

Meeting held on 19th August 2013

APPLEDORE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday, 19th August 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

In attendance: M. Burgess (Borough Councillor), 8 parishioners and one visitor.

1. APOLOGIES:

Cllr. A. D. Winter.

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. R. M. Bates 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:

(a) Hawthorn Development – an email had been received from A.B.C. No work has commenced except that the garages have been demolished and fencing erected. There are problems with the UK Power Network. The response to requests for updates from the Contractors has been the positioning of an A3 size notice on their hording.

(b) Footway, Limen Cottages to Four Wents crossroads – nothing further on the costs.

(c) Village Hall lighting problems – nothing further. Cllr. A.D. Winter had emailed the committee to liaise direct with the electrical installers.

(d) Recreation Ground, Pavilion re-naming – letter from the Recreation Ground Committee – this matter had been discussed by them several years ago and would be contrary to the Cornelius family wishes.

(e) Parish Council representative on the Recreation Ground – letter from the Secretary, Mr I. Bampton, they will not allow Cllr. T. Boorman to assume the role as representative until their A.G. M. next April. This will cause future problems as the Parish Council representatives are not appointed until the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council which Legally has to be held in May. In an Election year Councillors are not elected until May, after the Recreation Ground A.G.M.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

Parish Forum notes

Housing Strategy – circulated

ABC Town Centre Action Team

APEX Annual Review

Chilmington Green Area Action Plan - Notification of Adoption

K.A.L.C. Minutes

Police News in Kent – for inclusion in the Parish Magazine

A.B.C. Further changes to permitted development rights, it was agreed that this will be discussed at the next meeting.

K.C.C. Street Lighting, proposed cuts – for inclusion in the Parish Magazine
Victim Support Gala Dinner

6. FINANCE:

Current Account (as at 7th August 2013) £ 21,480 - 10

Bonus Saver Account £ 10,678 - 10

Cheques were approved and signed:-

Mr T. Hennessy, Street Cleaning

Mrs J. Buller, Toilet Cleansing operative

KCS Toilet requisites £ 39 – 96 + V.A.T. £ 7 – 99 Total due £ 47 – 95

The maintenance costs of the Toilets to date is £ 1,420 – 94

The donation towards the Over 60' Christmas Party was discussed and it was proposed by Cllr.

D. Hancock, seconded by Cllr. J. Wickens to donate £300 and unanimously agreed.

7. PLANNING:

Approvals received:-

13/00299/AS and 13/00259 Listed Building Consent, Miss Caroline Brennan, Vine House, 9 The Street, Appledore

Conversion of existing ground floor garage/outbuilding to annex to include replacement of garage door with window.

A.B.C. had confirmed by letter to the owner by that Planning Consent was not required for the re-roofing of the property.

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

Appeal dismissed:-

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

New detached dwelling and detached double garage.

8. VILLAGE HALL FUTURE:

If the Parish Council were to grant a lease to the Village Hall Management Committee it could cause problems, the simplest way would be to create a Sub-Committee of the Parish Council which is completely independent of the Parish Council and is entirely responsible for the day to day running and maintenance of the hall. This should be self-funding. They would be required to report to the Parish Council at six monthly intervals. It was agreed that this be formally proposed at the next meeting.

9. PARISH COUNCIL MINUTE BOOKS:

It was established that the old Minute Books are with the Appledore History Society, it was proposed by Cllr. R. M. Bates, seconded by Cllr. Mrs F. Smith and unanimously agreed that these must be returned to the Proper Officer of the Council as soon as possible. Should these not be returned by the next meeting legal action will be taken for their recovery.

10. HIGHWAYS & BYWAYS:

Car Park, Crown Estate and traffic calming – Mr I. Bampton reported that a meeting had been held last week between The Crown and K.C.C. It was agreed that two members of the Parish Council should be appointed to liaise with Mr Bampton and Mr Wilkinson in their negotiations, these were agreed as being Cllrs. R. M. Bates and D. Hancock. A survey is required of the vehicles which are regularly parked in The Street and the traffic speed through the village. To carry this out would cost in the region of £ 800. It was agreed to contact the Community Warden for advice on a device which can monitor this.

Verges and kerbs, The Street. The granite setts have been repositioned but the damage to the grass has not. Various suggestions were made to prevent vehicles driving /parking on these, including positioning of oak posts or laying of grass-crete.

Potholes – various pot-holes are to be reported.

The Footpath Wardens report had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting.

11. PUBLIC TOILETS:

The toilets electronic opening device has still not been fitted – Cllr. J. Wickens has been vigorously pursuing this. The suggestion that a facility be provided for donations towards their upkeep will be pursued as to the practicalities by Cllrs. R.M. Bates and D. Hancock.

The suggestion of advertising space for local businesses is still to be considered.

12. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA and ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Borough Cllr. M. Burgess informed the meeting that funds are available from The “Marsh Millions” scheme for small businesses.

Cllr T. Boorman raised the terrible condition of the Children’s Play area which is overgrown with thistles etc.

Items raised by the Public:-

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

The subject of re-cycling was yet again raised.

The hedge at the school crossroads needs cutting – K.C.C. “hedges” letter to be sent.

The Village Hall require new hand dryers and this will be put before the next Parish Council meeting.

13. Date of the Next Meeting:

The next meeting was agreed for Monday, 23rd September 2013 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.02 p.m.
