



9th January 2023
Minutes of the Meeting
7.30 pm Village Hall

Present

Roger Hiskey (Chairman), Toby Davis, Gary Kinsley, Chester Lusk, Paula Thornton and Derek Winter.
In attendance: District Councillor Mick Burgess.
Members of the Public: 8

1. Formalities

I) Quorum

The council was quorate.

II) Apologies

Councillor Wilkinson and County Councillor Hill

(LGA 1972 schedule 12, 12)

III) Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None

(Code of Conduct)

2. Approval of Draft Minutes

It was resolved to agree the minutes of the meetings held on 5th December 2022 as a true record.

Proposed by Councillor Kinsley and seconded Councillor Winter.

(LGA Act 1972 schedule 12, 19.1)

Adjournment of Meeting for Reports and Public Questions

Report from Borough Councillor Mick Burgess

The planning department was tied up working on applications affected by Stodmarsh Wetland phosphate and nitrate contamination and so the January Planning Committee meeting had been cancelled. Funding withdrawal was closing down Action with Communities in Rural England and new homes were being sought for the various schemes it ran.

Public Questions 7.35pm

Appledore Local History Society

Members highlighted that the request for funding was not a building but rather a 'structure' to house not only their archives but also their regular activities such as exhibitions and meetings, plus a venue to allow members of the public to search the records.

Over 60's Xmas lunch

The lunch had not been run by the village hall but by two trustees in their own capacity as residents.

The meeting reconvened at 7.50 pm

3. Planning

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

3.1 Planning Decisions by Ashford Borough Council

None.

3.2 Planning Applications Considered

I) PA/2022/3006 Park House, Tenterden: Proposed replacement two storey outbuilding including annex and solar panels to north elevation. **It was resolved to support. Proposed by Councillor Winter and seconded by Councillor Davis.**

II) PA/2022/3049 2 Maple Court, Court Lodge Road: Proposed installation of solar panels on roof of dwelling. **It was resolved to support. Proposed by Councillor Thornton and seconded by Councillor Davis.**

III) PA/2022/3081 Apple Tree Court, Woodchurch Road: Change of use of residential outbuilding studio loft space to a one bed holiday let (retrospective). **It was resolved to support. Proposed by Councillor Winter and seconded by Councillor Kinsley.**

4. History Society Funding Request for a Building ('Structure') on the Recreation Ground to House Archives (and the Society's Regular Activities)

The council noted that both the Parish Council and the Recreation Ground Committee had ownership rights to the area between the public toilets and the sports pavilion which was being proposed as a location for the History Society's structure. Therefore, the council suggested that the History Society contact the Recreation Ground Committee out of courtesy. The council pointed out that the Recreation Ground Committee was already pushing ahead with the linear park (approved as part of the village hall refurbishment planning application) and hired a gardener. The garden area proposed in the plans for that same spot, would also include a war memorial along the lines of the one in New Romney. The council was also aware that discussion for the redevelopment of the sport pavilion included an extension for the History Society.

The parish council requested the group to speak with the Recreation Ground Committee and to reapproach the council with a fleshed-out scheme of costings and an indication of how the project might be financed.

5. Highways and Byways

The completion of repairs to the pavement opposite Miss Mollets is scheduled to restart on the 12th January.

Clerk was asked to chase the painting of the road markings to complete the new Gateways.

The Chairman has received a further comment about the deep undulations along the road between the canal bridge and the Station.

The National Trust has now replaced the rotten fence above the ditch near to the footpath entrance of The Royal Military Canal.

6. Community Engagement

6.1 Resilience Planning

There had been a positive response from volunteers willing to offer help, together with names of those requiring support. A piece in the February Parish Magazine will remind all that there is still time to drop the completed survey into the shop. Councillors Thornton and Lusk will be in touch with those who had responded.

6.2 Speed watch

Roadside training for this had been rescheduled, due to weather again, to the 13th January.

6.3 Litter

In order to keep costs down, it was suggested that the council made use of the free loan of an anti-littering banner from Ashford Borough Council and install it on the recreation ground fence as a trial. As previously stated, all banner locations had to be approved by Ashford Borough Council. There was also an option to insert a smaller poster version on the sleeve of public bins which would be taken up too. Terry Blaney was thanked for all the ground work he had already done.

7. Finances

7.1 Bank Account

As at 30th November 2022 stood at £103,345.12 (this includes £62,343.01 ring fenced for capital projects and £11,343.69 ring fenced for highways). Current account holds £14,094.00.

7.2 November Receipts

£55.81 Bank Interest

7.3 November Payments

£162.00 Hole Park estate: Xmas Tree
£33.26 Refund R Hiskey: Tennis Court Clean up refreshments (1972 Act Section 15 (5))
£54.91 VR Sani-Co Ltd: Toilets sanitary waste collection November to February
£5.00 KALC AGM lunch (1972 Act Section 15 (5))
£212.65 Appledore Local History Society Donation for moving to storage site (1972 Act section 137)
£ 116.60 Seniors Xmas Lunch Donation part payment L Hiskey (1972 Act section 137)
£1,288.43 November salaries

7.4 Additional December Payments

£550.00 Refund G Kinsley for ABC grant and APC grant towards the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in Appledore and Beacon Lighting (1972 Act section 145)
£252.00 Appledore Village Hall: Room hire April to December inclusive
£121.65 Business Stream: Toilets waste water July to November
£71.91 Refund J Mclaughlin for Xmas over 60s Xmas lunch (1972 Act section 137)
£30.00 Refund R Hiskey: Thank you gifts to residents who erected the Xmas tree
£2,377.29 December salaries and HMRC
£16.98 Refund L Hiskey over 60's Xmas Lunch (1972 Act section 137)

7.5 It was resolved to make the following payments

£78.66 Laser Energy: Toilets electricity September to November 2022 (vat £3.75)
£122.90 TP Jones & Co LLP: payroll £58.50 July to September 2022 (vat £9.75) and £64.40 September to December 2022 (vat £10.73)
£43.18 Kent County Council: Toilet requisites (vat £7.20)
Proposed by Councillor Lusk and seconded by Councillor Davis

7.6. Council Insurance Renewal

It was resolved to renew its insurance cover as of the 27th January 2023 with Zurich Municipal Insurance. Premium £460.71. Proposed by Councillor Winter and seconded by Councillor Davis. (1972 Act section 114, section 140(1), section 140A; Employer's Liability Compulsory insurance)

7.7 2023-2024 Precept

It was resolved to keep the precept unchanged at £26,000 per annum for the financial year 2023-2024. A band D property owner would pay £67 approximately per annum. (LGA1972, section 150)

8. Information for Councillors

None.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 6th February 2023, 7.30pm, Appledore Village Hall. Meeting ended at 9.30 pm.

10. Staffing Issues

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 item regarding the discussion of various staffing issues

1972 LGA sch. 12A part 1.3 (sensitive personal information)

- 1) It was resolved to advertised for a 6-month temporary litter picker. Proposed Councillor Hiskey and seconded Councillor Lusk.
- 2) The Clerk's review was completed without any concerns.