

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

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AGENDA

A meeting of Acol Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall, Acol, on Monday 26th September at 11.00am to consider the business set out below and to pass such resolutions as deemed necessary on those items set out within the agenda.

1. MINUTES

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25th July 2022 (copy attached – Appendix A)

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence (if any)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are invited to disclose any interest in any of the matters referred to within the agenda.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman to report upon the following matters:

New law concerning travellers.

New PCSO, details to be announced at meeting.

Manston Airport

Volunteers

5. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2021/2022

The Clerk to report.

6. AUTO SPEEDWATCH FOR ACOL

To consider the report of Richard Steel (Copy attached – Appendix B)

7. REPORT ON THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

Councillor Hayfield to report.

8. CLERK'S REPORT

(i) Parish Bank Account – The Clerk reported to the last meeting that Nationwide, with whom the Council has a bank account were closing all business accounts with effect from 6th September 2022. Application has been made to Lloyds Bank to open an account. However the procedure can take up to 6 weeks and the Clerk will report further to the meeting.

(ii) Financial Matters

(a) Payments Made – No payments have been made since the last meeting.

(b) Payments for Approval – A schedule of payments will be tabled at the meeting if appropriate.

(c) Bank Balance – The bank balance at 1st September 2022 was £12,479.11.

9. REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

To receive reports as appropriate.

10. MATTERS OF REPORT BY MEMBERS

To receive reports as appropriate.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members are requested to agree the date for the next meeting.

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20th September 2022

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Minutes of the meeting of Acol Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Acol, on Monday 25th July 2022 at 11.00am.

Present: Councillors Miss Bransfield (Chairman), Hayfield, Inchley, Mrs. Osborne & Mrs. Winpenny.

Also present: Roy Wade (Clerk/RFO) and R. Steel

21. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting held on 20th June 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Crow-Brown (KCC), Ms. Smith (TDC) and PCSO Ms. Shrubsole.

23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

24. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk report upon:
FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (i) **Payments Made** – the following payment had been made since the last meeting:

<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Amount</u>
749	D. Hayfield	Jubilee Celebrations	0.00	290.66

NOTE: The Council made budget provision of £500.00 for the event

- (ii) **Payments for Approval –**

RESOLVED: That the following payment be made:

<u>Chq.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
750	D Hayfield	Energy costs	60.00

- (iii) **Bank Balance** - The bank balance at 1st July 2022 was £12,835.77

- (iv) **Nationwide Building Society** – The Clerk reported on the Society's intention to close all business accounts in September and sought Council's views on future banking arrangements.

RESOLVED: (i) that the position be noted and the Chairman and the Clerk be authorised to open the most appropriate on-line banking account for the Council's future financial arrangement. (the following suggestions were made, Virgin Money, Lloyds Bank, Santander and Mettle)

25. HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

The council noted the details of the H.I.P. submitted in February 2022. Cllr. Mrs. Winpenny reported upon the Area Committee she had attended at which meeting the need for a strategic town and parish approach to the future programme should be made. Wendy said that concerns were raised over the costs of preparing a HIP programme for submission and a report would be made to a future Area Committee on possible measures to alleviate the costs.

The Clerk advised on the need for further costing details as provision for the preparation of an updated Plan had not been allocated in the Council's current budget.

RESOLVED: That it be accepted, in principle, the need to revisit the Acol submission for the H.I.P. and further consideration be given to this matter when further costing details are known.

26. REPORT OF COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Crow-Brown submitted a written report which the Clerk read to the meeting on the following subjects:

- (i) The traffic problems of motorists trying to get to the port of Dover,
- (ii) The KCC consultation document seeking views on the budget process for the year 2023/24.

27. MATTERS OF REPORT BY MEMBERS

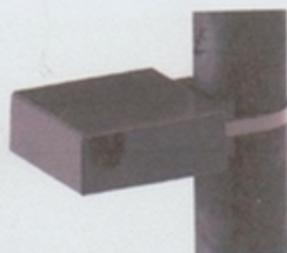
No matters were raised.

28. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: the next meeting be held at 11.00 hours on the 26 September 2022.

Time concluded: 11.46 a.m.

Auto Speedwatch Proposal for Acol



Auto Speedwatch (illustrated left) is a solar-powered device that captures images of the rear of speeding vehicles and sends these, together with speed and registration data for checking, to an Internet Dashboard. Community Speedwatch volunteers then need to check and verify the information for onward transmission to the Police via the Community Speedwatch system.



As the system monitors passing traffic from the rear my suggestion would be for it to be mounted on the pole adjacent to the chicane at the start of the layby when driving northwards into Acol on Minster Road. (To be confirmed with Police.)

According to the police (<https://www.askthe.police.uk/content/Q642.htm>), speed camera warning signs are not required. However, the roadside unit contain a public facing camera and is therefore defined in law as a Surveillance Camera, (even though it is only taking still images of offending vehicles). Consequently, the supplier believes the Surveillance Camera Commissioner guidelines apply, requiring that the public is informed using appropriate signage. They strongly recommend deploying sign(s) to notify the public that you are using Auto Speedwatch, to be compliant with the law.



"Notifying drivers of the presence of Auto Speedwatch also modifies driver behaviour; thereby reducing speeds before CSW or the police need to get involved. An independent study confirms that Auto Speedwatch combined with the use of signs has a dramatic effect on reducing speeding."

Details are taken from <https://store.autospeedwatch.org/> which includes a great deal more information, including illustrative statistics.

First Year Costs are:

Device purchase (including first year's data charge of £148)	£549
Optional (recommended) tamper alarm	£ 40
Optional (recommended) warning sign	£ 24
Sun glare shield (likely to be required for early mornings)	£ 7.45
	£620.45
Second and subsequent years data charge	£148