



**Minutes of the Meeting on 7th August 2017 at 19.30hrs
Appledore Village Hall**

Present

Cllrs: Chris Vane (Chair), Helen Hennig, Lyndsey Jenkins, Charles Wilkinson and Derek Winter.

In Attendance: Borough Cllr. Mike Burgess and the Clerk Mary Philo.

Members of the Public: 5

1. Formalities

I) The council was quorate.

LGA Act 1972 sch12, 12/28/45

II) Apologies were received for County Cllr. Hill and Cllr. Perkins.

LGA Act 1972 sch12, 12

III) Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Wilkinson declared an 'other significant interest' regarding planning application 17/00926/AS Land Adjacent to Well House

Dispensations: None

Code of Conduct

2. Approval of Draft minutes

It was resolved to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 29th June 2017 as a true record, with the following amendment: first sentence of Public Forum – Councillor Vacancy to be amended to read 'Following a query, it was advised that Ashford Borough Council had informed the parish council that no by-election had been requested.'

It was resolved to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July 2017 as a true record, with the following amendment: Highways and Byways v)- to read 'Following the request of County Cllr. Hill, a letter had been sent to him detailing all concerns regarding highways and an improvements wish list.'

Proposed Cllr. Wilkinson and seconded Cllr. Hennig

LGA Act 1972 sch12,19.1

The meeting was adjourned at 19.40hrs

Exception Sites – It was suggested that it could be possible to build social housing using an exception site (land not within the built confine but allowed for social housing) thus leaving the council field available for sale at a higher price. It was advised that the few social housing needs for Appledore would not financially support an exception site. In addition, the government had passed a law that required all developments of 10 dwellings and above to have 40% affordable homes which could include new shared ownership social housing and social rented homes. This made exception sites less appealing.

The meeting was reconvened at 19.51hrs

3. Matters arising from the previous ordinary meeting (not already covered under another item and not for decision at this meeting). None

4. Finances

I) First Quarters Financial Report attached. Bank accounts stood at £42,289.04 as at 31st July 2017.

II) Income Received:

£35.92 Public donations from the toilets
£953.71 Solar Panel fit payment for 6 months
£213.36 Southern Electric Public Toilets: this money will have to be returned once Laser the Wholesaler has decided if the parish council is to pay them or SEE directly.

III) Cheques raised since the last meeting:

£847.40 July Salaries
£32.64 Southeast Water: Public Toilets
£54.00 Care Signs: old council noticeboard header 'Local Events' (vat refund £9.00)

IV) It was resolved to draw the following cheques:

£24.78 Kent County Council Commercial Services: toilet requisites and A4 paper (vat refund £4.13)

£68.89 M Philo Admin costs: Room £30, Car £33.80, postage £6.09

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

V) **It was resolved to pay £100.00 to the Methodist Chapel for the intermittent meetings over the last 2 years.** Proposed Cllr. Hennig and seconded Cllr. Winter. LGA 1972 sch12,10(1)

5. Planning

Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 sch1/2010

I) Ashford Borough Decisions Advised:

a) 17/00828/AS Avery's 42-44 The Street: Conversion of existing outbuilding and change of use to B&B; holiday let (revision to planning permission 16/00476/AS) -Permitted.

b) 17/00834/AS Fairwinds, Station Road: Proposed detached garage to Fairwinds – Permitted.

c) 17/00889/AS Park House, Tenterden Road: Proposed garden pavilion revised roof terrace omitting glass panelled roof area (revision to planning permission 17/00499/AS) – Permitted.

d) 17/00966/AS Old Vicarage, Old Way: Erection of a single storey rear extension and terrace to rear elevation and demolition of existing chimney – Permitted.

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

a) **17/00244/AS Land to the rear and north of The Old Surgery, The Street: Erection of a detached house together with associated access.** It was noted that the number of houses provided in relation to this and the Old Surgery site with regard to the Local plan 2030 would reduce from 4 to 2 dwellings. **APC resolved to support this application.** Proposed Cllr. Winter and seconded Cllr. Jenkins.

b) **17/00926/AS Land Adjacent to Well House, Court Lodge Road: residential enabling development of 4 detached dwellings with associated car parking and landscaping to create a new 41 space public car park including new pedestrian footpath linking Court Lodge Road to The Street.** Cllr. Wilkinson reiterated his other significant interest. It was noted that the borough council developers had rejected earlier plans for smaller homes and preferred larger homes in this instance. Furthermore, it was undecided which level of government would be responsible for the car park. **APC resolved to support this application.** Proposed Cllr. Winter and seconded Cllr. Jenkins.

c) **Proposed street naming of the road to the development of 5 homes to be 'Magpie Farm'.** Councillors confirmed they had no issue with the naming.

6. The defibrillator on the public toilets could be used on children with the correct pads. None had been supplied. **It was resolved to acquire a defibrillator pad for children and replacement pads for adults and children and security tape.** (approx. cost £100). Proposed Cllr. Wilkinson and seconded Cllr. Hennig LGA 1972 S111(1)

7. Training

Cllr. Jenkins and Hennig had attended a well taught session "Getting to Grips with IT". It had been a pilot scheme. Cllrs. had been supplied with training sessions for the autumn.

8. In order to install the cabinet and defibrillator to comply with BT requirements an additional box would have to be acquired for the power supply approx. £50 on top of installation costs. **It was resolved to sign the BT contract to adopt the K6 telephone kiosk located in The Street. Cheque for £1 drawn at the meeting.** The kiosk had to be accepted in its current condition so any works required would fall on the parish council. Proposed Cllr. Winter and seconded Cllr. Hennig.

LGA1972 s111(1)

9. **Highways and Byways**

Cllrs. Wilkinson and Hennig reported as follows:

I) Necked Lights - Depending upon delivery, the replacement bulbs will be installed within the next couple of months.

II) White lines in woods – The approved and funded lining is now waiting for any repairs to the roads in question to be carried out first.

III) Parked Cars – The vehicles on Kennardington Road had been declared abandoned and would be removed. The local authority was trying to help the owner through social services.

IV) Aspire had completed the clearing of the verges/swayes at the canal bridge and Tenterden Road junction.

The meeting was adjourned at 20.20 hrs – A member of the public asked if the future traffic survey would include Kennardington Road. It was advised that this had been requested but not confirmed as yet. The meeting reconvened at 20.25 hrs.

10. **Public Conveniences**

A further £118.25 in public donations had been received making a total of £740.74 since the donation boxes had been installed.

During the car rally, council members had noted that there appeared to be no free access to the loos at times and at other times they were available to the public. One of the ladies toilets had been closed off during the car rally as it would have become blocked with higher usage than normal. The increase in users from the car rally had not translated into an increase in public donations.

It was advised that one of the cisterns and parts needed replacing.

11. **Recreation Ground**

Due to unforeseen extraordinary circumstances, Cllr. Vane had stepped down as council representative to Appledore Recreation Ground Management Committee. **It was resolved to appoint Cllr. Winter till the committee's AGM spring 2018.** Proposed Cllr. Vane and seconded Cllr. Hennig.

12. **Information for Councillors**

Pension – The declaration to the Department of Pensions had been made stating that the council had no employees that required automatic enrolment into a pension scheme.

Catt's Hill, Stone -Road closed for gully cleaning, 9th August 2017

13. **Date of Next Meeting**

4th September 2017, 19.30hrs in the village hall. The meeting closed at 20.30 hrs.