



Minutes of the Meeting on 4th September 2017 at 19.30 hrs Appledore Village Hall

Present

Cllrs.: James Perkins (Chair), Helen Hennig, Charles Wilkinson, Chris Vane and Derek Winter.
In Attendance: County Cllr. Mike Hill, Borough Cllr. Mike Burgess and the Clerk Mary Philo.
Members of the Public: 6

1. Formalities

- I) The council was quorate. LGA Act 1972 sch12, 12/28/45
- II) Apologies had been received from Cllr. Jenkins. LGA Act 1972 sch12, 12
- III) Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Vane - planning application 17/01149/AS Saxon House
Dispensations request received: None Code of Conduct

2. Approval of Draft minutes

Following correction of noted time for Public Forum having commenced, **it was resolved to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 7th August 2017 as a true record.** Proposed Cllr. Winter and seconded Cllr. Vane. LGA Act 1972 sch12,19.1

The meeting was adjourned at 19.33 hrs.

Report by County Cllr. Hill

The county council had returned from summer recess to consider setting the budget for next year whilst having to make a further 18 million savings. The free schools program would not produce, in time, the required number of new schools needed for the coming increase in school children numbers. County Council would have to plan to cover the issue. The County's Children Services, previously rated as inadequate, had been recently Ofsted inspected and been judged to be "good". Cllr. Hill had visited Fourwents Crossroads with Cllrs. Wilkinson and Hennig. He believed that no major work would resolve the issue but improving signage and keeping the hedges cut right back would help. He had also visited the road narrowing near Court Lodge/ The Street junction.

Report by Borough Cllr. Burgess

The draft Local Plan 2030 2nd consultation had ended on the 31st August. All comments would be considered. The plan ought to be ready by the end of the year for inspection by the Secretary of State's Inspector.

Public Questions

Parked vehicles along Kenardington Road – One vehicle and some rubbish had been removed so far. Public authorities would continue to try to assist, so as to resolve the issue.

Wish Bridge – A request had been made for this area to be included within the route study.

Avery's outhouse building conversion to B & B – Concern was expressed about the level of demolition undertaken before rebuilding.

Court Lodge Roadside Parking – Concern was expressed that the damage to the verges opposite building site would not be remedied by the developer. Furthermore, the required landscaping at the front was still outstanding. Questions were raised if the planning officer would be visiting the site. Complaints were received about the drains there overflowing. Cllr. Burgess would speak to the planning officer and building control about these issues.

Footpaths – Following query it was advised that the small diversion of the footpath at Magpie Development was to alter the path to follow the house land boundary. A suitable path surface would be provided. The overgrown brambles on the Old School Footpath were raised.

The meeting was reconvened at 19.48 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 August the reserve account stood at £20,809.92 (August interest 18p) and the current account at £ 20,678.85, after unrepresented cheque amounts deducted.

II) Income received:

£ 149.52 Public donations from the toilets

£ 32.64 Natwest Bank -payment so the council was not out of pocket for overpayment of water bill

£103.00 HMRC: vat reclaim on latter period last financial year

II) Cheques raised since the last meeting:

£ 857.30 August salaries

£ 100.00 Appledore Methodist Church

II) It was resolved to agree to draw the following:

£ 6.00 M Philo refund: Land registry document required by BT for adoption of K6 kiosk

£ 64.36 M Philo Admin Costs: Room £30, Car £ 33.80, postage 56p

£ 104.22 M Philo: refund for paediatric and adult pads for defibrillator (HMRC refund £17.37)

£ 18.72 KCS Commercial Services: Toilet requisites (HMRC to refund £3.12)

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

5. **Planning**

Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 sch1/2010

I) Ashford Borough Decisions Advised:

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 – Withdrawn by applicant.

II) New applications for A.P.C. to consider and vote on:

Cllr. Vane left the room during the discussion and vote on the following item:

a) **17/01149/AS Saxon House, 34 The Street: Erection of greenhouse. Appledore Parish Council voted to support.** Proposed Cllr. Hennig and seconded Cllr. Winter.

b) **17/01238/AS Court Barn, Court Lodge Road: Proposed variations to previously approved Listed Building Consent 15/00848/AS & 16/01303/AS. Replace existing ground floor doors to east elevation of annexe building. Add glazing to top half of ground floor double doors (D G.04) on the north elevation of annexe (end wall). Replace existing modern, painted glazed screen (W G.11) to match adjacent 4-light window to the north elevation of the main barn. Appledore Parish Council voted to support.** Proposed Cllr. Wilkinson and seconded Cllr. Vane.

III) Having reviewed the paperwork, the council was satisfied with the proposed relocation and had no concerns. Public Rights of Way Officer to be advised.

6. **It was resolved to hold a paper ballot for the vote on co-opting a resident to fill the current vacancy.** Proposed Cllr. Winter and seconded Cllr. Hennig. Appledore PC Co-option Policy

7. **Having held a paper ballot, the clerk announced that it had been resolved to co-opt Dr. Julian Colledge.**

8. **Highways and Byways**

I) Following advice that each cut would cost £31.25, **it was resolved to contract Aspire for three further cuts to the verges at Mannerings Corner and Canal Bridge.** Quotes for an annual contract for next year to be considered.

II) Other highways issues

Caretaker scheme – details of how the scheme worked to be investigated Cllr. Hennig.

Parking outside the Methodist Chapel – Although the situation had improved, the issue still existed. The council to write to home owners in the vicinity.

Community Rail Partnership – Cllr. Hennig had gathered a group together to look at station improvements. Cllr. Burgess had advised the partnership representative of the parish council next meetings so he could attend to provide more information. The stations at Ham Street and Winchelsea were examples of the partnerships success.

9. As the council field would become a residential area, **it was resolved to delegate the clerk to organise a contractor to maintain the grass on the field for the remaining year.** Proposed Cllr. Perkins and seconded Cllr. Vane. LGA 1972 s111
10. **Public Conveniences**
A further £79.17 in donations had been received bringing the total to £921.91 (including the £100 compensation), It was almost 12 months since the donation boxes had been installed. Cllr. Hennig would be meeting with residents about Sandhurst loos. Work on repairing and repainting the doors would be underway shortly. Additionally, **it was resolved to delegate to Cllr. Hennig and the Clerk, choice of contractor to refurbish (remove paper, fill and paint) the ceilings and the choice of contractor to replace a ladies' toilet cistern.** Proposed Cllr. Hennig and seconded Cllr. Winter. Public Health Act 1936
11. **Village Hall**
A new hall management committee was in place, council representatives to keep the council up to date with the committees' progress, at the monthly council meeting. Currently the hall committee were aiming to change the misleading sign on the hall verge. The committee would hope for some financial support from the parish council.
12. **Recreation Ground**
There had been no ground management committee meeting since the last council meeting. It was noted that the play area bark was looking tired with grass growing in it. Council representative to mention it at next meeting. It was requested that the committee ask hirers to take away all their rubbish, as rubbish had been found at the bin at the public toilets. The clerk to provide contact details of ROSPA for the ground committee.
13. The open letter addressed the issue of villages merging through growth thus removing any green open spaces and the pressure upon Planning Authorities to allow inappropriate development when home building targets were not met. **It was resolved to support the open letter to the Minister of State for Housing and Planning and to delegate the Chairman and Clerk agreement of minor amendments.** Proposed Cllr. Winter and seconded Cllr. Vane.
14. **Information for Councillors**
Annual Parish Information and Communication Forum – 3rd October, Aldington, 9.30am – 3pm – Cllrs to check their availability.
Allotments - The allotments are a separate charitable entity who have not responded to outside suggestions.
Ashford Area Local Councils next meeting 20th September – Cllrs to check their availability.

Country Park Strategy Consultation – The 3 main aims are to maintain the parks, increase the numbers using them and to make them self-funding.

K6 Telephone Box – BT have signed the contract and have scheduled the removal of the phone facility.

Necked Lights – These have had their posts replaced and now function.

15. Date of Next Meeting

2nd October 2017 19.30hrs in the village hall. The meeting closed at 20.45 hrs.