

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

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AGENDA

A Meeting of Acol Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall, Acol, at 2pm on Tuesday 15th January 2019 to consider the business set out below and to pass such resolutions as may be deemed necessary on those items within the agenda.

1. MINUTES

To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd December 2018 (copy attached – Appendix A)

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABENCE

To receive apologies for absence (if any).

3. QUEEN'S HONOUR LIST 2018

The Clerk is pleased to report that Sir Roger Gale M.P. has been appointed to the Privy Council and will be entitled to be addressed as the Right Honourable Sir Roger Gale. Sir Roger has been a keen supporter of Acol and the Thanet Villages and the Parish Council is requested to acknowledge his recognition of service to Thanet.

4. BOB LAWRENCE

The Parish Council is saddened to report on the death of Bob Lawrence. Bob served on the Parish Council for over 25 years and for many years had been a loyal friend to the Village and supportive of the various matters that have had to be dealt with over many years.

The Chairman will ask Members to stand for a minute in respect for the memory of Bob.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

6. REPORT OF THE POLICE/COMMUNITY WARDENS/PCSOs

To receive reports as appropriate.

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman will report upon the following matters:

- The death of Leslie (Les) Phillips, previous owner of Acol Caravan Park.
- Planning Applications – two more for Manston Business Park.
- Southern Water – update on Manston Business Park development.

- Control of dogs on the Recreation Field.
- Highways – update on traffic calming and awaited monitoring; ongoing problems with the misuse of Crispe Road and Margate Hill; and reminder of the proposed A299 overnight road closures at the end of January.
- Progress, if any, on the 215 Notice served upon the Crown & Sceptre owners.
- To report upon the practice run at Manston for alleged HGV congestion due to Brexit.
- To note the original implementation of the Freedom of Information Act Publication Scheme, as recorded in Parish Council meeting minutes.

8. RECREATION GROUND

Councillor Hayfield will report as appropriate.

9. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk will report upon any urgent matter that may have arisen since the despatch of the agenda.

10. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (i) Draft Budget 2019/20 – To consider the draft budget attached (Appendix B)
- (ii) Payments Schedule – A schedule will be tabled at the meeting together with details of the Parish Council's bank balance; and
- (iii) General – The Clerk to report on any other financial matter as appropriate.

11. REPORT OF COUNCILLORS MISS DAWSON (KCC), & CROW-BROWN (TDC).

To receive reports as appropriate.

12. MATTERS OF REPORT BY MEMBERS

To receive reports as appropriate.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To agree a date for the next meeting.

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8th January 2019

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Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th January 2019 at 14.00 hours in the Village Hall, The Street, Acol

Present: Councillors Miss Sheila Bransfield, D Hayfield, J Inchley & Mrs. Osborne

Also Present: Cllr. Crow-Brown & Roy Wade (Clerk to the Council)

Apologies for absence: Cllrs. M. Johnson (APC), Ms. Dawson (KCC), Reece Pugh (TDC), PCSO Ms. Forsyth & KCC Warden Gander.

65. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd December 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

66. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

67. QUEEN'S HONOURS LIST 2018

Council were pleased to note that Sir Roger Gale M.P. had been appointed to the Privy Council and would be entitled to be addressed as the Right Honourable Sir Roger Gale.

68. BOB LAWRENCE

Members noted with sadness the recent death of Bob Lawrence. Bob had served on the Parish Council for 25 years and had helped with many projects within the Village.

Members stood in silence as a tribute to Bob Lawrence.

69. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported upon the following:

1. The death of Leslie Phillips, previous owner of Acol Caravan Park.
2. 2 more planning applications for Manston Business Park: 9 industrial units, west of The Loop is approved and 35 industrial units, applied for 19.12.2018, with no obvious indication of a new drainage system.
3. Southern Water continually emphasise that there is no capacity at Acol's pumping station.
4. Dogs' mess been left on the Recreation Field and someone was seen taking a dog into the children's play area. These contravene the conditions upon which dog walking was allowed. This is a final warning. If these problems continue, we will revert to the original dog ban. Cllr. Hayfield to draft "No dog" notices to enable the Clerk to seek quotations.
5. Highways have submitted new proposals for Crispe Road and Margate Hill, which need discussion. No advice yet on date for monitoring and a new consultation meeting. Misuse of Crispe Road and Margate Hill has existed since the 1960s.
Reminder of the Road closure – A299 from 26 January for 4 weeks, overnight.
6. Crown & Sceptre. Additional scaffolding noticed and TDC Planning confirmed that work has commenced to reinstate the building, in compliance with the 215 Notice.
7. Comments on the practice run for HGVs at Manston Airport.
8. Local Plan – TDC letter sent out 1st class. Most responses submitted on line. Emails would have sufficed.
9. Local Council Elections take place on 2nd May.
Cllr Crow-Brown will query the second key holder erroneously given for the village hall by TDC when they booked for the election.

70. REPORT OF THE POLICE/COMMUNITY WARDENS/PCSOs

Ms. Forsyth was not present and the Chairman read her report. She advised ensuring doors are locked for cars and home and not answering the door to cold callers. The most prevalent issue for rural areas is hare coursing. If you see anything suspicious, do not approach but ring the Rural Task Force on 07980 684136.

Please report any crime to Police.uk.

Mr Gander was not present but had advised he had nothing to add to his regular scam warnings and sightings of suspicious vehicles. He emphasised the need to report hare coursing and suggested Country Eye.

71. RECREATION GROUND/PLAY AREA

Councillor Hayfield reported that he would be inspecting the wooden seats of the swings and report to the next meeting on works necessary to repair them.

72. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported upon the practice of placing an item on agendas to receive reports of Members. Members were reminded that the practice of the agenda item "Any Other Business" had been discontinued as residents would not know of matters that may be raised and also that decisions could not be taken on any matters raised under this agenda heading. Nevertheless Members were of the view that they should be allowed to raised matters raised by residents and it was moved by Cllr Inchley and seconded by Cllr. Hayfield and

RESOLVED: That future agendas have an item "any other business" and that it be accepted that any matters raised can only be noted.

73. BUDGET & PRECEPT - FINANCIAL MATTERS

(i) Payments Schedule

RESOLVED: That the following payments be approved for payment:

<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Amount</u>
624	R. Wade	Clerk's salary	0.00	440.00
625	H.M.R.C	PAYE	0.00	110.00

(ii) Bank Balance

The bank balance at 24th December 1918 was £11,289.51p.

(i) Budget/Precept

RESOLVED: That (A) that the budget in the sum of £4,940.00 be approved, (B) a sum of £2,000 be taken from the Parish Council's reserves and used to mitigate the amount of precept requested from TDC; and (C) TDC be advised that the precept requirement of the Parish Council for the year 2019/20 is reduced to £2,940.00

74. REPORT OF COUNCILLORS (TDC & KCC)

(i) Cllr. Crow-Brown: (a) The Crown and Sceptre – The owners had now begun to replace the roof and he thanked the Parish Council for its support, (b) TDC Rate Increase - It was expected that the increase in rates would be 2.99% and that TDC were facing a shortfall of £1.8m, and (c) Manston Business Park – The developer Manyweathers had applied for planning permission to build additional commercial properties at Manston Park.

(ii) Cllr. Reece Pugh: was not in attendance and the Chairman read his email dealing with (a) power cuts within the Villages, (b) the Port of Ramsgate, (c) The opening of winter shelters for those sleeping rough, (d) the Brexit lorry trial run at Manston, and (e) Manston Airport and the submission of evidence in respect of the possible re-opening of Manston Airport.

(iii) **Cllr. Ms Dawson:** was not in attendance and the Chairman read her email dealing with (a) KCC's library consultation, (b) support from community wardens for emergency services in the event of a disruptive Brexit, (c) Police and Crime Commissioner's visit to St Nicholas at Wade in February, date to be confirmed, and (d) funding assistance for the community wardens' first aid courses for primary schools.

75. REPORTS BY MEMBERS

Cllr. Inchley: Book Club – a proposal by Mrs Butterworth to establish a book club in her home on Nursery Fields, and the provision of a covering for the green footpath from the Recreation Ground to Birchington. The Council supported in principle and asked the Clerk to research whether KALC would advise on grants that may be available to part fund this project.

Cllr. Mrs. Osborne: Neighbourhood Watch - highlighted the need for more people to provide contact details to enable them to be made aware of any suspicious behaviour. It was also noted that Nursery Fields residents have identified a site for a new salt bin and the Clerk will enquire upon availability and cost.

76. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on 19th March 2019 commencing at 14.00 hours.

Time concluded: 15.20