

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Acol Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Acol, on Monday 8th November 2021 at 11.00am.

Present. Cllrs. Miss Bransfield (Chairman), Hayfield, Mrs. Osborne and Mrs. Winpenny.
Also present. Cllr. Crow-Brown, Roy Wade (Clerk) and 3 residents.

34. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting held on 20th September 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

35. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Inchley and Ms. Wright.

36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest were made.

37. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman reported upon:

- Community Payback scheme – this has recently been emphasised by TDC and the Chairman suggested that offenders could be used to clean/tidy areas of the village for which we have to rely upon our village volunteers.
- Highways - we are grateful to our regular KCC contact who immediately forwards our problems to an appropriate Highways department.
- The Fire Brigade are bringing an application to Acol on 27th November to show pre-school children who they are and what they do. They will park in the lane leading to the farm and will speak to children in the village hall.
- Acol Village Hall Committee is about to purchase a defibrillator to be fitted outside the village hall. This does not impact upon Acol Parish Council, but Councillors wanted to discuss in order to minute the subject, which will be advised to residents.
- Mugs are being produced to celebrate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year and villagers have been asked for names of children to whom Acol Parish Council can present a mug.

38. SIGNAGE ON ROADS

Councillor Mrs. Winpenny raised the issue of the need for signage on Crispe Road near to the Recreation Ground and her concerns about the safety of children.

It was agreed that Kent Highways be asked to provide the appropriate warning signs outside

39. THANET RURAL REGENERATION GROUP/SPEEDWATCH

Councillor Mrs. Osborne reported on discussions in respect of the Speedwatch initiative. The police had suggested that each parish appoint its own co-ordinator. There was a need for more volunteers and Iris would update Council as appropriate.

40. REPORT ON THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE CHILDRENS' PLAYGROUND

- (i) Councillor Hayfield reported that the delivery of the children's play equipment was still awaited.
- (ii) The Clerk reported on the problems of getting quotations for works to the Rec. and the installation of the new play equipment. The receipt of quotations had been delayed due to the covid pandemic. The works will include the making safe of the equipment on the play area, the reinstatement of fencing and works to the large iron gate at the entrance to the Rec. The latest guide to the costings based on the works being undertaken in March 2022 was £2000 and a sum would be included in the draft budget for consideration by Members at the January 2022 meeting.

The Clerk also reported on discussions with County Councillor Linda Wright on the amount she may be able to contribute from her member's allowance towards the costs of these remedial works. Cllr. Crow-Brown indicated that he would discuss with Ms. Wright with a view to both Members contributing to the scheme.

41. CLERK'S REPORT

- (i) **General** - The Clerk had no further matters to report upon.

(ii) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (a) **Payments Made** – The following payments had been paid since the last meeting:

<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Amount</u>
717	Hughes and Son	Grass cut	0.00	140.00
718	D.Hayfield	Energy costs`	0.00	53.00

Payment for Approval – RESOLVED That the following payment be made

Chq No	Payee	Details	VAT	Amount
19	RWade	Salary & postage	0.00	575.84

Bank Balance - The bank balance at 1st November 2021 was £11,081.08p.

- (b) **General** – The Clerk reported on the preparation of the budget for 2022/23 which would be considered at the January 2022 meeting.

42. REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Crow-Brown reported as follows:

- **Excessive driving speeds Cleve Court area of Minster Road.**

Last Friday, I received a request from Sir Roger Gale's office, regarding an enquiry from a resident in Minster Road, complaining about speeding traffic on Minster Road, near Cleve Court. Reported to KCC Highways who will undertake an analysis.

- **Household Waste Disposal Sites**

The Consultation regarding the Household Waste booking system drew a record response of 11,000 submissions. Residents have said within surveys that they would like to have the ability to make bookings on the day. In response, the County Council Commissioned BookingLab to develop a web-app to provide this enhancement. Officers are developing a proof of concept for an initial trial and use at Folkestone & Maidstone (Tovil) HWRCs.

- **Tree and Hedgerow Planting**

Plan Tree is Kent County Council's strategy for the establishment of 1.5 million new trees for Kent. The Strategy sets out how we will work in partnership across the county to not only increase our tree canopy cover but protect and restore existing trees, hedgerow, and woodland and, in turn, support the recovery of wildlife, provide natural climate solutions (including carbon sequestration) and enrich people's lives.

I have been advised by KCC that members will be advised in due course, what trees and hedging will be available and will liaise with parish councils.

- **3 PWRR Reserves and 2433 Squadron Air Cadets Manston**

I have been made aware that MoD Defence Estates have informed both of above to leave the site at Manston in the next few months. As a member of the Armed Forces Covenant committee, I have informed Peter Bruinels, Armed Forces Parliamentary advisor. Thanet has always been a very good recruiting area and the potential loss of these organisations is immense. Hopefully 2433 Sqn will remain in the area using the airport site for their training evenings.

43. MATTERS OF REPORT BY MEMBERS

No matters were raised.

44. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed the date to hold the next meeting at 11am on 17 January 2022.

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