



**Minutes of the Meeting on 6th March 2017 at 19.30 hrs
Appledore Village Hall**

Present

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

In Attendance: County Cllr Mike Hill, and the Clerk Mary Philo.

Members of the Public: 13

1. Formalities

I) The Council was quorate.

LGA Act 1972 sch12, 12/28/45

II) Cllrs Burgess and Winter; Footpath Warden K. Girkin

LGA Act 1972 sch12, 12

III) Declarations of Interest and dispensations: None.

Code of Conduct

2. Approval of Draft minutes

It was resolved to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2017 as a true

record. Proposed Cllr. Jenkins. Seconded Cllr. Kellar.

LGA Act 1972 sch12,19.1

The meeting was adjourned.

Report by County Cllr. Hill

County Council Tax 2017 -2018: This would increase by 2% (£12 million) and a further 2% for Adult Social Care. Current problems included the continuing closure of private care homes and hospital accident and emergency departments being jammed with patients requiring care in the home or in residential care.

Volunteer Warden Scheme: 26 parishes had signed up to the scheme: Volunteer wardens would provide advice and assistance at a local level. Parishes could join at a later date should they so wish.

4th May 2017 County Elections: County Cllr. Hill would be standing.

Public Questions

Community Infrastructure Levy/ Section 106 Funds: A resident enquired where the funds taken from new housing development were spent. It was noted that with the large amount of building in the area these funds represented a considerable sum. It was advised that the money supported the borough council running costs now that the central government funding was being reduced.

Housing Survey for Appledore: In response to a resident, it was advised that the survey costs were covered by Ashford Borough Council.

Online COSHH training: A website was recommended by a parishioner.

Air Ambulance Donation: The public made comments of support for a donation but it was noted that the service ought to be government funded.

Badger's Brook possible new house: Initial enquiries were being made for a modern zero carbon single storey home, of exceptional design quality, for the northeast area of the field behind the property.

Land Behind the Old Surgery: The owner had put in another application with minor adjustments as Ashford Planning Department was no longer able to defer the application.

Historic Sketch of Appledore: Caroline Brennan had donated to the village her recent interpretation of a historic sketch of Appledore, incorporating all the aspects that still existed and new features such as the Norfolk rushes. The picture framers in Rolvenden had provided the frame for free. It was suggested that the picture should be hung in the various venues, in turn, in Appledore. The council thanked Caroline for her generosity.

The meeting was reconvened at 20.05 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 28th February 2017, current account £19,726 and Reserve Account £ 20,809. After unpresented cheques the final balance was £ 39,704.

II) Cheques raised since the last meeting:

£831.70 February Salaries

II) It was resolved to draw the following cheques:

£ 28.88 Helen Hennig/Paris: refund of costs for painting Appledore Stores noticeboard

£16.99 Helen Hennig/Paris: refund of costs for painting Appledore Stores noticeboard

£28.18 M Philo: refund for two protective coats for the toilets cleaner (HMRC to refund£4.70)

£64.81 Southern Water Waste for the public conveniences

£12.90 Kent County Council (KCS): requisites for the public conveniences (HMRC to refund £2.15)

£73.87 M Philo administration costs: room, car, laminate sheets x 2, key for noticeboard (HMRC to refund £4.50)

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:

17/00012/AS Park House: Construction of contemporary garden pavilion and natural swimming pool. Permitted.

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

a) **17/00133/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. A.P.C. voted to support.**

A.P.C. voted to support.

b) **17/00244/AS Land to the rear and north of the Old Surgery: Erection of 4 detached houses together with associated access. A.P.C. voted to support the present application. However, the parish council would prefer the area to be part of the Local Plan 2030 possible site for proposed development (site 26): Appledore, The Street.**

6. Highways and Byways

I) **Necked lights:** The necked lights in Appledore had been deemed a safety issue and so these would be replaced and maintained by A.B.C./K.C.C. No time scale had been provided.

II) **Griffin Cottages footpath:** A basic ball park figure for the actual work of £6,000 per 10 metres had been suggested as a guide. There would also be other costs such as architects and legal costs. A cheaper solution had been suggested: making that section of the road one way leaving Appledore, with traffic into Appledore using School road and Tenterden Road.

III) **Pedestrian crossing near the recreation ground:** Procedure and costings were being looked at.

IV) **Priority give way sign for the narrows, The Street:** Distance and safety regulations for installing 'Priority Give Way' signs meant that in order to obtain approval for them, that a consultant would need to be used to draw up plans and that funding would have to be sought by the parish council.

V) **Church Pavement:** It had been advised that K.C.C. highways were unlikely to relay the path by the church.

VI) **Trucks and Satnav:** Trucks were using the road through Appledore as there was no weight restrictions preventing them from doing so.

Cllr. Wilkinson suggested that the parish council ought to review highways issues altogether, considering costs, time to complete and effectiveness, with the aim of prioritising them for actioning.

7. **Public Conveniences**

Waste Water Supply Provider: Southern Water had sold its business to Business Stream who will be the new provider as of 1st April 2017. (South East Water supplies fresh water to the convenience).

Donations: £83.60

Maintenance: The cisterns were old and needed maintenance.

Cleaner: Cllr. Hennig had cleaned the toilets while the cleaner had recovered from an operation on her hand. Clerk to look into statutory sick pay.

Public Feedback: A note had been left congratulating the council on the standard of cleanliness.

8. **It was resolved to sign the Armed Forces Covenant.** Proposed Cllr. Jenkins. Seconded Cllr. Kellar.

9. **It was resolved to pay for online COSHH training for the public conveniences' cleaner and Cllr. Hennig.** Proposed Cllr. Hennig. Seconded Cllr. Kellar.

10. **It was resolved to increase the Chairman's allowance by £50 to allow for any gift and presentations for the current financial year.** Proposed Cllr. Vane. Seconded Cllr. Kellar.

11. **It was resolved to acquire Adobe Photoshop Elements 15 (approx. cost £65).** Proposed Cllr. Vane. Seconded Cllr. Perkins.

12. **Following a seconded proposal to increase the amount of money, it was resolved to donate £250 to Kent Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance.** Proposed Cllr. Vane. Seconded Cllr. Wilkinson.

13. **It was resolved to agree financial regulations.** Proposed Cllr. Vane. Seconded Cllr. Wilkinson.

14. **Information for Councillors**

BTK6 Phone Box: BT had advised that the council would be allowed to adopt the phone box and would be sending paperwork.

Queen's birthday tree and benches: Following the objection of a resident to the first site, a further site was being looked into as to ownership.

Defibrillator Installation: First attempts at obtaining quotes had been unsuccessful.

P.C.S.O. Dan Smith report: More speed checks had been carried out.

Request for donation from the History Society for the Beacon: Item to be added to next agenda for a donation of £200 (50%) of the cost. It was noted that some costs had been donated.

15. **Date of Next Meeting**

3rd April 2017 19.30hrs in the village hall. Parish Meeting Monday 20th March 19.30 hrs village hall – refreshments would be served.