



9th May 2022
Minutes of the Meeting
7.30 pm Village Hall

Present

Roger Hiskey, Helen Hennig, Charles Wilkinson and Derek Winter.
In attendance: District Councillor Mick Burgess and Clerk Mary Philo.
Members of the Public: 8

1. Formalities

I) Quorum

The council was quorate.

II) Election of Chairman

Councillor Wilkinson nominated Councillor Hiskey. Councillor Winter seconded. Councillor Hiskey accepted and **it was resolved to elect Councillor Hiskey as Chairman** and acceptance of office was signed later.

III) Apologies

Councillor Kinsley and County Councillor Mike Hill.

(LGA 1972 schedule12, 12)

IV) 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 4th April 2022 as a true record.

Proposed by Councillor Winter and seconded Councillor Hiskey. (LGA Act 1972 schedule12,19.1)

Adjournment of Meeting for Reports and Public Questions

Report from District Councillor Mick Burgess

The Borough Council will be soon electing a new mayor.

The open-air performance 'All Change', which moved during the performance to various locations within the town, covering the historical link between Ashford and trains, had been very interesting. It had been financially supported by Ashford Borough Council.

A member of the public advised that the land behind Horne's Place Oast was under offer. Their concern was that it might be bought by Horne's Place Oast and be used for further holiday lets. The land had permission for two four-bedroom dwellings.

Public Questions 7.44pm

Application for four affordable one-bedroom flats at Heathside

A resident of the road commented that the proposed area for parking was often flooded during heavy rains and the proposed plans did not introduce enough additional parking areas whilst removing some current parking areas as the access road would have to be widened. The block would also remove the view from the road to the fields behind and the sense of space that produced.

Kent Association of Local Councils

A member of the public queried the reason for the appointment. Advice was given that the regular meetings are usually attend by Councillor Hiskey but at the Annual General Meeting for KALC the elected representatives for KALC would have legitimate voting rights.

Grass Seed for Car Park at Village Hall

In response to query it was advised that seeding of the area around the car park had not formed a part of the refurbishment works.

The meeting reconvened at 7.51 pm

4. Appointment of Members to Outside Organisations

I) Friends of Appledore Station

It was resolved to elect Councillor Hennig. Elected member will report to council, as appropriate, following attendance of meetings. Proposed by Councillor Winter and seconded by Councillor Wilkinson.

II) Representative to Kent Association of Local Councils

It was resolved to elect Councillor Hiskey and Hennig. Elected members will report to council, as appropriate, following attendance of meetings. Proposed by Councillor Winter and seconded by Councillor Wilkinson.

III) Representative for Appledore Recreation Ground Management Committee

It was resolved to elect Councillor Winter. Elected member will report to council, as appropriate, following attendance of meetings. Proposed by Councillor Hiskey and seconded by Councillor Wilkinson.

IV) Representatives for Appledore Village Hall Management Committee

It was resolved to elect Councillor Kinsley and Councillor Winter. Elected members will report to council, as appropriate, following attendance of meetings. Proposed by Councillor Hiskey and seconded by Councillor Wilkinson.

5. Allocation of Council Members' Responsibilities as Leading Councillors who Oversee that Area (major decisions to be put to the full council for voting)

Highways and Byways	Councillor Hennig (Proposed Cllrs Hiskey and Winter). Councillor Hennig Suggested that Councillor Kinsley could take on Byways in future.
Planning	All Councillors.
Training	Deferred.
Development of Council Field, Hall (Proposed Cllrs Hiskey and Wilkinson)	Derek Winter Refurbishments and Linear Park
Parish Plan -	Deferred.
Resilience Plan -	Deferred.
Court Lodge Car Park	Charles Wilkinson (Proposed Cllrs Hiskey and Winter)
External Affairs (community transport, county associations, climate change)	

Winter)

6. Schedule of Meetings

It was resolved that ordinary meetings will continue monthly on the first Monday of the month but for bank holidays. Proposed by Councillor Hiskey and seconded by Councillor Wilkinson

7. Planning

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

7.1 Planning Decisions by Ashford Borough Council

I) 22/0023/AS Badgers Brook, Kenardington: Minor Alteration to existing dwelling including replacement windows, minor extension to east plus recladding and alterations to existing adjacent outbuilding- Approved

II) 22/00364/AS Appledore Post Office, the Street: Proposed single-storey rear extension to form shower facilities – Approved.

7.2 Planning Applications Considered

I) 22/00524/AS 1 New Rents, Kenardington Road: Demolition of existing garage. Proposed two storey side and rear extension with solar panels. Replacement of existing glazing. Erection of single storey garage. External and internal alterations. **It was resolved to support.** Proposed Councillor Winter and seconded by Councillor Wilkinson.

II) 22/00525/AS 2 New Rents Kenardington Road: Demolition of existing storey element, erection of replacement single storey rear extension. Internal alterations. Proposed dropped kerb and new driveway. Replacement of existing glazing. Reinstatement of proposed entrance door. **It was resolved to support.** Proposed Councillor Winter and seconded by Councillor Wilkinson.

III) 22/00567/AS Land between 10 and 13 Heathside: Proposed residential development comprising no1 block of flats comprising no.4 apartments/dwellings including associated vehicular and pedestrian access, parking and landscape. **It was resolved to object on the basis of the current parking issues and the insufficient parking places planned for the development.** Proposed Councillor Winter and seconded by Councillor Wilkinson.

IV) Amended plans for 5 Maple Court 21/02040/AS: Erection of detached dwelling with associated car parking and landscaping. **It was resolved to object as stated below.** Proposed Councillor Wilkinson and seconded by Councillor Winter. **'Having considered the amended plans, Appledore Parish Council sees no reason to change its original response, which is included below.**

Furthermore, it would highlight that even with the proposed amended plans the raised position of the house will alter the rural street scene and the appearance of the conservation area along Court Lodge Road. It will be overbearing and imposing against the homes opposite. The parish council maintains that no dwelling should be allowed to be built on the land which is already dedicated as an area of wildlife mitigation for a development of 5 houses (20/00975/AS).'

7.3 Residential Enabling Car Park

The conveyance detailing the legal transfer of the car park to the parish council is still with solicitors. This may not include the footpath towards The Military Canal. How an easement of passage can be achieved will have to be discussed. In the meantime, Court Developments had offered the parish council the opportunity to take on the current temporary electricity supply (100amp) at the car park itself. EON the current service provider advised that the new standing charge only rates from April are 41.6p a day.

It was resolved to agree to take over the electricity supply at the car park in Court Lodge Road subject to agreement of the conveyance.

Court Development also confirmed that a gate will be erected at the end of the footpath at The Military Canal end.

The Traffic Management Scheme will be discussed at a site meeting with highways officers, in the coming week.

8. Recreation Ground Funding Request from Council Field Sale Funds

Having considered the details of the available sources of funding for differing projects on the recreation ground it had become apparent that those depending mainly on funds from the infrastructure levy would have to wait for till nearer the completion of the planned homes for the former council field. The committee also await the finer details of the grant from the Football Association. Discussion with Martello were under way regarding the works they were providing as part of the sale of contract. Costings of the original thoughts on work were in hand but further suggestions on sporting improvements needed to also be considered. The recreation ground had provided councillors with details of prices for works being considered, however as local contractors are involved and further quotes may be required, this information will be reviewed by councillors in private informally.

9. Highways and Byways

Highways Officers were still working from home and it had taken sometime to get back up to full speed. In order to reduce speeding through the village, the council would be installing gateways to highlight to drivers that they were entering the village and what was the speed limit. The number had been reduced from 6 to 3 with those being: before the canal bridge, upon entering on Tenterden Road and Kenardington Road. Exact details and costs were still awaited. Road surface roundels are not allowed where street lights are installed but bin stickers are allowed. This could be another way to highlight the speed limit. Sign rationalisation remains another council objective but this may be further delayed with the pending signage scheme for the car park on Court Lodge Road. Residents reports of poor paving and road conditions had been reported but Highways Officers have advised that these were not critical for immediate work. The street light in the narrows that was erroneous replaced with a modern one has now been changed to match those in the Street. Councillor Hennig will contract Highways Structures Team about the condition of the canal bridge.

10. Response to NALC Sector Finance Survey 2022

The survey asks for feedback on whether NALC should lobby for Town and Parish Councils this to be able to apply directly to central government for funding and for reasons why. **It was resolved to agree the following responses:**

Question 11 – Local councils should be able to be directly funded – Yes

Question 12 - NALC and other sector bodies should lobby for direct funding – Yes

Question 13 – What is the biggest financial challenge – ‘restricted access to investment’ and ‘insufficient council funds’

Question 16 – How would the council benefit: Funds and investment would be used to replace tired pavilion sports facilities and increase the number of sports available e.g., netball as well as provide all weather artificial surface to allow year-round sports and sensory community garden space.

11. Finances

11.1 Bank Account

As at 31st March 2022 stood at £ 100,430.94 (this includes £62,343.01 ring fenced for capital projects and £19.885 ring fenced for highways). Year End Financial Report can be found at the end of the minutes.

11.2 March Receipts

£250.00	ABC grant towards Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
£412.56	HMRC vat reclaim
£327.64	EDF Feed in Tariff payment from solar panels
£11.94	Public donations from the toilets
£0.77	Bank Interest

11.3 March Payments

£13.81	Pett PC: Share of Mobile Phone for the Clerk January to March 2022
£14.39	Refund M Philo: stamps £5.00 and toilet requisites £9.39 (vat £1.56)
£33.58	Kent County Council: toilet requisites (vat £5.60)
£83.20	Refund M Philo: Share of subscription to Clerk's Society
£3.67	Castle Water: Toilets Freshwater July to September 2020 following reading and installation of new meter
£119.80	Business Stream: Toilets Waste Water September 2021 to January 2022 following reading and installation of new meter
£29.83	Business Stream: Toilets Waste Water January quarter 2022
£1,712.13	March Salaries and 4 th Quarter HMRC PAYE
£6,312.00	Arien Designs Limited: Appledore Signage production (vat £1,052.00)
£61.13	Laser Energy: Toilet Electricity December to February 2022 (vat £2.91)
£58.50	TP Jones & Co Ltd: payroll January to March 2022 (vat £9.75)
£240.00	W Tollett Ltd: Erection of two signs for the village hall for the Appledore Signage Scheme
£200.00	St. Peter and St. Paul Church: Room hire for June to March 2022

11.4 It was resolved to make the following payments

£58.08	Kent County Council: Toilet requisites (vat £9.68)
£283.77	Castle Water: Public Toilets Waste Water – this will be adjusted following the meter change
£54.91	VR Sani: Toilets Sanitary Waste collection (vat £9.15)

Proposed by Councillor Kinsley and seconded by Councillor Winter.

12. Car park at Village Hall

Following a request from a resident, **it was resolved to contract Gibbs and Son to sow grass seed around the parking area.** Estimated cost £50.

13. Tennis Court and MUGA

Following a request from a resident, in order permit continued use this year **it was resolved agree to pay to spray the weeds around the edge of the court and MUGA.** Estimated cost £100.

14. Information for councillors

Ashford Borough Council has confirmed that the parish council may co-opt two new councillors. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the village hall on 19th May 7.30. All local groups are welcome to make a report if they wish and residents will have an opportunity to raise any concerns. Councillors were reminded to check their register of interest form. A new form is available from the Clerk.

The Clerk advised that the water standing charge was increasing by 14%.

The internal audit of the parish council accounts had been completed.

15. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 6th June 2022, 7.30pm, Appledore Village Hall