

## **ACOL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Acol Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Acol, on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 5.30pm.

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

Also Present: KCC Councillors Crow-Brown, Ms Wright and Mrs Winpenny, Roy Wade (Clerk) and 2 residents

### **22. CO-OPTION TO COUNCIL**

The Clerk reported that Members had met Mrs Wendy Winpenny on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021 to consider her application to be co-opted to the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED: That Council formally adopt and appoint Mrs. Winpenny as a councillor and invite her to join the meeting.**

**Councillor Mrs. Winpenny took and signed the declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting.**

### **23. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman.**

### **24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received.

### **25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No disclosures of interest were made.

### **26. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman reported upon the following matters which had arisen since the last meeting:

Villagers have been advised that mugs are available for the Unique Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, which Acol Parish Council will buy for the village children.

**RESOLVED: That (A) a provision of £250 be set aside for the purchase of mugs for all children 16 and under within the Village; and (B) Cllr Inchley to place an item in the Village Voice advising the Village of the initiative.**

### **27. REPORTS OF THE POLICE/COMMUNITY WARDENS/PCSOs**

No officers were present to report.

### **28. REPORT ON THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND**

Councillor Hayfield reported that a quotation in the sum of £4656.00 had been received from Yates Playgrounds for the provision of a children's roundabout to be sited within the Recreation Ground.

Councillor Hayfield also reported that the cost of installation would not exceed £250.00 and would be carried out by the Minster P.C. maintenance team.

**RESOLVED: {A} That the quotation from Yates Playground be accepted and the order for the equipment placed; and {B} the equipment to be installed by Minster P.C. at a cost not exceeding £250.00.**

## 29. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that he was still arranging with HMRC the method for the payment of the Clerk's PAYE and that he was only drawing his salary net of PAYE.

## 30. FINANCIAL MATTERS

### (a) Payments –

Council noted that the following payments had been made since the last meeting:

Chq No	Payee	Details	VAT	Amount
711	KALC	2 info books	12.00	72.00
712	Hughes	4 x grass cuts	0.00	280.00
713	K Ault	Sign paint	0.00	40.26

**RESOLVED: That the following payments be approved:**

Chq No	Payee	Details	VAT	Amount
714	Yates Equpt	Roundabout	776-00	4656-00
715	Hughes	2 x grass cuts	0.00	140.00
716	R Wade	Salary (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	0.00	560.00

The bank balance at 1 September 2021 was £13,880.70.

## 31. REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

**Cllr Crow-Brown submitted a printed report and a précis follows:**

### Cycle Route Birchington to Margate

A consultation is being held as part of Active Travel scheme being funded by central government. KCC have been granted £6.1m for 4 proposals.

### Waste & Recycling

Residents had been invited to comment on a questionnaire regarding lifting of many restrictions imposed during the Pandemic.

### Drone Trial Roads

Trials are being conducted with drones to inspect road conditions, potholes, tarmac condition, trees & street lighting.

### Sturry link road

This plan has been approved by KCC for a £30m relief road that will take traffic from the Sturry level crossing to a viaduct over the River Stour, flood plain and railway.

**Cllr. Ms. Wright reported** that she had (i) given reflective signs to Cllr. Hayfield for use within the Village, (ii) attended a function at Manston Airport attended by Prince Michael of Kent; and (iii) an allocation of £250 from her KCC Members allowance which Acol P.C. could apply for.

### **32. MATTERS OF REPORT BY MEMBERS**

Cllr. Mrs. Osborne reported on discussions with Rob Searle to reactivate the TRRG and Speedwatch and that she would keep Council advised.

Cllr. Inchley reported that the Village Hall had returned to its pre pandemic usage and the period of the lockdown had been used to redecorate the Hall. Wifi and a phone were to be installed together with a loan book case. The floor was to be refurbished and 3 new external doors would be fitted. Investigations were still underway for the provision of and siting of a defibrillator.

Cllr. Hayfield reported that the police had asked to view footage on the CCTV system.

### **33. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was agreed to be held at 11am on 8 November 2021

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