2nd October

Minutes of the Meeting

19.30 Village Hall

**Present**

Roger Hiskey (Chairman), Roger Kimber, Chester Lusk, Sharon Marsh, Paula Thornton, Gary Kinsley

Julian Kenny Parish Clerk,

In attendance: Mike Hill County Councillor, Johnny Shilton Borough Councillor,

Members of the Public: 5

1. Formalities

I) Quorum

The council was quorate.

II) Apologies and Reasons for absence Cllr Nichol It was **RESOLVED** that the apologies be accepted. (LGA 1972 schedule12, 12)

III) Declarations of Interest and Dispensations (Code of Conduct)

Paula Thornton - Planning Old Way House trees

2. Approval of Draft Minutes

It was resolved to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2023 as a true record. Proposed by Councillor Hiskey and seconded by Councillor Lusk

(LGA Act 1972 schedule12,19.1)

Adjournment of Meeting for Reports and Public Questions

Report from County Councillor Mike Hill

There is still no update on sharing unaccompanied young asylum seekers with other county councils nationwide. The judicial review from the Home Office is due on 10th Oct. The lack of decision is having an effect on Kent youngsters.

Kent’s financial position has a current overspent £23m, the final amount will be confirmed in April. It was noted that Kent has reserves of £350m.

Report from Borough Councillor Johnny Shelton

ABC has a deficit which it is addressing with restructures. He thanked councillors for the events run over the summer. Cllr Shelton is meeting with officers about the Heathside application and parking issues. The development is likely to go ahead, but ABC will look to support residents during the development and after the development. Councillor Shelton thanked Cllr Nichol for his work on Heathside.

Cllr Kinsley raised issues with garaging and parking, asbestos in building. He suggested bulldozing exiting garages as several are not used. He suggested that this would make more parking spaces available.

**Public Questions 19.44**

1. There were several questions about the new social housing adjacent to the village Hall. It was pointed out that the allocations would come from Ashford Borough as a whole, rather than just Appledore and that the social rental vs affordable housing history differs from the original plan. Shared ownership 25% is going to make prices very high for local people. It was pointed out that as properties leasehold, the repairs are all the responsibility of the leaseholders.

The progress of the building work is very slow and the Council will check on the initial proposed timescales. This will delay income from the Council owned property

1. The hedgerows of some house owners along School Road need to be cut back as they are dangerous for walkers. Maintaining garden hedgerows is the responsibility of the residents. The Chair will hand deliver letters to the houses informing the occupants.
2. Will a waste bin be installed in Court Lodge carpark. Paula will check

The meeting reconvened at 20.02

3. Planning (Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 schedule 1/2010)

**3.1 Planning Decisions by Ashford Borough Council**

1. PA/2023/1360 Scotland and Bates, Heath Road, Appledore, TN26 2AJ; Creation of a staff car parking area, boundary treatments, and landscaping. APPROVED 21 Sept
2. PA/2023/1476 Hornes Place Oast, Kenardington Road, Appledore, TN26 2BS; Retrospective alterations to consented fence. REFUSED 20 Sept
	1. **Planning Applications Considered**
3. PA/2023/1714 Sunset Lodge, Woodchurch Road, Appledore, TN26 2BJ Conversion of existing garage into annexe.

The Council voted to SUPPORT

1. NOT/2023/1674 13, Old Way House, The Street, Appledore, TN26 2DB T1 Magnolia Carry out crown reduction by a max of 2 metres. T2 Silver Birch Carry out crown reduction by a max of 4 metres off height Max 2 metres lateral spread.
2. The Council voted to SUPPORT
3. NOT/2023/1404 The Vicarage, Old Way, Appledore, TN26 2DB T01 Silver birch – crown lift to 5.2m above the highway and remove all deadwood. T02 Silver birch - crown lift to 5.2m above the highway and remove major deadwood (25mm and greater) (Note – overhead coated electric in crown). T04 Walnut - crown lift to 3m above ground level and remove major deadwood (25mm and greater). T05 Silver birch – prune back to give 1-2m clearance from building by removing secondary growth. Hawthorn (Actually Crab apple) – Crown lift to 3m above ground level. T11 Dead cherry plum – fell to ground level. T12 Bay tree – fell to ground level and grind out stump (subject to no underground services being present). H1 – Overgrown beech hedge - reduce height of approximately 1.8m, back to previously maintained height.

DECISION MADE

4. Finances

Cheques paid

001861 D Haylen wages £462

001862 H Smith £150.26

001859 V R Sani waste £54.91

001864 Business Stream (waste) £453.22

**4.1 Bank Account**:

Reserve £81,707.73

Current £27,297.23

**4.2 September Receipts**

Precept Ashford BC £13,000

EDF £1,591.04 (Solar?

**4.5 Payments to be Authorised**

£64.40 TP Jones Payroll

£252 Mazars Accountants

£186 Fuzion4 Locksmiths

£330 Street Cleaner

£200.75 Toilet cleaner

£95.85 Business Stream waste water

On reviewing the accounts, four cheques do not have details on the cheque stubs, the Clerk will contact the bank for details as soon as he is authorized to view the NatWest accounts. All cheque stubs should be signed by those signing the cheques

**5. Online banking and signatories**

All councillors will now be signatories on the bank account, as far as possible one of the signatories shall always be the Chairman. Once the Clerk is the recognized contact for NatWest, he will forward all councillors details of the online forms they will need to submit. He will also look into the logistics of moving to online banking and bring details to the November meeting.

**6. Compliannt email**

The Clerk will contact the previous clerk and ask her to set up a forwarding system for all emails to be forwarded to the enquiries.apc account. He will also request details of setting up a secure @appledore.org account and bring details to the November meeting for Full Council to consider.

The Clerk will contact the previous Cler and ask her to forward any emails to the council.

7. Funding projects from Section106 monies

The following amounts are available from the Railway Hotel 106 monies. ABC have implied that the timeframe to use the funding is short, so applications should be submitted as soon as possible. The following funding is available:

* Allotments contributions £2,268.00
* Young peoples play space £9,184.00
* Natural Green Space £5,313.00
* Outdoor sports pitches £13,405.00

There is an application in progress from the Playing Fields Association for a MUGA (see point 10 below) and the allotment group are planning to submit an application. Further discussion was held in point 10 below. There are also plans to apply for funds for the Recreation Ground.

**8. Footpaths**

106 funding cannot be used for footpath repairs as this is work performed by KCC. The Friends of Appledore Footpaths have been encouraged to contact KCC directly with issues.

**9. Car Parks**

**9.1 Maintenance**

There have been no applications for the updated car park tender. It was suggested that volunteers could continue to do the maintenance as a group had done last weekend. The Clerk will contact the insurance company to see whether working groups that have completed risk assessments would be covered by the Council’s insurance policy moving forward.

**9.2 Charging points**

The green cabinet is currently owned by Court Developments. This will need to be taken over by the Council if charging points are installed and a meter reading will need to be taken before the handover. Some issues with creating charging points were raised. The Clerk will contact his local council that is in the process of installing charging points to find out any issues encountered. Cllr Kimber will liaise with Charles Wikinson about charging points.

**10. MUGA Funding**

The cost of a full MUGA would be £35,000, but it is suggested that without the resurfacing, the 106 funding could cover steps, fencing, extending the MUGA with D-shape for basketball. Councillor Kinsley will bring full costings to the November meeting

There are plans to upgrade the Pavilion by recladding the outside so that it is similar to The Village Hall. The plans also include a door facing the road, external windows that will allow people to watch games from inside the Pavilion. New LED lights have already been installed and the container will be moved next to tennis courts and power will be extended to that area.

An application has been made for Lawn Tennis Association Funding.

**11. Training budget for ILCA funding**

 This was deferred to the November meeting

**12. Tenterden Town Plan**

The Clerk will send details of the plan to Councillors so that comments can be made at the November meeting.

**13. Appledore over 60’s Lunch**

The Council will donate £250 and the Clerk will inform Jo Weeks and Philipa Perkins about the decision.

**14. New Printer**

This was deferred to the November meeting

**15.** **Information for Councillors**

9. Future agenda items.

Affordable houses

Car park signage

Pavilion funding and MUGA

Training budget

Printer

10. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 6th November 2023, 7.30pm, Appledore Village Hall

The meeting closed at 20.52