



## PETTISTREE & LOUDHAM

### UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 9 APRIL 2026 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL,  
PETTISTREE

**1 PRESENT**

**Present From The Parish Council:** Cllr Jones (Chair); Cllr Over (Vice-Chair); Cllr Chilvers; Cllr Harrison; Cllr Smith; and Cllr Warburg.

**In attendance:** Claire Cox (Suffolk Police); and County Cllr Nicoll

**2 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Hayward; Cath Caudwell (Pettistree Heritage); Maggie Hallett (Pettistree Church PCC); and District Cllr Sally Noble.

**3 APPROVAL OF THE [MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ON 24 APRIL 2025](#)**

The minutes were approved and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

**4 INTRODUCTION BY CHAIR**

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

**5 TO RECEIVED REPORTS FROM:**

- **Chair of the Parish Council:** Cllr Susan Jones gave her annual report as chair. [A full version can be found on the parish council website.](#) It covered:
  - An explanation for the increase to the precept and a proposal to minimise increases in the future
  - The use of CIL money for Parish Room refurbishment and projects at Wickham Market Primary School
  - Loudham Solar Site which is going ahead despite objections from four parish councils and two appearances at East Suffolk Planning Committee by Cllr Jones and Cllr Harrison
  - Cllr Jones indicated on an OS map the large tracts of Pettistree farmland that had been submitted for housing in response to ESC's 'Call for Sites'

related to development of the next Local Plan. She noted that the landowner did not intend to sell the land but that district councils could compulsory purchase in certain circumstances. Cllr Nicoll observed that this was very unlikely to happen as councils tend not to have the financial resources.

- Large trucks using Rogues Lane had been reported and a request made for an 'Unsuitable for HGVs' sign on the Main Road junction with the lane. This will be on the agenda for the next parish council meeting.
  - Cllr Jones said she was handing over production of Pettistree People in June to Sue and Darren Tansley. She was thanked by Cllr Harrison and others for her work on this.
  - In a bid to resolve a car parking issue the Chair had offered to review parking in the village as a whole by talking to residents who might be affected. She reported that this had been done and that the consensus was that the village did not have a parking problem. But her view, nevertheless, was that the Church and the Greyhound do have some issues to resolve and that they could consider making some practical adjustments to share space and signpost the Village Hall car park for overflow for both entities. The PCC and the Greyhound would be contacted and a report posted here before the matter is discussed further at the Parish Council's AGM in May.
- **Suffolk Police:** [PC Claire Cox gave a report available here](#), and reported 4 calls had been received over the year related to a male climbing railings on the A12 flyover, a vehicle seen driving the wrong way on the A12, a road traffic collision on the A12 and a possible rave on farmland which didn't happen. There were 12 investigations recorded one of which, damage to trees on the Loudham Hall estate, was resolved by a Community Resolution agreed by the victim.
  - **District Councillor Sally Noble:** sent apologies and provided a written [report available here](#)

**County Councillor Alexander Nicoll** reported that he was standing down from Suffolk County Council after 9 years but would still be a councillor in Melton. He observed that the pace of change in the county was dramatic and having an impact on wildlife and farming. He was thanked by Jim Jarvie for his support for the Village Hall and by Cllr Jones for his close engagement with, and support for, the Parish Council including grants to help with various projects.

**Village Hall Committee:** Jim Jarvie that the hall is being used most weekdays for classes. Monthly Coffee Mornings were very popular and the hall had hosted a Christmas Bring & Share and Burn's Night which collected £900 for Riding for the Disabled. Mike Watts' legacy of £250,000 was welcome but came with the stipulation that it should be used to build a new hall. But the community likes the one it's got so with help from Adam Signy the legal parties were asked to agree to £50,000 to complete some updating of the building. The money is now with the

Village Hall and brings its current financial position to £68,000. The next event would be St George's Day Family 'Bangers & Mash' on 26 April with profits going to Community First Responders. Thanks were given to the Parish Council, the community and Cath Caudwell for support. [The written report from the Village Hall is available on the website.](#)

- **Pettistree Heritage:** Cath Caudwell sent apologies and [provided the attached report](#)
- **Pettistree Parochial Church Council:** Maggie Hallett sent apologies and [provided the attached report](#)

## **6 OPEN DISCUSSIONS**

No new items were raised.

## **7 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 7.50pm and was followed by coffee provided by the Village Hall and cake and sausage rolls provided by Cllr Chilvers. Thank you Mary!