

# **ACOL VILLAGE VOICE**

## **February 2019**

### **BOOK CLUB TO BE LAUNCHED 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019**

Mrs Chenice Butterworth of Nursery Fields is proposing to set up a book club for neighbours and villagers. Details are as follows:

- They will meet at her home in Nursery Fields, Acol on the last Friday of each month. The initial meeting will be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019.
- Meetings will begin at 7.00pm
- Books will include a range of classic and modern fiction and non-fiction - the details will be agreed at the initial meeting
- She will be asking for a £1 a month donation to cover the cost of drinks and biscuits, but the book club itself will be completely free to join.
- Please call 845317 or email [acolbookclub@gmail.com](mailto:acolbookclub@gmail.com) to express your interest

### **ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 Club**

The results of the draw held on 6<sup>th</sup> February will be published in the next edition of Village Voice.

The following draw will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Should you have any questions, or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne (840901)

### **ACOL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY NOTICES:**

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April Acol Horticultural Society is holding its Annual Spring Show in the Village Hall. There will be classes for Daffodils, Tulips and other Spring Flowers, as well as Floral art, Domestic, Handicrafts and Photography. There will also be refreshments and a raffle. Doors will be open at 2.30pm. All are welcome.

#### **FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS**

Sat. 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	2.30 for 3.00pm	AHS Valentine Afternoon Tea
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.30pm	AHS Meeting - More Garden Impact for Less Effort - Alison Marsden
Tues. 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	2.00pm	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.00pm	Book Club Launch Event
Sat. 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	2.30pm	AHS SPRING SHOW

## **ACOL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

- I. The death of Leslie Phillips, previous owner of Acol Caravan Park.
- II. 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.
- III. Southern Water continually emphasise that there is no capacity at Acol's pumping station.
- IV. 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.
- V. Cllr. Hayfield to draft "No dog" notices to enable the Clerk to seek quotations.
- VI. 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.
- VII. Reminder of the Road closure – A299 from 26 January for 4 weeks, overnight.
- VIII. Crown & Sceptre. Additional scaffolding noticed and TDC Planning confirmed that work has commenced to reinstate the building, in compliance with the 215 Notice.
- IX. Comments on the practice run for HGVs at Manston Airport. Local Plan – TDC letter sent out 1<sup>st</sup> class. Most responses submitted on line. Emails would have sufficed. Local Council Elections take place on 2nd May.
- X. 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 24<sup>th</sup> December 2018 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 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 commencing at 14.00 hours.

**Time concluded: 15.20**

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## **VILLAGE INFORMATION**

### **VILLAGE HALL**

Please ring 841691 about hall availability.

#### **REGULAR BOOKINGS**

Monday afternoons (term time) - Pam's People

First Tuesday evening, Acol Horticultural Society meeting.

All other Tuesday evenings, Dance Fitness Class

Wednesdays, 9.30am-4.30pm (term time) - Village Textiles

Alternate Wednesday evenings, commencing 16 Jan - Life Drawing Art Group

Every Thursday evening - Art Group. **Art Group Website:** [www.acolartgroup.org/](http://www.acolartgroup.org/)

Fridays, 9.30am-4.30pm (term time) - Village Textiles

Saturdays (monthly), 10am-4pm - Phoenix Quilters

(Check hall calendar or email [Sheila.Bransfield@btinternet.com](mailto:Sheila.Bransfield@btinternet.com) for information)

#### **EVENTS COMING UP**

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Feb, afternoon, AHS Valentine's Tea

Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Mar, 2pm, Acol Parish Council Meeting

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2pm, AHS Spring Show

### **REFUSE COLLECTIONS**

**Refuse (black) Garden (Green) &  
waste food**

18th February

4th March

**Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food**

11th February

25th February

If you have problems putting your bins out ring TDC, **577115**, or queries to **577727**.

### **CCTV CAMERAS**

If you experience any traffic incident in The Street, please report to 844706.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Please ring Iris Osborne on 840901 to register for updates on local incidents.

### **KENT POLICE**

Please note the dedicated phone number for the East Division Rural Team: **07980 978202**.

### **VILLAGE FACEBOOK WEBSITE**

Village events and notices are on [facebook.com.acol.village](https://facebook.com/acol.village).

### **ACOL PARISH COUNCIL**

Acot Parish Council website: [www.hugofox.com/community/acol-parish-council-13724/contact/](http://www.hugofox.com/community/acol-parish-council-13724/contact/)

You can ring Parish Council, 844706, Mondays 9am-5pm, or the Clerk any day (9am-5pm) on 832243. Please ring these numbers if you have problems and do not know who to contact.

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE 2PM ON TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019.

Sheila Bransfield



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London, SW1A 0AA

## **MINSTER SURGERY**

### **WE NEED YOU!**

Following the introduction of new roles and responsibilities, the PLG are looking to recruit new members on to our committee. Please contact the number shown below.

### **SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS 2019**

Staff Training - midday onwards: Wed. 27th Feb., Thurs. 28th Mar, Wed 24th Apr.

Bank Holidays - all day - Good Friday 19th April, Easter Monday 22nd April

Should you need to see a Doctor when the surgery is closed, please call the NHS 111 Service direct to receive non-urgent confidential health advice and information for you and your family.

For Urgent/Life threatening issues, please dial 999 as normal.

### **MISSED APPOINTMENTS**

20 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND Their GP'S

46 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND THEIR NURSES APPOINTMENT

A plea to all our patients throughout the villages and surrounding areas:

DON'T NEED IT? CANCEL IT! It's SO EASY: By Phone, By Text, On Line - Just do It!

### **FRIENDS AND FAMILY SURVEY**

Last month a total of 96 patients responded to the question "would you recommend our Practice?" as follows:

Extremely likely/Likely - 91%; Extremely unlikely/Unlikely - 6%; Unsure/Don't know - 3%

### **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

ANNUAL SPRING FAYRE - 11th MAY 2019 @ OLD Schools Hall Minster

Book your table Now! Some have already been booked, so get in quick.

### **PATIENT GROUP MEETING**

If you have any issues you would like to raise at our meeting in February, or require further information on any of the above, then please contact, then please contact Mary Hodgson on 842764.

### **Editors Note:**

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Contributions for the next edition must be received by 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019.