

Parish Council Minutes - 18th February 2013

APPLEDORE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday, 18th February 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Cllr. Mrs F. Smith in the Chair, Cllr. A. D. Winter, Cllr R. M. Bates, Cllr. J. Perkins and the Clerk, Mrs M. Shaw.

In attendance: Ten parishioners and one visitor.

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. J. Wickens (Personal commitment)

NEW COUNCILLOR:

The Chairman welcomed Mr R. M. Bates back onto the Parish Council. Cllr. Bates had duly signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office prior to the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

5. Matters Arising:

a) The Plateau – it was understood from the visitor that the Environmental Study was taking place. Great concern was expressed that the site is an eyesore. As the owner was present it was formally requested by the Parish Council that this site be tidied up.

b) Electricity Feed-in tariff, Village Hall - the instruction manuals for the solar Heating and Village Hall keys have been returned. Edf will email the Clerk at the appropriate time for the next meter reading.

c) Discretionary Rate Relief – this will only affect premises already in receipt of rate relief, more would be known when A.B.C. are themselves aware.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

K.C.C. Changes to Management of PROW

Parish News

K.C.C. Re-surfacing closures - Ashford area

A.B.C. Garden Recycling scheme

Kent & Police Commissioners' Meeting – February 20th

Kent Minerals & Waste, Mineral Topics, Report 4

Mayors Charity Quiz

Proposed Wind Farm, Snave – letter asking for support in opposing this project. In principle this was agreed, but until a formal application is lodged with Shepway District Council there is nothing to actually comment on. The Clerk would circulate a detailed map of the proposed site.

The Chairman had received an acknowledgement of her comments on the A.B.C. "Plan-it" consultation.

7. FINANCE:

Current Account (as at 7th February 2012) £ 5,334 - 94

Bonus Saver Account £ 10,634 – 24

Income: 16th January 2013 EDF Energy Customer £ 88 - 36

Cheque was approved and signed:-

Mr T. Hennessy, Street Cleaning,

Cllr A. D. Winter was concerned about the finances and the expenditure over the last few years and suggested that a Financial Review should take place. The Clerk supported this and suggested that

this take place after the end of the current financial year when the Financial Statement had been completed.

8. PLANNING:

Refusal received from A.B.C.

12/01310/AS Miss Suzanne Jarvis, Land South East of May House, Tenterden Road, Appledore.

New detached dwelling and detached double garage – outline application

Following on from the approval of Application 12/01374/AS D & B. Lumsden, Griffin Farm, Appledore, it was requested that this site should be monitored for any possible contraventions in view of the past history of the site. Cllr A. D. Winter will do this.

9. HIGHWAYS & BYWAYS:

Car Park – Crown Estate. A meeting would be held between Cllr A. D. Winter, Mr I. Bampton and Mr C. Wilkinson on Saturday to discuss this further.

Traffic calming scheme - this apparently was due to commence today; no notification had been received by the Parish Council, although both Chairman and Vice-Chairman had been emailed. Work apparently had started but then was stopped. The Chairman will contact County Councillor, M. Hill on this.

Pot-holes – those along the Beckett Road are to be reported.

Street lights these have been repaired.

More of the kerbs in The Street still require re-bedding – Clerk to notify Highways.

The Footpath Warden gave his report which had also been circulated. He expressed concern about the vegetation clearance on PROWs

10. PUBLIC TOILETS:

A “hand-over” meeting will be held shortly by Ashford Borough Council when the packs have been completed.

11. Community Wardens Report:

The Community Warden, Mr Lee Kidd, had tendered his apologies and his report was circulated to councillors.

12. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA and ITEMS OF INTEREST:

The Car transporter previously parked at Hawthorn has now been moved to the front garden of 104 The Street – A.B.C. to be contacted regarding this.

Parishioners were reminded that Parish Council Public Notices and items of information are on the Notice Board adjacent to 60 The Street.

The date of the Parish Meeting was agreed for Monday, 22nd April at 7.30 p.m.

The information meeting for residents to hear the construction programme for the Hawthorn development would commence at 7 p.m. on 18th March 2013 prior to the Parish Council meeting. This to be notified in the Parish Magazine, the Clerk will circulate all Hawthorn residents nearer the time as a reminder.

13. Date of the Next Meeting:

This was agreed for Monday, 18th March 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.
