

ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

February 2023

More on Richard Steel's 70th Birthday Celebration...

Thanks to those who have already "rsvp'd". If you haven't already let me know that you aim to attend, please would you do so by Monday 20th February? We will be providing a finger buffet so need to plan the catering. As a reminder, I'll be celebrating in the Village Hall from around 2 pm on Saturday 4th March. Bring only what you would like to drink yourself.

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The Lodge, Dilnot Lane

ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 Club

Winners for the Month of February 2023 were:

Member no. 13 who won 1st prize of £20.00

Member no. 104, who won 2nd prize of £10.00 and

Member no. 8, who won 3rd prize of £5.00

£30.00 has been donated to the Village Hall funds

The next draw will take place on the 1st March 2023. Should you have any questions or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne (838829)

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

7th Feb 7.30pm.

AHS - Chris Stewart will talk on "Hop Pickers of Kent"

11th Feb 2.00 for 2.30 pm.

AHS - A "Valentine's Tea"

24th Feb 7.30pm

Acol Book Club

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Acol Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Acol, on Monday 12th December 2022 at 11.00am.

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

Also present: Cllrs. Crow-Brown & Linda Wright (KCC), Roy Wade (Clerk) and 3 residents.

39. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting held on 26th December 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

40. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Ms. Abi Smith.

41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made

42. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman reported upon:

- (i) No advice had been received from the recently appointed PCSO,
- (ii) Areas around Acol had been fenced off but details of future development were still awaited.

43. HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

Cllr. Mrs. Winpenny reported on the Zoom meeting held on 8th December which incorporated a virtual tour of the Village. There was a discussion on street signs and it was generally agreed that there was sufficient signage but that some needed renewal and re-siting. A speed data survey had been undertaken but Wendy had asked for details of the methodology used to undertake the survey. Finally, it was agreed to consider the issues further when more detailed information was received and to request the "Welcome to Acol" sign be erected.

44. AUTO SPEEDWATCH FOR ACOL

Council further considered the report of Richard Steel on measures to instal solar powered devices to record speeding vehicles, etc. The costings of an "Auto Speedwatch" was £620.45, which included the first year's data charge. Members were aware of the need to appoint sufficient Villager to undertake the surveys which had proved difficult in the past. Cllrs. Crow-Brown and Linda Wright advised that the KCC Members grant scheme allocation had mostly been expended and that in view of the current financial constraints KCC were facing it was uncertain that the funding stream would be available in 2023/24. The Clerk advised that no provision had been made in the current budget for these costs.

They would advise the Clerk of the way forward.

RESOLVED: That (A) the scheme to provide an Auto Speedwatch within the Village be approved in principle, subject to KCC Members' grant funding being available and (B) that £750 for this purpose be included within the draft budget for 2023/24.

45. REPORT ON THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE CHILDRENS' PLAYGROUND

Councillor Hayfield reported further on works to restore the Recreation Field gate. A local company had been asked to supply and fit and had quoted £1800.00. David was still making enquiries as to possible alternative avenues to undertake these repairs/replacement and would report if alternative options became available.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and £1800.00 be included within the 2023/4 budget to undertake this work.

46. CLERK'S REPORT

- (i) **Parish Bank Account** – The Clerk reported to the last meeting that Nationwide had now closed the Council's bank account and transferred the balances to Lloyds Bank. TDC had been advised and now paid into the Lloyds Account the balance of the 2022/23 precept.
- (ii) **Bank Balance** – The bank balance as at 1st December 2022 was £12,117.33.
- (iii) **Draft Budget** – The draft budget for 2023/24 was agreed at £9,800.00 for final consideration at the January 2023 meeting.

47. REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Crow-Brown reported upon

- (i) The constraints on future KCC budgets,
- (ii) The fencing off of future housing land within the Village,
- (iii) The development of land in Minster was now to be spread over 4 years because of the current economic situation, and
- (iv) James Wright KCC was now reviewing the Columbus Road design.

48. MATTERS OF REPORT BY MEMBERS

Cllr. Mrs. Osborne reported that ARCK were closing their offices and operations.

49. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 27 January 2023.

Time concluded:12.20p.m.

VILLAGE INFORMATION

VILLAGE HALL

Hall use has returned to normal. We now have a very full weekly calendar:

Mon pm - Sewing Group

Tues am - Ballroom Dance Fitness

Tues 7.30 pm (monthly) Acol Horticultural Society

Wed & Fri - Village Textiles

Weds 7.00-9.00pm Art Group Life Drawing

Thurs am & Sun - Dance class;

Thurs afternoons - Art Group;

Fri 7.30 pm (monthly) Acol Book Club

Sat am - Ballroom Dance classes

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 February

27th February

Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food

20th February

6th March

Ring TDC on **577115**, if you have problems, or **577727** with queries.

PCSO

Still waiting for confirmation. Cllr Derek Crow-Brown should be contacted if you have problems.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Iris Osborne continues to advise everyone of local issues. Please ring her on 07980 978202 if you have questions or information.

VOLUNTEERS

Villagers will always value those who give their time and efforts for this village.

KENT POLICE

Contact 07980 978202 for the East Kent Division Rural Police Team

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

Access APC website at acolparishcouncil.org.uk or ring 844706 for information or help. Our next meeting will be at 11am on MONDAY 17th APRIL. Please ring the Parish Council in advance if there is an item you wish to raise for discussion. This will then be included on the agenda in order that all villagers are given the opportunity to contribute.

Sheila Bransfield

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GP

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Nurse Practitioners x3

Clinical Pharmacist

Trained to cover minor health and
Medication reviews

First Contact Physiotherapist

Assessment of joint pain and minor
Injuries

ICMT Team

Includes Social prescribing link worker
Occupational therapist and complex need Nurse
Requires GP Referral

Pharmacy Technician

Looks after medication ratification

Nurses x3

GP Assistant

Looks after Prostrate Cancer
Bowel Screening and
phlebotomy

Healthcare Assistant x2

Part time Team members
Dressings, blood tests, injections
Diabetic, physical reviews, and hypertension monitoring.
Supporting the nursing Team

Training Nurse Associates

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