



**Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 5th June 2017
at 17.30 hrs. Appledore Village Hall**

Present

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

In Attendance: County Cllr. Mike Hill, Borough Cllr. Mike Burgess, Community Warden Jo Vos and the Clerk Mary Philo.

Members of the Public: 7

1. Formalities

- I) The council was quorate. LGA 1972 sch12, 12/2.8/45
- II) The Chair announced that Jasmin Kellar had resigned and the council was awaiting confirmation as to whether there would be a bi-election or co-option for the vacancy. LGA 1972 sch12, 12
- III) Declarations of Interest and dispensations: None Code of Conduct

2. Approval of Draft minutes

It was, unanimously, resolved to agree the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th May 2017 as a true record. Proposed by Cllr. Vane and seconded by Cllr. Hennig LGA 1972 sch12,19.1

The meeting was adjourned.

Anthony Ralph of Tgdesignerhomes – Magpie Farm Development.

Ecology requirements were delaying the start of construction however the road connection would be executed shortly. The council would be advised of the dates for the approx. 5 days of road works.

Site 1 Court Lodge Road: Conversion of Car Port – When questioned, the council advised that they had commented on the lack of parking however the application had been permitted.

Correspondence – It was noted that correspondence was not an agenda item. It was advised that the number of emails received was far too large to list and that relevant items were included within the agenda. There was no legal requirement to list correspondence.

Report by Mick Burgess

Mick hoped to work with Cllr. Hennig on the rail partnership to improve the Appledore Train Station. Mick was thanked for assisting with the unkempt cottage near the shop being restored. The house was now being occupied.

French Car in Hall Car Park – The community warden would source the contact details for the borough abandoned vehicles removal service. Clerk to put a notice on the car. It was suggested that a deadline of six months be set to have the car removed. It was noted that Cllr. Hennig felt that action should be taken more quickly.

Court Lodge Development Trees – A.B.C. was not able to fine the developer but hoped to require semi mature trees to be planted in replacement.

Report by County Cllr. Mike Hill

Following his re-election. Mike had retained his portfolio. The county council had 40 new members and the conservative party had 81 members. Work had already commenced on the budget to allow for time to advise people and for consultations. Rising inflation would have to be factored in.

The meeting was reconvened and the chair brought forward items 7 and 8

7. **Magpie Farm Drive Access**

It was noted that Magpie Farm development could be built with just a single-track lane, however Magpie Farm homes and those future ones on the council field would benefit from a safer access point on to the main highway and a clearer route for the footpath. The increase in cost to Magpie Farm of providing service ducts for both Magpie Farm development and the council field at the same time was small. In general, a connection on to the main road services cost around £10,000. **Thus, it was, unanimously, resolved to consider Anthony Ralph of TGdesignerhomes proposal of altering the access to Magpie Farm from single traffic lane to two way with pavement, resulting in an increase in easement over the council field with the provision of a suitable road with service ducts, drainage, sewers and fencing, subject to a final agreement, following valuation and terms of easement.** Proposed by Cllr. Vane and seconded by Cllr. Winter

LGA 1972 s111

8. In order to prevent building traffic – lorries and vans – from clogging up the main road near Magpie Farm, it had been suggested that these vehicles could be parked on the council field. A crushed stone surface could be laid if not contrary to environmental protection. **It was, unanimously, resolved to agree to the use of the council field for parking during the building of Magpie Farm houses, with the field to be returned to its original condition upon completion of works.** Proposed by Cllr. Vane and seconded by Cllr. Winter.

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The meeting was adjourned for the Community Warden's Report (Jo Vos)

The warden had continued to attend the toddler and carm group.

The meeting was reconvened

3. **Matters arising from the previous ordinary meeting** (not already covered under another item and not for decision at this meeting)

Licences – It appeared from the notice advertising the recent licence request, that only those wishing to object would contact the borough council.

Original Noticeboard Header – The clerk advised that this was still outstanding to be done.

4. **Finances**

I) Bank Accounts as at 31st May balance stood at £ 44,123.89

II) Income Received:

£ 109.95 Public Donations from toilets

III) Cheques raised since the last meeting:

£855.90 May Salaries

IV) It was resolved to draw the following cheques:

£ 124.80 M Philo Admin Costs: Room £30, Car £ 33.80, Folder £1 (20p vat), refund for online High Speed Training £60 (HMRC to refund £10.20)

£6.00 B Gray refund for 2 signs for the public toilets

£78.00 Care Signs: work on Appledore Sign (HMRC to refund £13.00)

£99.38 SSE Southern: toilets Electricity for Jan to Apr 2017

£307.80 D Ward Electrical: installation of defibrillator

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

V) **It was, unanimously, resolved to amend the stated asset value on the annual return from £10,949 to £10,955 (increase to comply with external auditor requirement to value the 6 benches and signs of unknown purchase price as £1).** Proposed by Cllr. Perkins and seconded by Cllr. Jenkins.

VI) Following the decision to list the millennium sign as a parish council asset, **it was, unanimously, resolved to insure the millennium sign.** Clerk to write to the recreation ground to remove it from their insurance cover. Proposed Cllr. Vane and seconded by Cllr. Winter LGA 1972 s145

VII) Following the discussion with the Recreation Ground Management Committee regarding the grass cutting of the recreation ground and surrounding areas, **it was resolved, by a majority, to contract Gibbs and Son to cut the grass alongside road of play area, grass opposite side of road and around the toilet at £20 per cut plus VAT, for this calendar year** (approximately 12 cuts, dependent on weather). Proposed by Cllr. Vane and seconded by Cllr. Winter LGA 1972 s111

5. Planning

Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 sch1/2010

I) Ashford Borough Decisions Advised:

17/00499/AS Park House, Tenterden Road: Proposed Garden pavilion (revised dimensions as approved under 17/00012/AS) – Permitted by Ashford Borough Council.

II) New applications considered by A.P.C.: None

6. Item 6 was deferred as the application had been withdrawn.

9. Highways and Byways

Aspire – Cllr. Hennig had met with the manager of Aspire. County Highways cut the swathe/verge twice a year. The parish council could contract Aspire to carry out additional cuts.

Necked Lights – awaiting schedule of works.

Appledore Invicta Sign – This had been sand blasted and repainted and returned to its road side position. Thanks, were expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Ward for part financing the project.

Heathside and Court Lodge Road Signs – New road signs should be installed at the end of June.

Ferry Sign Appledore – This was still being looked at.

Parking outside the Methodist Chapel – Highways advice had been to first speak with those responsible for blocking the entrance and verge/footpath at the Chapel. Otherwise Kent Highways could send those involved a letter.

The meeting was adjourned to discuss the accident at Fourwents Crossroads

On the 24th May, an older lady had been knock down by a car at the junction and she had had to be air lifted to King's College, London. She had a broken cheek and rib bones but was now making a recovery. It was thought that, the lack of a pavement would not, in this instance, have made a difference, as the person was crossing from an unusual place. Hedges on the corner hinder visibility though these are cut twice a year. It was suggested that residents should wait for the police report. Ideas for improving the safety of pedestrians crossing included a variety of measures to slow traffic such as flashing sign, gated access and an alteration of the footpath to make pedestrians cross from the safest point. The accident had raised residents' concerns regarding speeding vehicles in the vicinity of the shop and a petition had been signed. Residents might wish to volunteer for Community Speed Watch. Cllr. Hill advised that as part of his portfolio he would be able to speak with Schemes Planning and Delivery Team about possible highways improvements.

The meeting was reconvened.

10. Public Conveniences

Public Donations continued £58.72. Mr. Wickens would be contacted to repair the fence. One of the lady's toilets would be closed during the coming cycle ride as it would block with the high usage.

11. Recreation Ground Report

The ground's finances were stable. Plans to improve the tennis court and muga surface and lines were progressing. Several events would be held: 9th July – Dog Show: 16th July – Car rally: 23/24 July – football tournament. An under 8 and under 11 football team would be starting in September, subject to DBS certificates being received. The ground would purchase the goal posts for them. Hirer

charges had been revised. The committee would remind hirers of their responsibility to take all rubbish home.

12. Information for Councillors

Parkwood – One of the bridges was in very poor condition and the wood had been closed off by an off-road cycle ride group. Much litter was left behind after these events. Cllr. Hill to look into both of these.

K6 Phone Box – BT had accepted the information provided regarding the land ownership issue and had forwarded a contract to be signed which would be brought to the next meeting. The contract made clear that the power supply for a defibrillator would be guaranteed for only 6 years and the installation by an approved fitter of an approved defibrillator would only be acceptable.

Car Rally – use of council field for parking – The recreation ground committee had verbally requested to use the council field. This would be acceptable to councillors and would be put for agreement on the next agenda. The Clerk advised that the council's insurance required a risk assessment from the committee and proof of Public Liability Insurance for the event from the committee.

Men of Kent – A letter advising of best village in Kent for trees competition.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 3rd July 2017, 19.30hrs in the village hall.