PARISH IMPROVEMENTS

Further to the discussion at the last meeting, it was agreed that Councillors draw up a list of the locations where signage/street furniture required attention and the Clerk would then pursue with Suffolk County Highways how this could be best dealt with and potential cost.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30 pm.

Chairman
January 2024