

Parish Council Meeting 18th March 2013

APPLEDORE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday, 18th March 2013 at 7 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

In attendance: Mr G. Holloway and Ms E. Mitchell (Ashford Borough Council)

Three representatives of DCB (Contractors for the Hawthorn Development)

33 parishioners and one visitor.

1. A.B.C. Presentation on Hawthorn construction programme:

Residents of Hawthorn had been specifically invited to hear the construction programme from Ashford Borough Council and their Contractors. The works will last in the region of forty-two weeks with construction of the parking facilities being the first priority. Residents and those affected were able to ask questions and overall there was great dissatisfaction that they had not been consulted. Although a meeting had been held in the Pavilion over a year ago the residents had not been updated. Following this it was agreed that a "newsletter" would be circulated within the next few days to them. Concern was raised by the occupiers of the garages who have already been given "notice to quit" and where are they to park their vehicles ? It was agreed that the garages will be demolished first and that area not cordoned off can be used up until construction commences. The contractors had requested use of the strip of Recreation Ground land which backs onto Hawthorn for parking their construction workers vehicles; this is the Recreation Ground Committees decision, not the Parish Council.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr. R. M. Bates declared a personal interest in Planning Application 13/00261/AS

3. 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.

4.. Matters Arising:

a) Car transporter – there is nothing that A.B.C. can do – email to the Clerk had been circulated to councillors.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk and Councils Direct

K.A.L.C. Minutes and Notices

Official resignation from Mr B. Wright – the Clerk will contact A.B.C. to instigate the procedures for filling this vacancy.

6. FINANCE:

Current Account (as at 7th March 2012) £ 5,077 - 44

Bonus Saver Account £ 10,634 – 24

Income received:-

Feed-in tariff £ 135 – 83

Street Cleaning Grant 2012/2013 £ 984 – 75

Cheques were approved and signed:-

Mr T. Hennessy, Street Cleaning,

HMRC PAYE 1st January 2013 to 31st March 2013

Administration expenses £ 150 – 77

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Filing and Storage equipment £ 75 plus £ 15 V.A.T. total £ 90

Gibbs and Son, Mowing, Recreation Ground £ 1,030 V.A.T. £ 206 Total due £ 1,236

Donation to the Parish Magazine – it was proposed by Cllr. A. D. Winter, seconded by Cllr. Mrs F. Smith that £200 be given, and unanimously agreed, cheque drawn accordingly.

7. PLANNING:

13/00179/AS Mr & Mrs D. Palmer, 4 Elm Tree, Appledore

Proposed rear Conservatory.

The application was supported

13/00261/AS The Old Dairy, Heath Road, Appledore.

Construction of a double garage with home office above.

The application was supported

8. HIGHWAYS & BYWAYS:

- a) Car Park, Crown Estate – this is awaiting on K.C.C. Highways.
  
- b) Traffic calming scheme – this has been completed. However the Highways warning sign is obscured by the wooden finger post. Clerk to contact the relevant authority.
  
- c) Pot-holes – the condition of the road subsidence along the Beckett Road opposite Priory Farm has been reported. Others to be reported at Four Wents and Tenterden Road.
  
- d) More of the kerbs in The Street still require re-bedding – Clerk to remind Highways.
  
- e) The Footpath Warden had forwarded his report which had been circulated.

9. PUBLIC TOILETS:

A “hand-over” meeting had been held. The condition of the toilets have not yet been brought up to a satisfactory condition. Cllr. A. D. Winter will be meeting with A.B.C. representatives on site to clarify

what is required prior to the hand over on 1st April. Cllr. Winter and Cllr. J. Wickens were thanked for their work regarding these.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA and ITEMS OF INTEREST:

The publication of the minutes to be discussed at the next meeting.

As the Village has a regular Street Cleaner it was considered that it was not necessary to have a "Litter-pick". It was suggested that an item in the Parish Magazine asking residents to pick up any litter in the vicinity of their property.

K.C.C. are to be asked for a quotation for the construction of the footway between Limen Cottages and Four Wents.

It was confirmed that Mr M. Hill, County Councillor will be attending the Parish Meeting on for Monday, 22nd April at 7.30 p.m.

As the A.B.C. recycling credits are to cease in 2015, Cllr. Winter is investigating if the Parish Council could do this direct with the recycling company.

11. Exclusion of the Public - Co-option of Councillor:

Proposed by Cllr. J. Perkins, seconded by Cllr. A. D. Winter and unanimously resolved to exclude the public and press from the meeting by virtue of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

The members of the Public then left the meeting at 8.20 p.m.

No request had been received by the Returning Officer to hold an election to fill the vacancy.

Two persons had expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor.

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr. A. D. Winter, seconded by Cllr. Mr J. Perkins that Mr T. W. Boorman be co-opted onto the Council, this was put to the vote and unanimously agreed.

Clerk to inform Mr Boorman and ensure the completion of the Legal Documents required.

12. Date of the Next Meeting:

This was agreed for Monday, 15th April 2013 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

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