



Minutes of the Meeting
3rd December 2018 at 19.30 hrs.
Appledore Village Hall

Present

Councillors: James Perkins (Chair), Helen Hennig, Roger Hiskey, Lyndsey Jenkins, Charles Wilkinson and Chris Vane.

In Attendance: County Councillor Mike Hill, Borough Councillor. Mick Burgess and the Clerk Mary Philo.
Members of the Public: 4

1. Formalities

I) The council was quorate (LGA Act 1972 sch12, 12/28/45).

II) Apologies had been received from Councillor Winter (LGA Act 1972 sch12, 12).

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

2. Approval of Draft minutes

It was resolved to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2018 as a true record with the following amendment: "Live added in front of Band events at the hall- under item 9. Proposed Councillor Hiskey and seconded Councillor Vane (LGA 1972 sch.12, 19.1).

The meeting was adjourned at 19.39 hrs.

Report by County Councillor. Hill

County Council Budget

Following additional central government funding, the county council would be able to balance the budget and would remain financially sound.

Brexit Contingency Planning

Additional staff had been employed as border staff and trading standards officers in anticipation of leaving the European Union on 29th March 2019.

"Big Conversation" (Transport issues)

Tenterden would be running a pilot scheme bus service using minibuses to link smaller outlying villages with Tenterden which would run for a year from June 2019. Appledore had been included in a twice a day service. Bus passes would be honoured. The Rolvenden Rocket was a private hire venture and would not honour bus passes. Westview Tenterden Day Care Centre had minibuses available for schemes running outside of their regular schedules.

Report from Councillor. Burgess

Brexit Contingency Planning

The borough council was planning for the worst-case scenario of no deal. The vulnerable were the most likely to be seriously affected.

Future Financial Strategy

The strategy of investing in property to provide rental income to boost the council's coffers had been reported in the Business Telegraph.

Public Questions

Speed and Traffic Survey – In response to a query, these would be made available to the public, most likely in a summary version due the amount of data. Councillors Wilkinson and Hennig would be meeting with highways officers to discuss the results and the ensuing options.

Village Gateway – It was reported that highways officers had evidence that gateways did significantly reduce drivers speeds as they entered villages. The highways program of installing gateways in villages was no longer running. Any new ones were being paid for by parishes if approved by Highways Officers.

Magpie Access Drive – A resident enquired about the latest position on the drive and additional parking being returned to its original width. The council was only aware that tgdesignerhomes and Martello were in discussion on this matter but the council had not been advised of the outcome. The meeting was reconvened at 20.00 hrs.

3. Finances

I) As at 30th November the balance stood at £ 41,398.91

The Clerk had review expenditure and produced a first draft budget. Predicted income for the next financial year would be marginally less as the concurrent grant may be reduced though it had not been in the current year. Predicted expenditure looked that it would reach £ 29,755 whilst anticipated income was £ 28,332. It was requested that a sum be budgeted towards small asset repairs such as the history of Appledore board in front of the church. £500 was suggested.

II) Income received:

£ 48.69 Correction to agenda Public donations from the toilets. Total Donations £ 1,918.74

£ 104.14 Battle's over end of event cash profit

£ 3.42 November Bank Interest

III) Cheques raised since the last meeting:

£ 950.73 November salaries

£ 5.00 Refund B Gray: Mop

IV) It was resolved to draw the following:

£ 54.99 M Philo Admin Costs: Room £30, Car £ 23.40, Stamps £1.59

V) It was resolved to share the cost of a LaserJet printer with Iden and Pett PC for the Clerk (est. cost £190)

4. Planning (Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 sch1/2010)

I) Ashford Borough Decisions Advised:

a) 18/01449/AS – Gusbourne Farm, Kenardington Road: Lawful Development Certificate – proposed five mobile homes for housing seasonal agricultural workers in conjunction with the agricultural requirement by Gusbourne Estate – Considered lawful.

b) Quilletts Oast, Court Lodge Road: Conversion and extension to existing garage to form carer accommodation (ancillary to main dwelling) (resubmission of planning permission 14/00631/AS) – Permitted.

c) Hornes Place Oast, Kenardington: Change of use from C3 dwelling house to a flexible use as either Sui Generis (holiday let) or C3 dwelling house. Erection of replacement timber gate, works to the pond, timber decking and jetty and play area (retrospective) – Permitted.

II) New applications for A.P.C. to consider and vote on:

a) 18/01563/AS - Old Mill Track from School Road to Heathside: Two storey rear extension. It was resolved to support. Proposed by Councillor Hiskey and seconded Councillor Jenkins.

b) 18/01608/AS – Land rear of 66 The Street: Proposed siting of traditional hay store/sheep shed, with small enclosed yard and the change of use of the site and adjacent land for the keeping of horses – private use. It was resolved to support. Proposed Councillor Vane and seconded Councillor Wilkinson.

5. Built Confine for Appledore Parish

Councillor Hiskey reported on the November session with Planning Officers including Simon Cole – Head of Planning. The maps which had been provided were a visualisation of the written definition of the built confine for Appledore Parish with regard to housing policies: HOU3 – provision for infill building and HOU5 – provision for building adjacent or near to the built-up area. Appledore Heath area fell under HOU3 and Appledore village centre fell under HOU5 and HOU53. Not all villages throughout Ashford Local Planning Authority's jurisdiction had described areas. The described areas only included completed buildings (not planned or approved building applications) and did not necessarily include rear gardens. They were based on visual appearance as much as physical attributes. Applications for small developments outside of the built confine would still have to be considered and being outside the confine alone would not be enough for the planning authority to refuse an application. The date for parish councils to respond had been extended to the 11th February 2019 to allow for public consultation. In addition to the magazine article, the clerk to publicise on the noticeboards and encourage residents to attend the January council meeting.

6. Battle's Over

The event was very well attended. At the end of the day the group has £308.14 of which it wishes to donate £50 to the following groups Appledore Bell Ringers, The British Legion, Royal Navy Association, Royal Airforce Benevolent Fund, The Army's National Charity, The Merchant Navy Association. Cheques signed at the meeting (LGA 1972 s137).

7. Community Transport

Within the Kent County Council public consultation, in June 2018, on the provision of rural bus services, various ideas such as "Feeder Services", "Bookable Bus Services" and "Taxi Buses" were proffered. The results of this and a further Bus Summit in October 2018 have resulted in 5 pilot schemes starting in the summer of 2019. The Tenterden pilot will be a Taxi Bus which will run to a scheduled timetable and

there will be no booking required. It will serve Benenden, Castleton Oaks, Iden Green, Leigh Green, Rare Breeds Centre, Rolvenden, Rolvenden Layne, Shirkoak Park, Shrubcote. KCC will be inviting applications for further pilots next year. The Community Transport Fund Scheme was originally launched in November 2017. £165,000 has been awarded to 7 schemes. A further £100,000 is available to support transport in local communities- bids are invited by February 2019. Councillor Hennig would again approach Appledore Good Neighbour Scheme about possible expansion.

8. Highways and Byways

I) 9th November Parish Seminar

The agenda had included Brexit plans, highways improvement plan, potholes, winter weather plan. Councillor Hennig and Wilkinson had some interesting conversations during the break. An information booklet had been produced to assist parishes requesting highways works.

II) Kent Association of Local Councils AGM

Discussions were held on working closer with Alzheimer's Society and Diabetics Association to help sufferers more. Two motions were carried: support for "20 is plenty" and support for KALC to lobby Kent Police to delegate enforcement powers to local authorities and/or trained civilians to deliver more frequent and less costly enforcement of speed limits.

9. Expenses Policy for the Clerk

It was resolved to agree an expenses policy and sickness and absence policy for the Clerk. Proposed by Councillor Vane and seconded by Councillor Wilkinson.

10. Village Hall Report

A couple of new hirers had come to the hall: choir and sewing group. A monthly artisan market would be starting up in February.

11. Information for Councillors

K6 Telephone Defibrillator – It was advised that the kiosk door no longer closed properly. The clerk was reminded that the wording "telephone" needed to be removed.

Insurance – The council's insurance would renew in January.

12. Date of Next Meeting