

Parish Council Minutes - 21st January 2013

APPLEDORE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday, 21st January 2013
at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

In attendance: Community Warden, Mr L. Kidd,

Four parishioners and one visitor.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Mrs B. E. A. Owen, who also tendered her resignation as a Parish Councillor.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr. B. Wright on "The Plateau".

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting these were proposed by Cllr. B. Wright, 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 – nothing further. It was understood from the visitor that a meeting had been held with A.B.C. and that an Environmental Study will be carried out.

b) Electricity Feed-in tariff, Village Hall - the previous Clerk had retained the instruction manuals for the solar Heating together with a set of Village Hall keys. Cllr. J. Perkins and the Chairman would obtain these. It is necessary for the frequency of meter readings to be ascertained for forwarding to EDF.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

K.A.L.C. Ashford Area Committee Minutes.

Parish Forum notes and agendas – 23rd January 2013 - postponed.

K.C.C. Highways, Station Road patching, commencing – 22nd January 2013

Update on Southern Water Plans for the Future

Clerks & Councils Direct

K.A.L.C. Draft response on Speed Limits for H.G.V's over 7.5 tonnes.

7. FINANCE:

Current Account (as at 7th December 2012) £ 5,623 - 12

Bonus Saver Account £ 10,634 - 24

Income received:-

Quarterly Bonus Saver	£ 21 – 86
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Interest	£ 1 - 10
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Cheque to be approved:-

Mr T. Hennessy, Street Cleaning,

Zurich Insurance, Parish Council combined insurances £ 225 - 00

Mrs M. Rumble, expenses of attending Clerks Interview £ 30 – 60

H.M.R.C. P.A.Y.E (Period 1st October 2012 to 31st December 2012) £ 128 – 00

PLANNING:

Approval received:-

12/01374/AS D & B. Lumsden, Griffin Farm, Appledore.

Application for retrospective planning consent for the change of use of land to provide an area of additional car parking.

9. HIGHWAYS & BYWAYS :

The traffic calming scheme for the South end of the Street was again discussed. Cllr A. D. Winter informed Councillors that the final details of a suggested scheme have been agreed.

There are numerous pot-holes which have been marked for repairs. Highways to be informed of the ones on Gusbourne Hill and just beyond Boundary Oak which necessitates traffic to move to the centre of the carriageway.

As Gusbourne Hill has been the location of numerous accidents due to icy conditions, it was agreed that a Salt Bag be requested at the appropriate time.

Several Footway lights are either not functioning or are on all day, the Community Warden will ascertain their locations and will report these.

Some of the kerbs in The Street still require re-bedding, this matter was raised at the Ward Walk last year.

The Court Lodge parking scheme is moving forward, a meeting has been held with

A. B. C. and Highways. Eventually there will be a joint Planning application by Crown Estates and Appledore Parish Council.

Thanks were extended to all those involved in this project.

The Footpath Warden had submitted his report which was circulated.

10. PUBLIC TOILETS:

Ashford Borough Council are in the process of producing "Hand-Over" packs for these. Cllr J. Wickens agreed to take-over the organisation and management of the Public Toilets.

Community Wardens Report:

The Community Warden had submitted his report and briefly elaborated on this, there have been several thefts or attempted break-ins very recently, the Village Hall itself was targeted earlier this evening..

Car transporter at Hawthorn – assurance had been given that this would be removed but it has not.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA and ITEMS OF INTEREST:

The Clerk had circulated a map and details of the locations of the Fire Hydrants, it was suggested that councillors visually check those nearest to them and report to the Clerk if necessary.

A parishioner raised the subject of the bridge over The Wish which he considers to be too narrow, this has been investigated on previous occasions by Highways, with no improvements suggested.

Cllr. B. Wright drew attention to a letter sent to "Centre for Voluntary Organisations" by Ashford Borough Council regarding Discretionary Rate Relief – Clerk to try to obtain further information.

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

Proposed by Cllr. Mrs F. Smith, 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.

Several persons were mentioned for co-option but none except for Mr R. M. Bates had expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. Mr Bates had formally been an Appledore Parish Councillor for 32 ½ years and as Chairman for 7 ½ years.

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr A. D. Winter, seconded by Cllr. Mrs F. Smith that Mr R. M. Bates be co-opted onto the Council, this was put to the vote, four in favour, and one abstention.

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

Resignation of Cllr. Mrs B. E. A. Owen – the Clerk will inform the Returning Officer of Ashford Borough Council and he will instigate the procedure for the filling of this vacancy

14. Date of the Next Meeting:

This was agreed for Monday, 18th February 2013 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.
