

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Among the agenda items for the next Parish Council meeting will be an Acol Local Area Plan. As part of our preparation, Wendy (Planning & Development Lead) had a very helpful meeting with Councillor Neville Hudson, the Chair of Birchington Parish Council, which has just finished drafting Its own LAP and is embarking on the final stage in its development - community consultation. A great deal of effort will be involved in the development of our own plan, but this will be a vital step in ensuring that we are able to maximise our community influence and input to any development that may affect us. Currently, Acol is the only Thanet village that is not affected by new building projects!

All Acol Parish Councillors are now involved in operating Speedwatch, as well as our lovely volunteers, Karen, and Lucie, but we could still do with more help. Please let me know if you can spare an hour or two.

From Chenice... 'As the lead for children & families within our community, I am thrilled to announce that I am organising a Reverse Advent Drive within Acol for the fifth year running. All donations will be going to "Community Kindness – Thanet", again, this year to help with their incredible work in Thanet. This year marks their biggest Christmas appeal to date, and I encourage all villagers to donate up to 24 non-perishable food/drink items or brand-new gifts. Please contact me at cllrchenicebutterworth@acolparishcouncil.org.uk for more information, or to arrange collection/drop off of your items before Monday 11th December 2023.'

The minutes of Parish Council meetings will no longer be published in Village Voice, but will always be available on the PC website – www.acolparishcouncil.org.uk/ - normally about a week following meetings, and copies can be provided on request.

The next meeting is on Thursday 26th October at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome.

Richard Steel (Chair)