

ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

September 2021

NEW FACILITIES AT THE VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Committee have agreed to improve the facilities at the Hall for elderly and Disabled users by providing a more suitable toilet facility, with a taller toilet designed for the purpose in the ladies.

Additionally, we intend to provide a wi-fi hub capability in the hall, taking advantage of the new fibre infrastructure.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

In aid of the Macmillan Cancer Support, Brian and Carol HALL will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Saturday 18th September from 10.30 am onwards. It will be held in their garden at The Grove, The STREET, Acol.

There will be a raffle and some friendly company, please join us for this great cause

ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 Club

Winners for the Month of September 2021 were:

Member no. 91, who won 1st prize of £20.00

Member no. 71, who won 2nd prize of £10.00 and

Member no. 29, who won 3rd prize of £5.00

£35.00 has been donated to the Village Hall funds

The next draw will take place on the 6th October. Should you have any questions or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne (84090)

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

7th Sept. 7.30pm

Acol Horticultural Society Meeting

5th Oct 7.30pm

Acol Horticultural Society Meeting

11th Dec. 7.00pm

Senior Citizens (all 60+ welcome) Christmas Party

17th Dec. 7.00pm

Community Carol Service (provisional)

ACOL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

I am pleased to report that Acol Horticultural Society has resumed its monthly meetings after the lock down, and that it has been very well supported in its two meetings so far. The first meeting in August attracted a very good turnout as did the Nosh & Natter, our first social event since February 2020! This proved a very enjoyable afternoon, where we all had a jolly good laugh and renewed our friendships.

All our monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. The next meeting is on Tuesday 7th September when Delia Taylor will be talking on the "Fabulous 50's". Anyone is welcome to attend, and new members will be more than welcome.

NOW THE SERIOUS BIT..... Saturday 25th September is the day of the Acol Horticultural Society Autumn Show. This will be the first show for 2 years (Autumn 2019). Unfortunately, during that time, we have lost some of our regular exhibitors, so we are looking and hoping for some new faces to take up the challenge of showing the world the value of their talents whether it be growing things, making things, painting things and importantly cooking things. There is something in the schedule for everyone, young, old or in between. It will be good to meet the new faces in Acol and you will all be very welcome. If you would like a schedule, please contact Steve or Theresa Ling on Tel. 01843 846963.

Hopefully the Show will be in the Marquee at the rear of Acol Village Hall and will open to the public at 2.30pm. Talking of marquees, we plan to erect our marquee at 9 am on Sunday 19th September and always appreciate any help that can be given. As a Society we are not gender specific so any one is welcome to come and see how it is done and possibly join in! As with anything in our Society we have a laugh even when things go a little awry.

Bill Yeoman

PS. The show will incorporate The Thanet Beekeepers' Association annual Honey Show.

APOLOGIES

My apologies go to Sarah, our cleaner, for allowing my computer to randomly supply an incorrect name in last month's edition. However, our thanks still go to

her for her diligence in keeping the hall sanitised and virus free throughout the period of lockdown and beyond.

VILLAGE INFORMATION

VILLAGE HALL

It is good to confirm that hall use continues to return to normal. We now have a very full weekly calendar:

Mon pm - Sewing Group commencing Sept.

Tues am - Ballroom Dance Fitness

Tues 7.30 pm (monthly) Acol Horticultural Society

Wed & Fri - Village Textiles commencing 17th Sept;

Weds 7.00-9.00pm Art Group Life Drawing starting 8th Sept.

Thurs am & Sun - Dance class;

Thurs afternoons - Art Group; commencing 6th July;

Sats 10am-4pm (monthly) - Phoenix Quilters commencing 17th July.

If you would like more details or confirmation of events, please ring 841691 for details.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Refuse (black) Garden Waste (green)
& waste food

13th September

20th September

Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food

27th September

4th October

If you have any problems with your bins, ring TDC, 577115, or queries to 577727.

PCSO

Our new PCSO is Eileen Shrubsole, eileen.shrubsole@kent.police.uk. Please use her email address if you have any queries or problems. If you do not have internet access, please ring Parish Council on 844706.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Please be aware of many crimes of burglary and car damage in Thanet. Please take precautions and if you observe suspicious behaviour or criminal activity in the village, please contact Iris Osborne (840901), who will advise you of what action you can take.

KENT POLICE

East Kent Division Rural Team can be contacted on 07980 978202 for queries or enquiries.

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

You can check our website, acolparishcouncil.co.uk, or please ring 844706 if you have any queries or information.

The next Parish Council meeting was originally planned for Monday 13th September, but our Parish Clerk was unable to attend and the date will now be MONDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER and it will be held at 5.30PM to enable Parish Council to produce the required documents for our new Parish Councillor, Mrs Wendy Winpenny.

Sheila Bransfield

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Acol Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Acol, on Monday 26th July 2021 at 11.00am.

Present: Councillors Miss Bransfield (Chairman), D Hayfield. J. Inchley and Mrs. Osborne.

Also in attendance: Roy Wade (Clerk/RFO) and 3 residents.

8. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings held on 18th January and 8th June 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

9. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest were made.

11. CO-OPTION TO PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk reported a notice of the vacancy on the Parish Council had been displayed on the Village Notice board and the website inviting residents to apply for co-option to the Council. One application had been received.

RESOLVED: That a report be submitted to the September meeting for Members to consider and approve the filling of the vacancy on the Parish Council.

12. REPORTS OF THE POLICE/COMMUNITY WARDENS/PCSO'S

No officers were in attendance to report.

13. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported upon the following matters which had arisen since the last meeting:-

- The Community Playback Scheme - asked for villagers to suggest ways in which they could be of use in Acol.
- Parish Council is considering ways in which a new fence could be financed and fitted to the south of the Recreation field. Questions were asked concerning the responsibility of the fence and I will check our Lease with Quex Estates.
- TV News companies had been emailed with information about our traffic problems and BBC News have acknowledged receipt. This will be followed up.
- Parish Council has completed an on-line form to request replacement dogwaste bin, with no response to date.
- Explained the fact that Serco disbanded all ground maintenance in Thanet without notifying us, hence the overgrown grass. Arrangements are being made to clear it and engage an alternative permanent contractor.
- I recently met Sarah Osborne, Community Development Officer, who works with young people and veterans in order to bring them together. It was agreed that we will invite her to our September meeting to discuss her work.
- Volunteers have offered to repaint the direction sign on Nursery Fields. Several years ago, we asked Highways to repair and repaint it and we were informed that they could only replace it with a modern street sign. Obviously we refused as we wish to retain the village's heritage so it now belongs to us. The late Bob Lawrence was intending to repaint it but, since his sad loss, it was forgotten.
- The whole village is extremely grateful to our valuable volunteers who jump up to attend to so many problems within the village.
- We are grateful to Quex Estates for their direction signs for last weekend's event, directing traffic away from Acol.
- Thanet District Council has recently asked about Acol's Emergency Plan. This has been discussed many times over several years and The Chairman will check the details to report at the next meeting.

14. VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - DONATION

The Clerk was pleased to report that the Acol Village Hall Management Committee has generously donated £3,500 to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: (A) That the donation be gratefully accepted and the Village Hall Management Committee be thanked; and

(B) the donation be used to part fund the improvement of the play area (recreation Ground) and the purchase of play equipment.

15. RECREATION GROUND – PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

Councillor David Hayfield reported on proposals for the improvement to the Recreation Ground and suggested that the generous donation from the Acol Village Hall Management Committee could be used to purchase a roundabout and meet the cost of installation.

RESOLVED: That the proposal of Cllr. Hayfield be approved in principle and that he report to the September meeting on the detailed costings of the purchase of equipment and installation.

16. GRASS CUTTING – THE RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk reported that Serco has withdrawn from the operation of grass cutting maintenance from the Thanet area. Arrangements have been made

for the grass to be cut and the children's play area to be strimmed. There was a discussion on a claim that the Recreation Ground had not been cut in June or July and Karen Ault had photographic evidence to support this which she would send to the Clerk.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council's concerns be forwarded to Serco and they be requested to refund those payments made in respect of grass cuts not carried out.

17. CLERK'S REPORT

Annual Audit. The clerk reported that the Council's audit papers had been put on the website and notice boards, advising residents that they were available for inspection. No residents had asked to view the papers and the Auditor had been advised accordingly.

18. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(i) Payments Made – The following payments have been made since the last meeting:

CHEQUE NO.	PAYEE	DETAILS	VAT	Amount
707	Serco	Grass Cut June	11.26	67.56
708	N Cooper Works	to playground	0.00	645.00
	D Hayfield	Memory sticks	0.00	14.38
710	D Hayfield	Energy costs CCTV	0.00	53.00

(ii) **Bank Balance The bank balance at 1st July 2021 was £10,742.19.**

19. REPORTS OF COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

No reports were received.

20. MATTERS OF REPORT BY MEMBERS

Cllr Inchley:

(a) Broadband: The auditor had called on him and verified the village wi-fi speeds were correct. The ducts had been in need of remedial works and this had been done.

(b) Village Hall: The Management Committee had agreed to provide a wi-fi facility in the Village Hall to make it even more attractive to hirers of the Hall.

21. SPEEDWATCH

The Chairman invited Richard Steel to update Council on the Speedwatch initiative.

Richard advised Members that Rob Searle was giving up the role of organising Speedwatch. Richard had been invited to lead the initiative and had asked for various assurances prior to accepting the position. Speedwatch comes under the control of the Thanet Rural Regeneration Group and meetings are soon to resume.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on 13th September 2021 at 11am and that applications for co-option to the Council would be considered prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Meeting closed at 12.30pm



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MINSTER SURGERY

COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAMME - UPDATE

The Vaccination programme will continue to be rolled out at the SAGA Centre in Westwood Cross throughout September and October.

Vaccinations are now available to all 16/17 years old with the majority being offered and already received their Vaccination, so if you have not had yours, please contact the surgery or visit the walk-in clinic on Saturdays.

Booster vaccines: All eligible Patients will receive an invitation, approximately midSeptember, to receive the vaccine, which, at this moment in time is likely to be the Pfizer vaccine.

Winter Flu vaccine All patients over 65 and those considered to be venerable and at risk will receive an invitation from the surgery to receive the Vaccination and messages are already being sent out to enable ordering and clinics to be planned. The practicality of giving both Vaccinations at the same time is also being considered.

Further up to date information can be found on the following website and on our Facebook page www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

Currently we are receiving supplies of both the Oxford AstraZenica and Pfizer vaccines, so if you have not yet received your first or second dose of either vaccine or may have initially declined the vaccine, Please BOOK NOW!

Covid-19 cases are still quite high, especially in the under 35's 'so: Please DO NOT get complacent, even if you have been fully Vaccinated, because you can still get the virus and unknowingly spread it to others! So please, use common sense where necessary and follow the guidelines. For Everyone's Safety - Remember:

"Wash Hands" "Cover Face" "Make space" "Let Fresh Air In"

And above all "PROTECT THE NHS"

New Persistent cough? Loss Taste/Smell? High Temperature?

Book a Test - Call 119

PLEASE NOTE

In common with all NHS Facilities, it will remain **COMPULSORY** to wear Face Masks when attending the Surgery.

SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

STAFF TRAINING - Thursday 23rd September - from 1.00 pm onwards

If you need to see a Doctor during these times

Please Call 111 for NON-URGENT confidential help and advice for you and your family.

For COVID-19 help and advice - Call 119

For URGENT/LIFE threatening Cases Call 999 as normal PATIENT LIAISON GROUP MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 6th September If you have any questions on any of the above or suggestions you would like to raise, please contact:

Ken Self on 821200 or Jeanne Lawrence on 821049

or email

kenself@me.com

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