



Minutes of the Meeting on 5th August 2019 at 19.30 hrs. Appledore Village Hall

Present

Councillors: James Perkins (Chairman), Helen Hennig, Roger Hiskey, Lyndsey Jenkins, Charles Wilkinson, Chris Vane and Derek Winter.

In Attendance: Borough Councillor. Mick Burgess and the Clerk Mary Philo.

Members of the Public: 4

1. Formalities

I) The council was quorate (LGA Act 1972 sch12, 12/28/45).

II) Apologies had been received from County Councillor Mike Hill (LGA Act 1972 sch12, 12).

III) Declarations of interest and dispensations: None (Code of Conduct).

2. Car Rally – Statement from the Chairman of the Parish Council

I would like to congratulate Appledore Recreation Ground Committee on a very successful car rally. Obviously, there was an increase in the volume of traffic on the day but as far as I am aware it was well managed. There was a complaint made to Kent County Council about the traffic by an individual who claimed to be from a local council. This person was not an Appledore Parish Councillor and no complaints were made by Appledore Parish Council. We fully support Appledore Recreation Ground Committee in all their work. - This statement would be published in the parish magazine.

3. Approval of Draft minutes

It was unanimously resolved to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 1st July 2019 as a true record. Proposed Councillor Vane and seconded Councillor Winter (LGA Act 1972 sch12,19.1).

The meeting was adjourned at 19.37 hrs.

Report by County Councillor Burgess

Woodchurch Wagon – Councillor Burgess highlighted that there is a community bus for Woodchurch which maybe of interest to residents of Appledore.

Public Questions

Planters for the village – A resident stated that they did not understand last month's minutes with regard to a suggestion to place planters in the village. Councillor Vane replied that the wording of the minutes was correct.

The meeting was reconvened at 19.47 hrs.

4. Finances

I) Bank Accounts as at 31st July the balance stood at £ 37,480.20 and First Quarter Financial Report attached.

Councillor Wilkinson, who had believed that the cost of the proposed pedestrian crossing would not be paid from the council field sale funds dedicated to highways, stated that the legislative regulations were resulting in overburdening charges for works to the highways.

II) Income Received:

£ 79.49	Public donations from the toilets
£39.00	KCC: promotion of Tenterden Hopper
£ 3.77	Bank Interest

III) Cheques raised since the last meeting:

£ 977.48	July salaries
£ 88.09	Business Stream: Public toilets waste water for 15 Jan – 1 May (no vat)
£ 3.00	B Gray: Toilet cleaning products (no vat refund)

IV) It was resolved to agree the following cheques:

£ 75.23	Kent County Council Commercial Services: 2 orders for toilet rolls and copier paper (vat refund £12.54)
£ 3.29	M Philo Admin Costs: Bleach £2.07 for the public toilets, stamps £1.22 (vat refund 35p)
£ 9.34	Pett PC: share of mobile phone monthly charge (no vat)

5. Planning (Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 sch1/2010)

I) Ashford Borough Decisions Advised:

- 19/00768/AS 7 Applegate Court – Retrospective application for the erection of an outbuilding to accommodate two garages, gymnasium, meditation/yoga room and implement store; installation of timber access gates and change of use of land to residential – Permitted.
- 19/00324/AS Blenheim Lodge, Heath Road – Removal of condition (d) of AS/75/1122 tied occupancy condition - Permitted

II) New applications for A.P.C. to consider and vote on:

- 19/00864/AS 6 The Street – Change of use of existing outbuilding from domestic workshop to ancillary accommodation to main house. It was resolved to unanimously support this application.**

Proposed by Councillor Vane and seconded by Councillor Wilkinson.

- 19/00816/AS Mill Farm Track from School Road to Heathside – Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of two detached dwellings with associated driveway and access. It was unanimously resolved to support this application.** Proposed by Councillor Wilkinson and seconded Councillor Winter.

III) Advice that the parish council's planning application for a residential development on the council field has been validated and is being consulted on:

19/00997/AS Land between Doctors Surgery and 80 The Street – Proposed development of 12 new two storey dwellings consisting of 6 x 3 bed properties and 6 x 4 bed properties with associated parking gardens and landscaping works including a proposed village linear park and pedestrian crossing.

6. Following amendment proposed by county and borough councillors, the council unanimously resolved to agree a Public Communications and Enquiries Policy. Proposed by Councillor Perkins and seconded by Councillor Vane.

7. Highways and Byways

I) **Speed Reduction Scheme Traffic Regulation Order** – The public consultation on the speed reduction had commenced on the 2nd August and will run till the 26th August.

The meeting was adjourned for Public Comment – A resident commented that a footpath in front of Griffin Cottages merited the spending of some of the Appledore Parish Council Highways Budget: there is no footpath and a grass verge with a curb might suffice to allow residents to safely reach their front doors. Creating a footpath in front of the recreation ground for the pedestrian crossing was not

essential as a footpath already existed on the opposite side. In response it was advised that a pedestrian crossing at the recreation ground was not definite as yet and a foot fall and traffic survey would have to be carried out. Advice had been received from Highways Officers that on occasions such surveys highlighted the dangers of new pedestrian crossings. Equally, creating a footpath at Griffin Cottages may also require a footfall survey and additionally, there was the issue of obtaining all landowners agreement to give up land and the issue of moving the two telegraph poles there. The most recent consultation, of about a year ago, with landowners had revealed two against. However, the parish council would raise this again with the proposed revamp of direction signage. The meeting was reconvened.

II) Central White Lines approaching the sharp bend by the Military Canal Bridge

A number of people/locals had approached Councillor Hennig with their concerns regarding the lack of lines at the bend on the road approaching and over the bridge. Councillor Hennig had explained that these would be sorted when all the other works took place but one parishioner asked if these works could be done any earlier.

III) **Street Lamp near 60 The Street** – Reported as being on continuously.

IV) **Reporting Highways Faults** - Residents could contact Councillors Wilkinson and Hennig or use the Fault Reporting Tool on Kent County Council Website.

8. External Affairs

I) **Tenterden Hopper** – Of all the community bus routes, the Appledore route had the most take up so far.

II) **Rural Police Forum 11th July 2019** - Theft of agricultural equipment was increasing.

III) **KALC Conference 17th July 2019**

Councillors had attended presentations on Employment Dispute Resolution, Advantages of Borrowing for Local Councils, Project Management and Dynamic Councillor training. Speakers were knowledgeable and suggestions made on ways to avoid various common issues for councils regarding council staff, Clerks and councillors. Training and Improving public communications were highlighted as being very beneficial to councils as well as considering succession issues.

IV) KALC Ashford meeting Wednesday 24th July 2019: Ashford Borough Council are investigating ways in which pre- application discussions can be held on planning applications for larger schemes.

9. Friends of Appledore Station

A defibrillator may be available, in the near future, from KALC who were working on obtaining another batch to distribute.

10. Recreation Ground Report

The weather had been good and possibly the largest ever number of attendees meant that parking provisions had reached capacity at lunchtime. The committee were already looking to replace the council field parking area. Unfortunately, the rubbish had not been collected on time and over the days animals and wind had spread it across the area in front of the toilets. Due to the cordoning off around the entrance to the event, the toilets did not appear to be accessible to the passing public.

11. Planters for the Village

Following discussion, further investigation would be made into using planters in conjunction with the proposed linear park to enhance the village and possibly create community involvement.

12. Information for Councillors

Village Store Window Display –Following discussion of comments received by councillors, Councillor Hennig would keep the council updated on the planned alteration (possibly frosted glass) by the shop owner.

Bin in front of Village Hall – It was suggested that the inner bin could be replaced.

Village Hall Car Park Sign – So as to make it very clear to visitors, it was suggested that the signage should be altered to “Appledore Village Car Park”. However, this should be amended as part of the village hall refurbishment.

13.Date of Next Meeting

2nd September 2019, 19.30hrs in the village hall. The meeting closed at 20.30 hrs.

2019 -2020 First Quarter Financial Report

Receipts

Total £28,319.84

There were no receipts from Feed In Tariff for the solar panels as the date passed before I could read the meter. Otherwise all receipts were received in a timely manner.

Payments

Total £12,339.84

There were no large unexpected costs so all is in line with expectations. Though a tiny increase in administration costs is noted this can be covered by areas budgeted for but not normally taken up such as solicitors fees. The council no longer bears the cost of cutting the field. The true though relative low cost of supplies for the toilet is not known as the cleaner does not always present receipts.