



5th June 2023
Minutes of the Meeting
7.30 pm Village Hall

Present

Roger Hiskey (Chairman), Roger Kimber, Gary Kinsley, Chester Lusk, Sharon Marsh, Kevin Nicol and Paula Thornton.

In attendance: County Councillor Mike Hill, Borough Councillor Johnny Shelton and the Locum Clerk Georgina Jackson

Members of the Public: 7

Before the meeting the Chairman welcomed Roger Kimber and Georgina Jackson to the meeting.

The Chairman, speaking on behalf of Parish Councillors past and present, paid tribute to Mary's wisdom, experience of local government and care for the citizens of Appledore. She has made a lasting contribution to the Community and will be missed.

The Chairman also thanked all councillors past and present.

1. Formalities

I) Quorum

The council was quorate.

II) Apologies and Reasons for absence

There were none

(LGA 1972 schedule12, 12)

III) Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

(Code of Conduct)

Cllr Marsh declared an interest in planning application PA/2023/0919 The Old Bakery, Court Lodge.

2. Approval of Draft Minutes

It was resolved to agree the minutes of the meetings held on 3rd April 2023 as a true record.

Proposed by Councillor Kinsley and seconded Councillor Nicol.

(LGA Act 1972 schedule12,19.1)

It was resolved to agree the minutes of the meetings held on 15th May 2023 as a true record.

Proposed by Councillor Kinsley and seconded Councillor Nicol.

(LGA Act 1972 schedule12,19.1)

Adjournment of Meeting for Reports and Public Questions

Report from County Councillor Mike Hill

Councillor Mike Hill reported on the following:-

- Borough council elections. There are now 7 or 8 new leaders of local councils.
- Implementing the budget. Kent County Council are consulting on closing some of the household waste recycling centres, the budget will result in service cuts.
- Visit by the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister visited Kent as he is interested in combatting the rise of illegal vapes.
- Potholes.

Report from Borough Councillor Johnny Shelton

Councillor Shelton reported on the coalition administration and explained that it is going to be a tough four years for Ashford Borough Council.

Public Questions 7.52pm

A member of the public queried the draft Minutes for May 2023.

A member of the public spoke on behalf of one of the applicants who were submitting a planning application.

A member of the public discussed the evening the public toilets were vandalised.

A member of the public raised some questions and accuracies in relation to previous meetings on the expenditure of public money in relation to the recreation area.

The meeting reconvened at 8.16 pm

3. Planning

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

3.1 Planning Decisions by Ashford Borough Council

There were none.

3.2 Planning Applications Considered

1)) PA/2023/0885 Land to the North East of Prospect House, School Road; Proposed new dwelling and outbuilding (revision to approved planning permission 21/02151/AS). **There was no comment on this planning application.**

II) PA/2023/0919 The Old Bakery, Court Lodge: Alterations to existing roof including addition of 2 no dormers (resubmission with design changes following on from refused application PA/2022/2625). **It was resolved to support this application.** Proposed by Councillor Nicol and seconded by Councillor Marsh. Majority decision.

III) iii) PA/2023/0950 Park House, Tenterden Road; Proposed replacement two-storey outbuilding including annex and solar panels to north elevation (alternative scheme to approved (with conditions) application PA/2022/3006). **There was no comment on this planning application.**

3.3 Kent County Council Public Orders

iv) To discuss Kent County Council Public Order. **It was resolved to defer this application to the next meeting to be held in July 2023.**

4. Finances

4.1 Bank Account

As at 5th May 2023 stood at £102,525.37 (this includes £62,343.01 ring fenced for capital projects and £8,657.03 ring fenced for highways). Remaining funds £31,525.33 including £13,000 reserve. Current account £21,162.47.

4.2 April Receipts

£13,000	Precept
£63.48	Interest

4.3 April Payments

£553.63	April Salaries
£57.93	Flower display for gates.
£64.40	Cheque 1813
£113.23	Waste water for toilets, November to March 2023.
£500.00	Cheque 1823
£53.83	Cheque 1825
£466.10	Cheque 1824

4.4 Additional May Payments

£1,725.50	May Salaries
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4.5 It was resolved to make the following payments

£28.00	St John Ambulance – defib battery.
£69.56	Hand soap and toilet tissue (£57.97 plus £11.59 VAT)
£220.00	Locum Clerk

5. Review of Policies.

i) Financial Regulations

To agree the Financial Regulations with an amendment increasing emergency spending authority to the Clerk to £2,000 (regulation 4.5). To also amend the requirement to obtain or try to obtain three quotes in regulation 11.1, h, a) to:

'where the value is below £5,000 and above £3,000 the Clerk or RFO shall strive to obtain 3 estimates.

Otherwise, Regulation 10.3 above shall apply.' (Chairman to sign)

After discussion **it was resolved to amend the emergency spending authority to the Clerk to £1,000.**

It was also resolved to leave the regulation to obtain or try to obtain 3 quotes -regulation 11 1 h a - unchanged

6. Friends of Appledore Footpaths

Following receipt of a letter from FoAF, to agree to assist the group where footpaths have been blocked by buildings and walls by discussing these with those property owners and other public bodies. To also consider funding other works that the group has planned. **It was resolved to delegate the authority to the clerk to liaise with the different stakeholders.** Proposed by Councillor Nicol and seconded by Councillor Kinsley.

7. To receive update from Appledore Recreation Ground Management Committee on the Pavilion Works

It was reported that a public meeting had taken place, separate to the parish council and that this had gone well.

8. To consider resilience planning.

It was reported that Councillor Thornton had attended training and there were a few suggestions from this to help with the emergency plan.

9. Information for Councillors

The Chairman reported on the damage to the Ladies toilets and asked for this to be reported to the police. It was further reported that the leak will be fixed shortly in the Mens toilets.

The Chairman reported that complaints had been received regarding the grass and weeds in the parish council owned car parks. The Clerk will chase the contractor.

The Chairman reported that grass had not been cut at the Church, it was reported that a member of the public had offered to undertake this. The Chairman will liaise with the Church.

10. Future agenda items.

There were none.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 3rd July 2023, 7.30pm, Appledore Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.03 pm.