

Meeting held on 15th July 2013

APPLEDORE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday, 15th July 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Cllr. Mrs F. Smith in the Chair, Cllr. A. D. Winter, Cllr. R. M. Bates, Cllr. T. W. Boorman, Cllr D. Hancock, Cllr. J. Wickens and the Clerk, Mrs M. Shaw.

In attendance: M. Burgess (Borough Councillor), L. Kidd (Community Warden) and 6 parishioners.

1. APOLOGIES:

Cllr. J. Perkins. (work commitment)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting, these were proposed by Cllr. A. D. Winter as a correct record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr. D. Hancock and unanimously agreed and these were duly signed by the Chairman, Cllr. Mrs F. Smith.

4 MATTERS ARISING:

Hawthorn Development – the parking facilities at the Village Hall will be used by the construction workers. At present it is chaotic for residents as the construction work has still not started and will obviously now extend throughout the Winter weather. There has been no communication with the residents despite an email from A.B.C. sent to the Clerk on 12th June.

Footway, Limen Cottages to Four Wents crossroads – the Chairman had contacted County Cllr. M. Hill to ascertain the costs of the project. In 2005 it was costed at £ 30,000, but there were apparently problems with gaining consent from land-owners.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

K.C.C. Highways - road works notifications - as circulated
K.C.C. "Cutting the Red Tape" - as circulated
Clerks & Councils Direct
K.A.L.C. Minutes
Parish Forum notes for 24th July 2013

Southern Water, 5 Year Business plan - as circulated
Village Hall lighting problems, etc. – Cllr. A. D. Winter is pursuing this with the installers.
Village Hall, long term future – Legal advice is to be sought on this.

6. FINANCE:

Current Account (as at 7th July 2013) £ 22,651 - 25

Bonus Saver Account £ 10,678 - 10

Income received:-

Interest £ 1 – 07, Quarterly Bonus £ 21 - 49 Total £ 22 – 56

Feed in Tariff, solar panels £ 475 - 13

Cheques were approved:-

Mr T. Hennessy, Street Cleaning,

Mrs J. Buller, Toilet Cleansing operative

KCS Toilet Cleaning materials £ £ 45 – 33 + V.A.T. £ 9 – 07 Total 54 - 40

South East Water, Toilets £ 20 – 77

Southern Electric, Toilets £ 51 – 45

Southern Water, Toilets £ 41 – 22

The Clerk gave a resume of the cost of the toilets to date, including labour costs, this amounted to £ 1,148 - 99

7. PLANNING:

Application:-

13/00574/AS Mr P Wilson, The Granary, Blackmore Farm - Glazed link between Granary & Garden Room.

The application was supported.

Approval received:-

13/00089/TC Mrs Elizabeth Mitchell, 56 The Street, Appledore.

Yew tree - Fell due to damage to adjacent pond retaining wall. Thurja tree group - crown reduce to improve overgrown appearance.

8. HIGHWAYS & BYWAYS:

(a) Car Park, Crown Estate and traffic calming – Mr C. Wilkinson reported that a further meeting is due to be held on 24th July between The Crown and K.C.C.

(b) Verges and kerbs, The Street. These have again been reported to K.C.C. Cllr J. Wickens to note the unstable kerbs which need to be reported.

(c) Potholes – various pot-holes are to be reported.

(d) The Footpath Wardens report had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting,

Mr K. Girkin elaborated on his report.

9. PUBLIC TOILETS:

The toilets electronic opening device has still not been fitted. Cllr. A. D. Winter had reminded A.B.C. yet again without success - Cllr J. Wickens has been opening these daily and will now pursue this. Cllr R. M. Bates suggested that a donation facility be provided for donations towards their upkeep, this will be given thought.

The suggestion of advertising space for local businesses is to be considered. A list is to be compiled of businesses.

10. PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

This matter had been the subject of several intimidating letters etc., to the Chairman and Clerk and was discussed. It was proposed by Cllr. A. D. Winter seconded by Cllr. R. M. Bates that only the approved Minutes would be published on the Parish Council web-site, the Parish Council Notice Board and also in the Parish Magazine and this was unanimously agreed.

11. COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT:

Mr L. Kidd read his report which reported no crimes, except the theft of one of the new wheelie bins – this was replaced by Ashford Borough Council.

12. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA and ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Items raised by the Public:-

Village Hall heating/lighting – this had already been discussed earlier.

It was established that Mr I. Bampton is not the Minutes Secretary of the Recreation Ground Management Committee but is the actual Secretary and all correspondence should go to him.

Notification changes to Planning Legislation - this had been discussed at the previous meeting and the relevant section of the Minutes was read out.

The subject of re-cycling was again raised. This will be discussed in due course by K.A.L.C. An item had been in the Parish Magazine encouraging residents to use the facilities in the Village Hall car park.

13. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting was agreed for Monday, 19th August 2013 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.43 p.m.
