



## **Minutes of the Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 at 7.30 pm Appledore Village Hall**

Present

James Perkins (Chair), 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: 11

### **1. Formalities**

I) The council was quorate (LGA Act 1972 schedule12, 12/28/45).

II) Apologies had been received from Councillor Hennig and County Councillor Hill. (LGA 1972 schedule12, 12).

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

### **2. Approval of Draft Minutes**

Following minor amendment, it was resolved to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 as a true record. Proposed Councillor Vane and seconded Councillor Hiskey (LGA Act 1972 schedule12,19.1).

### **Adjournment of Meeting for Reports and Public Question**

The meeting was adjourned at 7.35 pm

**Paper Report from P.C.S.O. Kate Richardson was placed on seats.**

#### **Report from Borough Councillor Burgess**

Planning applications were taking longer to process due to the volume of work and officer illness.

#### **Public Questions**

##### **Highways Improvement Scheme**

A member of the public thanked Councillors Wilkinson and Hennig for bringing the scheme to completion though the required works had not been completed as yet.

##### **Standing Orders Limit to Public Speaking**

A member of the public expressed concern about the limit of 15 minutes for Public Session. The time limit was a guide which councillors supported as a result of lengthy discussions during recent public sessions and continued interruptions by the public after the close of the public session.

##### **Refurbishment of the Village Hall**

No further report had been made as the planning application for the council field was still at a standstill. Pressure had been applied by the District Councillor. In response to query the village

hall was still covering its running costs. It was highlighted that the hall was a facility for the village rather than a profit-making institution however, the condition of the hall could no longer be solved with short term fixes. It was also confirmed that the planning application was in joint names of the council and developer.

### **Extraordinary Meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

The meeting had been held to comply with time limitations on the issues discussed.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.55 pm.

### **3. Finances**

I) As at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 the balance stood at £ 32,104.74.

II) January receipts:

£ 26.12 Public Toilets Donations

£ 450.62 HMRC vat refund

£ 3.55 January bank interest

II) Cheques raised since the last meeting:

£ 974.28 February salaries

II) It was resolved to draw the following:

£ 9.34 Pett Parish Council for share of Clerk's Mobile Phone

£ 29.99 M Philo for administration costs: stationary £5.75, toilet requisites £2.99, domain name renewal £29.99 (vat refund £6.46)

V) Internal Audit

**It was resolved to contract Mike Cuerden to carry out an internal financial audit as per the requirements for a parish council. (£275)**

### **4. Planning**

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

I) Ashford Borough Decisions Advised:

a) 19/01780/AS Fairwinds Station Road: Detached garage with ancillary living accommodation to serve proposed dwelling approved under 18/01857/AS – Permit.

II) New applications considered and voted on:

a) **20/00144/AS Sunset Lodge, Woodchurch Road: Roof extension incorporating single storey/two storey extensions, front porch, dormer, additional windows on side elevation. It was resolved to support this application.** Proposed by Councillor Jenkins and supported by Councillor Wilkinson.

b) **20/00157/AS Prospect House, School Road: Construction of 2 bay garage. It was resolved to support this application.** Proposed by Councillor Wilkinson and supported by Councillor Vane.

c) **20/00176/AS Gusbourne Estate Vineyard: Siting of three containers (one retrospectively) adjacent to winery building. It was resolved to support this application.** Proposed by Councillor Winter and supported by Councillor Hiskey.

d) **20/00264/AS Court Barn, Court Lodge Road: Erection of an aluminum lean-to glasshouse. It was resolved to support this application.** Proposed by Councillor Vane and supported by Councillor Wilkinson.

## **5. Highways and Byways**

### **I) Replacement lights in The Street**

The fault on the new LED lamps fitted along The Street was rectified and they were only on during the night now however one lamp had been omitted from the schedule.

### **II) Update on Highways Improvement Scheme**

The basic work was now complete but a number of hoped and expected items still remained outstanding. There was a question over existing markings being refreshed as part of the paid for works or under the regular scheduled maintenance. This and a query regarding yellow backing of some signs had been raised with the highways contact.

### **III) Footpaths**

Following a walk round of the various paths, the Public Rights of Way Officer had advised that action could be taken on four paths. A review of the issues of the various paths and possible actions is available from the minutes on the council website.

### **IV) Visit from Simon Jones Director of Kent Highways**

Councillors Hennig and Wilkinson will produce an agenda in time for the meeting.

## **6. Cork Board for Council Noticeboards**

**It was resolved to add cork pinboards to the council noticeboards.** Estimated cost approximately £150. Proposed Councillor Perkins and seconded Councillor Vane.

## **7. Nomination of Speaker at the Planning Committee Meeting considering the Council Field Planning Application**

The application was expected to be considered at the April meeting. Prior to the meeting a report would be produced outlining any resolutions to any issues for councillors to comment on. **It was resolved to nominate Councillor Vane to speak at the Ashford Borough Planning Committee Meeting when it addresses the planning application for the residential development of the council field.** Proposed by Councillor Perkins and seconded by Councillor Winter.

## **8. Village Hall Report**

The report is attached.

## **9. Information for Councillors**

### **V.E. Day**

The Clerk to enquire what other neighbouring parishes had planned for the day, believing that the day should be marked. It was suggested that the parish council could provide extra flowers for the Church which would be marking the day during its regular Sunday. worship. Appledore does not have a branch of the British Legion

### **Air Ambulance Funding Request Letter**

This would be included on the April agenda.

### **Opening Lloyds Bank Account**

Forms had been completed and a response from Lloyds awaited.

### **Water Supply to the Public Toilets**

SE had opened a new account for the toilets since their error of having registered Appledore Stores and the conveniences on the same account number. In order for billing and money

issues to be resolved a meter reading had been requested. The meter cover had been damaged as a result of vehicles driving over the verge near the layby near the toilets.

### **Appledore Facebook**

A new administrator had been found and residents and societies were encouraged to use it.

### **10. Date of Next Meeting**

6<sup>th</sup> April 2020, 19.30hrs in the village hall. The meeting closed at 20.40 hrs.

### **Appledore Village Hall Report March 2020**

We have a new comer to village, who has kindly offered to take up the post of secretary for the Village Hall Committee and Trustees. Christine Guest, is keen to get involved in village life, and has already done an excellent job of minuting the last meeting. Thank you, Christine.

Thank you everyone for your most generous support at the January food and film night. It was a most enjoyable evening, and this brought some much-needed sunshine into the winter months. We have taken on board comments regarding the food and the wine and will work hard to address this at our next food and film night on Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Talking of which our film for March will be Shirley Valentine, needless to say the food will have a Greek theme. Tickets will be £5.00 film only or £10.00 for both film and food. It will be essential to book through Marilyn so that we know what numbers to cater for. More details later in the Magazine.

Also starting back on March 7<sup>th</sup> is the multi market run by John which was very popular last year.

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 11am we have the grand opening of 'The Active Café'. The village hall will provide a meeting place for walkers, runners, cyclists, birdwatcher – everybody is welcome! John will be providing breakfast rolls, sandwiches, soup and roast dinners and more. Please come along and support this new venture, which we hope to make a regular event.

It's good to see the evenings getting lighter. I think the only ones that are enjoying this rather wet weather are the moles, they have made themselves comfortable on the bank outside the hall by all appearances.

Roll on spring when the heating in the hall is not such a big issue!

### **Footpath Review**

#### **AT121A Magpie Farm**

The Herras fencing had been removed. The path would be diverted as part of the planning application for the council field. The northern section to Tenterden Road, after investigation, the definitive map is shown to be incorrect. The path as sign posted is the correct line. Stile and route through menage to be discussed with landowner.

#### **AT121 Tenterden Road to Upton**

The path is blocked by fence in west, then possibly by 70s built house, hedge in 2 places and barbed wire fence. The track from Uptons to Tenterden Road has no clarification and so in reality is a dead-end path and as such a low priority. Until AT122 is resolved there is no reason to sign post from Tenterden Road.

**AT122 Elm Tree to AT121**

This path has been obstructed since Blenheim Lodge was constructed. Fortunately, due to another planning application an opportunity to divert this path has arisen.

**AT130 The Heath to School Road**

Path blocked by wall, gate and a garage at Pear Tree Cottage, again this was constructed without Ashford Borough Council being aware of the definitive map.

**AT120A Griffith Farm**

The path does not go through main gate, it runs through the garden and outbuildings to the west of Griffith Farmhouse

**AT125 Court Lodge**

Path may not be on correct line; this will be investigated and action taken to either improve the access or open up on correct line.