



Minutes of the Meeting on 20th June 2016 at 19.30hrs Appledore Village Hall

Present

Cllrs James Perkins (Chair), Helen Hennig, Jasmin Kellar, Chris Vane and Charles Wilkinson.
In attendance: Borough Cllr. Mick Burgess and the Clerk Mary Philo.

1. Formalities

- I. The council was quorate.
- II. Apologies were received from County Cllr Mike Hill and Cllrs Jenkins and Winter.
- III. Declarations of interest and dispensations: none.

2. Approval of Draft Minutes

It was resolved to agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th May 2016 as a true record. Proposer Charles Wilkinson. Seconded James Perkins.

Meeting was adjourned

Report Cllr Mick Burgess

The recent Ashford Borough Full Planning Committee had approved a development for 600 houses between Victoria Road and the railway line.
Flagpoles under 4 and a half metres in height did not require planning permission.

Cllr Hennig advised that Borough Cllr Burgess was assisting with 61 The Street.

Public Questions

Wish Bridge - It was suggested that the goat willows growing by Wish Bridge should be removed to improve drivers' visibility so as to safely cross the narrow bridge. Cllrs Wilkinson and Hennig to speak to Highways.

Planning Application for chalet on land next to Prospect House, School Road - Neighbouring property owners expressed their objection to the development.

Speed Watch Data - It was advised that cars can only be reported when they are travelling in significant excess of speed limits as a result of the legal requirements on manufacturers of the speed monitor in cars and the radar device.

Tenterden Road Junction Manhole - Loose bricks around drain cover was advised. Cllr Wilkinson to report.

Public Convenience Lay-by Flooded - It was reported that the flooding demonstrated that the drains were probably blocked. Cllrs Wilkinson and Hennig to report.

Kerb Stone Replacement in the Street - Concern was expressed regarding where the replacement kerb stones were coming from. It was advised that replacement stones that were incorrectly sited would be used to replace the damaged and broken ones in the area. It was further advised that Kent County Council Highways Department had apologised about the incorrectly placed cones along the roadside and last minute cancellation of works. Residents within the road works would receive a further letter advising when they would happen.

Additional Rubbish left at the public conveniences' road side bin –Rubbish bags had been ripped open by wildlife leaving a mess. It was believed that some bags were left by the recreation ground pavilion hirers and some anonymously. Cllr Hennig to report to Recreation Ground Management Committee. Currently the excess rubbish was still being collected.

The meeting was reconvened

3. Matters Arising

Defibrillator – Due to the possibility of the council meeting day being changed no information session had been booked with John Rivers. It was finalised that it would be better to arrange it for September/October after the summer holidays.

Letter to visiting groups regarding the free village hall parking - Cllrs Wilkinson and Hennig to take this on.

4. Finances

I. Following requotes, to include installation and for two oak parish council noticeboards of different sizes to be sited on the wall of Appledore Stores and on the entrance verge of Heathside, it was resolved to agree a further expenditure of £1,095.00 (in addition to the £800 already agreed in 2015). Proposer Cllr Wilkinson. Seconded Cllr Hennig (LGA 1972, s111, 1/2)

II. Cheques drawn since the last ordinary meeting:

£698.70	Salaries
£76.58	SSE: Public Conveniences Electricity
£50.73 monthly	KS&S Accountancy: Standing order for April, May and June (VAT £8.45 for each month) Last payment to KS&S in June.

Agreed cheques to be drawn:

£1,137.00	Growth Rings C.I.C.: 50% deposit for two oak noticeboards (VAT £189)
£202.00	BritishBins Ltd: 2 red 200ltr grit salt bins (VAT £33.80) (Highways Act 1980, part IV 43)
£27.00	Care Signs: labels for salt bins (VAT £4.50)
£32.56	Office Depot: 2 black inks and 1 yellow (VAT 5.43)
£43.40	Kent County Council Commercial Services: public convenience requisites (VAT £7.23)
£ 32.00	M Philo: 2 toilet seats (VAT £5.34)
£51.25	M Philo: Admin costs – room £30, Car £16.90, postage £1.85, paper £2.50 (VAT 42p)
£432.00	Calendar Cleaning – Deep clean of public conveniences (VAT £72)
To be advised	Salaries

5. It was resolved to move the monthly ordinary council meeting to the 1st Monday in the month. Proposer Cllr Perkins, seconded Cllr Vane (LGA Act 1972 sch12, 8.2/10.1)

6. It was resolved to sign the hire agreement with Appledore Village Hall Management Committee for council meetings as per the agreement provided with the terms and conditions attached, at £15 per meeting (£170 for 12 meetings), allowance has been given by the Village Hall Management Committee for some shorter extraordinary meetings at no cost. Proposer Cllr Vane. Seconded Cllr Wilkinson (LGA Act 1972 sch12, 8)

7. Planning

I) Decisions received from Ashford Borough Council:

a) 16/00185/AS – Former Railway Hotel – omit 2 car barns to allow 4 additional parking spaces – permitted.

- b) 16/00407/AS – 29 Heathside – change of use of land to create vehicle access – permitted.
- c) 16/00476/AS – Avery's 42-44 The Street – change of use of outbuilding to B&B – permitted with conditions.
- d) 16/00555/AS – Gusbourne Vineyard – creation of new access along Kenardington Rd – permitted.
- e) 16/00556/AS – The Surgery, The Street – change of use to domestic property and double garage – permitted.

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

- a) **16/00677/AS – 1 Court Lodge Rd** – proposed residential development of 4 detached houses with garage/port and associated landscaping (AS/81/1328, 05/012757/AS, 09/01160/AS – Conditions 3-12,13 & 17 being discharged). **A.P.C. voted to support the application.**
- b) **16/00702/AS – Land next to Prospect House, School Rd** – construction of detached chalet style dwelling. **A.P.C. voted to object on the basis 1) the plans are inaccurate 2) the wildlife survey seems insufficient as two further ponds within the vicinity are not covered 3) the design and footprint is out of keeping with the rural character of the area.**

The council was advised that 1 The Street (Haynes) was currently up for sale.

8. It was resolved to agree the Grievance Policy for Appledore Parish Council.

Proposer Cllr Perkins. Seconded Cllr Kellar

(Recommended Good Practice)

9. Highways and Bye ways

I) Report from Footpath Warden Ken Girken

There were no issues to report. The May walk from Court Lodge to the Ferry had found the path clear. The June walk was abandoned due to thunderstorms.

II) Report on Community Speed Watch – Clerk

Cllrs had received a report comparing the allocated sites for effectiveness and comparing available radar devices. The Speed Watch sessions held demonstrated a need for action by the recreation ground as drivers sped up between the village hall and the Heath in both directions. Appledore's group was on the list to be considered, in September 2016, for 50% funding from Kent Community Watch for the radar hand held device attached to a display monitor that stands on a 3ft tripod. Total cost £2,200 plus VAT. £1,500 had been budgeted for Community Speed Watch. There was also the option to request Highways to assess the village, for three sites, for a movable speed display sign on pole, such as the one in Ham Street. No funding from Highways was available but there were other sources. Total cost around £5,000. Fixed Speed Indication Devices on poles such as Wittersham/Tenterden had proved very unsuccessful without enforcement alongside. Concern was expressed about the low level of volunteers. It was suggested that Cllr Hennig and Wilkinson to review and come back to the council.

III) Cllr Wilkinson advised that he was trying to get the verges between the village and the station and out towards Rye cut.

10. Public Conveniences

Time was revealing that there was no need for cleaning on Sundays but otherwise a daily visit to either quick refresh with spot clean/check or a full clean, was needed on all the other days. This would mean a cost of £45 per week. The new cleaner was very invested in the job and had provided free new Gents and Ladies signs as well as four potted up hanging baskets (vandal proofed). The toilets had been kept clean. New lady's sanitary bins and other items were being considered. The total sum saved by Cllr Hennig carrying out the cleaning was £2,480.

11. As part of the Public Works Loan Board consultation, it was resolved to agree to the new management reorganisation and to comment that there should be an opportunity to repay loans early. Proposed Cllr Hennig. Seconded Cllr Kellar.

12. Queen's 90th Birthday Tree

Following receipt of the letter from the Queen's Lady-in-waiting, it was resolved to liaise with local organisations with regard to the tree selection, location and planting but the final decision would rest with the parish council. Proposer Cllr Vane. Seconded Cllr Perkins

(Highways Act 1980)

13. Information for Councillors

Website – The new website was live and the Community website would be shortly coming down. Publicity for the new website was being considered. A request was made to include an item about the free village hall car park.

Memorial Benches – The family of May and Reg Browning had been advised about the approval, from K.C.C. and the accompanying terms, for a bench near the council noticeboard. The family would be meeting with the chair regarding the final details. It had been suggested that a bench in Parkwood would be a fitting location for a bench for Fred and Muriel Brown. It was proving difficult to obtain approval.

Consultation on A.B.C. Local Plan 2030 – This would run until the 10th August 2016. The Kentish Messenger had appeared to have misquoted the document. The document was large and covered each stage of the plans development. The plan was to be checked to confirm exactly what was the final position with regard to Appledore. Cllr Burgess reminded all that there was still a long process ahead. There were several hoops to jump, including a review by an independent Planning Inspector.

14. Date of Next Meeting

4th July 2016 19.30hrs in the village hall. Meeting closed at 20.40hrs.