



**Minutes of the Meeting on 3rd April 2017 at 19.30hrs
Appledore Village Hall**

Present

Cllrs: James Perkins (Chair), Helen Hennig, Lyndsey Jenkins, Jasmin Kellar, Charles Wilkinson, Chris Vane and Derek Winter.

In Attendance: The Clerk Mary Philo.

Members of the Public: 12

1. Formalities

I) The council was quorate.

LGA Act 1972 sch12, 12/28/45

II) Apologies were given by County Cllr. Hill and Borough Cllr. Burgess.

LGA Act 1972 sch12, 12

III) Declarations of Interest and dispensations: None

Code of Conduct

2. Approval of Draft minutes

Further to amendment, it was resolved to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2017 as a true record.

LGA Act 1972 sch12,19.1

The meeting was adjourned.

Public Conveniences: With the donations received from the public having reached the £500 mark, Cllr. Hennig presented Mrs Gray with a gift basket from the council in appreciation of her great work. Other councils were experiencing difficulties with running their facilities.

17/00059/TP - Site of 1 Court Lodge Road, tree works: It was commented that the village scene would be lost should the 5 scots pines, which had tree preservation orders prior to the current development, be allowed to be removed.

Appledore Invicta village sign at the canal entrance: It was suggested that if the sign was ever replaced, the original sign should be given to the history society as had been promised by highways in the past.

Refurbished noticeboard: A question was posed as to whether the village hall had been considered as a location for the board. The public were advised that this notice board would be for local events and information for visitors.

1 The Street planning application: Concerns were expressed regarding the following:

Height of the development

Insufficient parking spaces per house as it was expected that the size would mean probably 3 cars per dwelling and the lack of space to be able to turn a car around in, to allow for cars to be able to leave the property facing forwards

Access difficulties for emergency services

Other points raised were that there was no mention of the right of way for Church house and a desire to reduce the number of signs for the commercial property. However, it was commented that the plans were an improvement on what was currently there and an improvement on the previous plans.

The meeting was reconvened at 19.53 hrs.

3. **Matters arising from the previous ordinary meeting** (not already covered under another item and not for decision at this meeting)
None.

4. **Finances**

I) Bank Accounts: as at 31st March 2017 (end of day) the reserve account held £20,809 and current account £18,481.19. taking into consideration unpresented cheques the balance stood at £38,302.43

II) Income received:

£101.26 Public donations for the Public Conveniences

III) Cheques raised since the last meeting:

£ 841.10 March Salaries

£ 20.56 B Gray: refund for toilets maintenance and requisites (HMRC to refund £4.81)

£ 18.13 J Perkins: refund for new wooden posts for original council noticeboard

£ 12.00 B Gray: refund for keys for toilet cupboard (HMRC to refund £2.00)

£ 43.95 M Philo: refund for presentation gifts

£ 48.75 J Harron: Payroll Jan to Mar 2017

£ 72.60 HMRC: PAYE

IV) Agreement of cheques to be drawn:

£ 21.31 Office Depot: Large black ink (HMRC to refund £3.55)

£ 58.57 M Philo: Parish Meeting refreshments

£ 48.18 M Philo: admin costs – room, car, stamps x 2

Salaries to be paid at the end of the month following receipt of time sheets

V) **It was resolved that the Clerk's salary to be in line with scale point 22 as agreed by National Association of Local Councils and the Society for Local Council Clerks.** Proposed Cllr. Jenkins and seconded Cllr. Vane.

5. **Planning**

Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 sch1/2010

I) Ashford Borough Decisions Advised:

16/00035/AS Sixty-Six Farm, Tenterden Road: Alterations to building approved under reference 16/0978AS to facilitate use as annex for dependent relatives – Permitted.

17/00056/AS Corner Cottage, Military Road: Single storey rear infill extension and new pitched roof to garage – Permitted.

17/00244/AS Park Farm School Road: Conversion of triple garage to holiday accommodation including the addition of 2 dormers to front elevation and 2 velux windows to rear roof slope – Permitted.

II) New applications considered by A.P.C.:

a)17/00375/AS 1 The Street: Part demolition, restoration and conversion, and extension to existing site to six residential units one of which will be a live/work unit. Appledore Parish Council voted to object to this application for the following reasons:

1) Access may not be enough to allow emergency services to reach all properties

2) No provision of turning circle at the rear of the cul-de-sac

3) No continued right of access to Church House mentioned

4) The reduction by one of the number of houses would allow for a turning circle

5) Church bell ringing should not be curtailed as a result of the residential development

b) 17/0059/TP Site of 1 Court Lodge Road: 5 scots pine (T34 -T38) - fell and 1 elder (T40) – fell. Appledore Parish Council voted to object and commented. See attachment. There was one abstention.

6. Highways and Byways

I) **It was resolved to obtain costings and procedural knowledge for all highways safety schemes within the next 6 months and to then hold a dedicated meeting to review each one in order to prioritise future highways work by the parish council. (A 3 month inhouse review of progress made).** Proposer Cllr. Perkins and seconded Cllr. Winter.

II) Refurbishment of Appledore Sign as one enters the village from the South at the Military Canal: The council were in support of the idea and other quotes were to be obtained.

III) Refurbished Noticeboard header: The council were in support of the idea to provide the board with a header 'Visitor and Local Events Info.'. Styles and costings to be obtained.

II) Overgrown grass verges and pavements: Contact with Aspire had been made.

IV) Griffin Cottage footpath: Neighbouring residents were being asked to confirm their original support for the scheme and if they would be prepared to lose some land if need be.

V) Kent Highways Provision team were working to provide information on costs and procedures for parish council funded schemes.

VI) Necked Lights: The report on findings was still not at hand and it was anticipated that it should be completed by the end of April.

VII) Tenterden Forum: Communities were being asked about their access to broadband. Appledore appeared to have mixed levels of broadband.

7. Public Conveniences

Two volunteers had come forward to assist with painting the interior. A quote for replacement doors was being sought. It was confirmed that the toilets would be open during the car rally but it was put that the rally should make a contribution.

8. It was resolved to write to the local MP to gain his support for the removal of business rates from public conveniences.

Proposed by Cllr. Hennig and seconded by Cllr. Winter

9. Following a supported amendment, it was resolved to donate £250 to Appledore Local History Society towards a beacon on Mill Hill to be used for any future celebrations.

Proposed by Cllr. Hennig and seconded by Cllr. Wilkinson.

10. Information for Councillors

The council had received a thank you letter from Air Ambulance.

BT Phone Box: The council had been asked, by BT, to ascertain exactly who owned the land on which the Phone Box stood.

Defibrillators: Two quotes had been obtained a further quote was being obtained. It was pointed out that the exterior lighting on the roadside wall of the toilets would need to work in order to light the defibrillator so as to be useable.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 9th May 2017 at 19.30hrs in the village hall.