



Minutes of the Meeting on 6th February 2017 at 19.30hrs Appledore Village Hall

Present

Cllrs: James Perkins (Chair), Lyndsey Jenkins, Jasmin Kellar, Charles Wilkinson, and Chris Vane.

In Attendance: Clerk Mary Philo. Members of the Public: 11.

1. Formalities

I) The Council was quorate.

LGA Act 1972 sch12, 12/28/45

II) Apologies were given for Cllrs. Hennig and Winter, County Cllr. Hill and Borough Cllr. Burgess.

LGA Act 1972 sch12, 12

III) Declarations of Interest and dispensations: Cllr. Wilkinson declared a significant other interest in Planning application 17/00012/AS Park House. No requests for dispensations. Code of Conduct

2. Approval of Draft minutes

Further to amendment, it was resolved to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2017 as a true record. Proposer Cllr. Vane. Seconded Cllr. Jenkins LGA Act 1972 sch12,19.1

The meeting was adjourned at 19.35 hrs

Griffin Cottages Footpath: Volunteer research had revealed that, the past costings of £20,000 and £30,000. A current cost estimate would be sought. The Chair of Kenardington Parish Council offered to keep the council updated with Kenardington's progress for a 300m footpath currently estimated at £40,000.

Abandoned Car: A foreign car had been left in the village hall car park. PCSO Dan Smith and a local landlord would make enquiries.

Magpie Farm: A resident asked if the planning application was still live. The council awaited advice.

Fire Hydrants: A resident asked about fire hydrants. The council chairman and street cleaner had attended a presentation by the Fire Service. The Fire Service would still be responsible for the hydrants and would check them as per their schedule. However, in addition, the parish council street cleaner could visually check the hydrants and keep them free of vegetation. A plan would be provided and very little time would be added to the Street Cleaner's hours. Faults would be reported to the Fire Service for them to resolve.

Pedestrian Crossing: A resident requested the council to make enquiries for one near the recreation ground and/or the shop.

The meeting was reconvened at 19.49hrs

3. Matters arising from the previous ordinary: None.

4. Finances

I) Bank Accounts as at 31st January 2017 stood at current account £ 20,988.80 and reserve account at £20,808.70 with £803.50 in unrepresented cheques: total available £40,994 (including reserves and ring fenced sums).

II) Cheques raised since the last meeting:

£106.02 Southern Electric – Public conveniences

£ 803.50 December Salaries

II) It was resolved to draw the following cheques:

£ 45.00 Appledore Village Hall: meeting room hire

£ 56.89 M Philo: Room, Car, Laminating sheets (HMRC to refund £1.66)

£ 357.50 Zurich plc: A.P.C. insurance cover

Salaries to be paid at the end of the month following receipt of time sheets

The meeting was adjourned for a report from PCSO Dan Smith at 17.52 hrs

New crimes in the area were few. Further speed checks had caught cars just over the limit with no reoffenders. The PCSO was asked to carry out some speed checks on plus 40 mph local roads.

The meeting was reconvened at 19.57hrs

5. Planning

Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 sch1/2010

I) Ashford Borough Decisions Advised:

16/01476/AS Cradlebridge, Moor Lane – Erection of one polytunnel in line with existing polytunnels: Permitted by A.B.C.

II) New applications considered by A.P.C.:

a)17/00012/AS Park House, Tenterden Road – Construction of contemporary garden pavilion with natural swimming pond and change of use of the land to be extended as part of residential curtilage of the site. A.P.C. voted unanimously to support.

b)17/00035/AS Sixty-Six Farm, Tenterden Road – Alterations to building approved under reference 16/00978/AS to facilitate use as annex for dependant relatives. A.P.C. voted unanimously to support.

c)17/00056/AS Corner Cottage, Military Road – Single storey rear infill extension and new pitched roof to garage. A.P.C. voted unanimously to support.

6. Highways and Byways

I) Report by the Footpath Warden Ken Girkin: Residents were encouraged to make more use of the footpaths to keep them open. Ken hoped to shortly introduce his replacement, Paul Ripley, who was already a Countryside Access Warden and as such able to have the Court Lodge Road style height reduced. Ken was thanked by the council for his years of service as footpath warden.

II) Other highway issues:

Necked street lights: Cllr. Wilkinson would continue to chase the new project manager for progress.

Drains clearing The Street: K.C.C Cabinet Member Cllr. Balfour had apologised for the very poor communication and service that residents had received and would be speaking to the contractors.

7. Public Conveniences

The cleaner had agreed to undertake a couple of hours of online coshh training: est. cost £40.

8. It was resolved to appoint Cllr. Vane as representative committee member to Appledore Recreation Ground Management Committee.

Cllrs were reminded of the date for the meeting with A.R.G.M.C.: 22nd March 2017 7.30pm in the Pavilion. Proposed/Seconded Cllrs. Perkins/ Kellar.

9. It was resolved to agree an Equal Opportunities Policy.

Proposed/Seconded Cllrs. Vane/ Jenkins.

10. Queen's 90th Birthday tree:

Due to neighbouring residents concern, this item was deferred to the next meeting. A cllr. advised that there may be another request to site a bench within the area.

11. Armed Forces Covenant:

Following discussion of possible use of the logo, agreement to be on the next agenda.

12. (Item moved to follow on from item 10) Further to the discussion of item 10, **it was resolved that the restored council noticeboard should be returned to the original area but with the board being closer to the footpath.** Mr Mundy was thanked for restoring the board. Proposed Cllr. Jenkins. Seconded Cllr. Wilkinson.
13. **Information for Councillors**
Ist World War Beacon: The History Society had obtained permission for a permanent beacon – iron basket on 5 metre stand- on Mill Hill. Cost £750.
Defibrillators/BT Red K6 Telephone box: BT had recently emailed that contracts would be sent.
Restoration: A TV program producer was looking for smaller items of interest to restore in workshops for the program. Various items were suggested: Best in Bloom Bin, Appledore sign with Invicta logo and 1920's hay elevator. Information on the noticeboards.
14. **Date of Next Meeting**
6th March 2017 at 19.30hrs in the village hall.