



**Minutes of the Meeting on 5th March 2018 at 19.30 hrs
Appledore Village Hall**

Present

Cllrs: James Perkins (Chair), Helen Hennig, Roger Hiskey, Lyndsey Jenkins, Charles Wilkinson, and Chris Vane.

In Attendance: County Cllr Mike Hill and the Clerk Mary Philo.

Members of the Public: 8

The chair welcomed the new member Roger Hiskey to the council.

1. Formalities

I) The council was quorate.

LGA Act 1972 sch12, 12/28/45

II) Apologies had been received from Cllrs. Burgess and Winter.

LGA Act 1972 sch12, 12

III) Declarations of interest and dispensations: None.

Code of Conduct

2. Approval of Draft minutes

Following the deletion of "by thieves" to item 11, it was resolved to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2018 as a true record. Proposed Cllr. Wilkinson and seconded Cllr. Hennig.

LGA Act 1972 sch12,19.1

The meeting was adjourned at 19.33 hrs.

Report by County Cllr. Hill

County Council Budget – County council's share of council tax would increase by 5% next financial year. 2 % would be ring fenced for adult social care. The county council would have to review its policy and procedure when the new social care act came into force.

Snow/Ice – Roads had been regularly gritted however the later rain had turned into sheet ice reducing the effectiveness of gritting. The freezing weather had burst many pipes leaving several areas without water in the thaw. Repairing potholes would be a priority.

Bailey's Nursery Planning Application – The applicant explained the family history and reported that direct neighbours had no objection.

Public Questions

Parking over the footpath opposite the recreation ground – A resident requested help with the night time parking across the footpath. It was suggested that the PCSO should be contacted.

Kenardington road works – It was reported that the signs had been collected but the work was incomplete. Cllr. Wilkinson would make enquiries.

Scheduling of road works around Appledore – It was advised that there was no link between Highways and the contractors who had laid the new footpath in Kenardington. This was the reason for the successive road works along Kenardington Road.

Dog Waste Bins – It was advised that there were 8 such bins in Appledore.

The meeting was reconvened at 19.50 hrs.

3. **Matters arising from the previous ordinary meeting** (not already covered under another item and not for decision at this meeting) None.
4. **Finances**
 I) As at 31st January the balance stood at £39,031 and at 28th February £37,856.
 II) Income received:
 £50.00 Donation for the toilets from tgdesignerhomes
 II) Cheques raised since the last meeting:
 £1,048.73 February salaries
 II) It was resolved to draw the following:
 £900.00 Sibley Pares (Taylor Riley) Limited: Interim fee (vat refund £150) for valuation for parish facilities
 £118.73 M Philo: room £30, car £23.40, metal filing box for minutes £13.99, stamp 56p ink cartridge £8.62, full set of ink cartridges £20.17 (vat £7.13)
 £ 72.00 Kent Association of Local Councils: Planning conference (vat£12)
5. **Planning** Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 sch1/2010
 I) Ashford Borough Decisions Advised:
 a) 18/00015/AS Fairwinds Station Road: Proposed new vehicular access – permitted.
 II) New applications for A.P.C. to consider and vote on:
 a) **18/00255/AS. Baileys Place Nursery, Heath Road: Proposed detached dwelling change of use of land to residential and proposed highways access. It was resolved to support the application.** Proposed Cllr. Vane and seconded Cllr. Hennig.
6. **It was resolved to contract W Tollett General Builders Ltd to redecorate inside and outside the K6 Kiosk and install defibrillator.** As part of the company's community involvement only materials would be charged. Approx. £354 (vat£59). Proposed Cllr. Hennig and seconded Cllr. Jenkins. 1972 LGA, s 111
7. **It was resolved to pay Appledore Parish Magazine for including articles and adverts each month £20 an issue back dated to April 2017.** Cheque drawn at the meeting £220. 1972 LGA s 111
8. **Training**
 Cllr. Hiskey would be attending the Planning Conference.
9. **Highways and Byways**
 I) **It was resolved to fund 8 A5 sticky label notices for dog waste bins.** Approx. cost £75.36. Ashford Borough Council approval received.
 II) Other highways issues
Kenardington road works – Cllr. Wilkinson would check whether these were completed.
The Street road works – Residents were to be thanked for keeping the road clear for the works to go ahead. These were now finished. Efforts were under way to find more old kerbs to fill the remaining spaces.
Route Study – Cllr. Wilkinson awaited a meeting date to go through the survey.
Speeding Tractors - The tractors were from the nearby chicken farm owned by Fridays in Staplehurst. The company had spoken to its drivers. Residents were advised to note the number and an idea of speed of any tractors they saw making a disturbance and report if to Cllr. Wilkinson.
Residential Enabling Car Park – Investigations into a possible ancient mound were ongoing.
The Street Burst Pipe – Following the repair to the pipe the verge had been replaced shoddily. The clerk to request South East to rectify it.
Hop Garden Gutter Broken Cover – It had been advised by Highways that the land belonged to the

housing association there. Highways had instructed the association that they had 30 days to make a repair.

10. Battle's Over

It was resolved to fund the working party with up to £500 for the event. (£100 to Northiam Bonfire group for setting up the beacon and watching over it till out/midnight, £50 to Salvation Army for bugler, about £250 for equipment and food acquisition. Drinks and food will be charged at a reduced price. Any profit to go to the British Legion.

11. Public Conveniences

The hanging baskets had been replanted and the blockage in the mens had been cleared by Duncan and Beverley Gray. Cllr Hennig thanked them for their incredible support. The cold temperatures had stopped the toilets from flushing. A further £50.35 had been received making a total of £1,108.16 since the boxes had been put up. The cleaners contract would be due to be renewed shortly.

12. Recreation Ground Report

A meeting was planned for after the council meeting.

13. Village Hall Report

The recent show "Ministry of Biscuits" had been very successful. The film club should start in May. A monthly internet café with some computer training was being set up. A resident was also going to restart PIPS. Yoga was moving from the Chapel to the hall. The rocket men were booked.

14. Information for Councillors

Cyclists – It was suggested that the public conveniences are well advertised so as to avoid cyclist making do elsewhere.

Community Transport – Cllr. Hennig asked for suggestions on how to move forward. Contacting the bus drivers from Scotland and Bates was one suggestion. And another was to contact Rolvenden who were already working on a scheme.

East Sussex Rail Partnership – The Appledore group had taken the name Friends of Appledore Train Station. The first meeting was scheduled for the 6th March.

Donation request – Hands of Hope had made a request for a donation. As the initiative was unlikely to benefit Appledore residents due to its distance, the council would not support it.

Ashford Kent Association of Local Councils – Following the meeting being cancelled due to poor weather, Cllr. Hennig would attend the new date.

Gypsy and Travellers Development Plan Document – The planning authority is developing a new plan for gypsy and travellers and is consulting on this and is calling for suitable sites for stopping.

Electricity Supplier for Public Toilets- Laser: The clerk had been contacted by the Chief Operating Officer and steps were being taken to sort out the problems. The meter had not been read since 2013.

15. Date of Next Meeting

9th April 2018, 19.30hrs in the village hall. There would also be an extraordinary meeting on the 19th March 2018 7.30pm in the village hall.

- 16. Pursuant to section 1) of the Public Bodies (Admissions Act) 1960, it was resolved that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press leave the meeting during the consideration of Parish Facilities.** Proposed Cllrs. Vane/ Perkins. (1972 LGA sch 12A part1.3.) Recent developments were reviewed and the format for the extraordinary meeting was considered. The meeting closed at 22.40 hrs.