

ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

July 2022

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

A matter was raised at our last Parish Council meeting which needs clarification.

Please note that the only items that can be formally discussed and agreed at meetings are those published on the official agenda, which the Parish Clerk is obliged to post (On the official noticeboard outside the Village Hall and on the Acol Parish Council website) at least a week before the date of each meeting. This then gives all villagers who may have something to say on the matter the chance to attend and express their views. This is also why we are not allowed to have an "Any Other Business" item on the agenda.

Therefore, if you wish to raise a matter for consideration by the Parish Council, please contact either the Chairman on 844706, or the Clerk on 832243 to ensure it is included on the official agenda at least a week before the Parish Council meeting.

ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 CLUB

The results of the July draw to be held on 6th July will be published in the next edition of Village Voice.

The next draw will be on Wednesday 3rd August 2022. Should you have any questions, or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne (838829).

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Sat. 23 rd July	2.30pm	AHS SUMMER SHOW in the Marquee
Mon. 25 th July	11.00am	Acol Parish Council Meeting
Tues. 2 nd Aug	7.30pm	AHS Meeting - Janine Doulton - Gardening in the Shade

ACOL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

ACOL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY will be holding its **Summer Show on Saturday 23rd July** in the marquee at the rear of the Village Hall. If you feel like entering an exhibit in the Show, please **DON'T** be shy and have a go. There are classes in flowers, vegetables, cooking, and handicraft. There are also classes on various aspects of your own garden. Importantly there are classes for children up to the age of 14 years. After the gathering of the children at the grand Jubilee event it would be fantastic to involve those children our shows. (There is prize money to be won). **To make an entry please telephone Steve or Theresa on 01843 846963.**

The marquee will be put up on **Saturday 16th July at 9 am**. Help from anyone will be welcome and very much appreciated. If you feel up to it, meet at the Village Hall at 9 am,

Following the Show, the monthly meeting on **Tuesday 2nd August** will be Janine Doulton on the subject of 'Gardening in the Shade' Everyone is welcome. It is free to members and £3 to non-members. **OR you can join the Society: - £4 single and £7 for a couple.**

Unfortunately, the 'Nosh & Natter' which was to be held on **13th August** has had to be cancelled.

Bill Yeoman.

VILLAGE INFORMATION

VILLAGE HALL

Regular bookings are now back to normal and, if anyone did not see all the regular dates shown in last month's Village Voice, please check hall calendar or email Sheila.Bransfield@btinternet.com for information or ring **841691**.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

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

Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food

18th July
1st August

11th July
25th July
8th August

If you have any problems ring TDC, **577115**, or queries to **577727**.

VOLUNTEERS

With so little support from the "authorities" for little villages like ours, I wonder how we'd cope without our precious volunteers. I'm sure everyone will agree that we cannot thank them enough for all their efforts.

PCSO

Please email eileen.shrubsole@kent.police.uk if you have any problems or queries you would like to send to our PCSO, Eileen Shrubsole.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

If you are new to the village and unaware, we have a contact within the village who will send regular updates on problems within local areas that could impact upon us. Please ring Iris Osborne on 07951 072914 to be kept up to date.

KENT POLICE

Any enquiries can be put to the East Kent Division Rural Police Team on **07980 978202**, who can provide the information you require.

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

Access our website at acolparishcouncil.org.uk. or ring 844706 for any information you need.

As there is much happening at the moment, it was decided to hold the next meeting as soon as possible, which will be **11am on Monday 25th July**.

Sheila Bransfield

ACOL ART GROUP

If you would like to try your hand at drawing or painting **Acol Art Group** meets every Thursday afternoon from 1.30pm. Whether you are an established artist or a beginner, you are all welcome to join the group.

We would be pleased to see you.

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Acol Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Acol, on Monday 20th June 2022 at 11.00am.

Present: Councillors Miss Bransfield (Chairman), D. Hayfield, J. Inchley, Mrs. I. Osborne and Mrs. W. Winpenny.

Also present: Councillor (KCC) Crow-Brown, Roy Wade (Clerk) and 3 residents.

8. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Parish Assembly and Annual General Meetings held on 4th April 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

9. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

11. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman requested fellow Councillors to report upon the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, 20's Plenty campaign, playground refurbishment and village hall improvements.

12. PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Councillor Mrs. Winpenny reported on the celebrations held within the Village. The event was attended by about 60 adults/parents and 20 children. The Jubilee mugs were all handed out and were greatly appreciated. Tombola was held and a profit of £150 was made and Wendy sought Members' views on what to buy to commemorate the event. A report would be made to the next meeting on the costs of staging the event, but Members noted that the £500 budgeted had not been fully expended.

RESOLVED: That (A) the surplus from the tombola be spent on the purchase of an oak tree for planting in the Recreation Ground and that Quex Estates be advised accordingly

And (B) Cllr. Mrs. Winpenny and her team be thanked for their hard work in putting on the event.

13. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2021/22

The Clerk tabled the report of Mr Lionel Robbins, the internal auditor, on the audit of the Parish Council's financial records. The Members noted the favourable report and asked the Clerk to report to the next meeting on the comments in respect of section 49A.

14. APPROVAL OF AGAR BY AN EXEMPT COUNCIL

The Council considered the following matters required as part of the audit process:

- (i) the effectiveness of financial system: **Approved**
- (ii) confirmation that the Council is an exempt from the limited assurance review: **Confirmed and approved.**
- (iii) approval of the Annual Government Statement for 2021/22: **Approved**
- (iv) the Accounting Statement for 2021/22: **Approved**

RESOLVED: (A) That the audit document and responses be approved as shown and the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to sign the necessary returns; and

(B) the audit papers, as approved, be sent off the External Auditor: and (C) the audit papers be displayed on the notice board and the Parish Council website.

15. 20's PLENTY

Members considered the possible introduction of a 20's Plenty traffic management scheme in the Village and the need to make representations to KCC (Kent Highways). In considering the matter Council were mindful of the need to set out the area to be included within the scheme. The Chairman reminded Members that this matter had been reviewed many times and that the works to the road pattern to Columbus Avenue scheduled for 2025 would ease the traffic problems through the Village. Councillor Crow-Brown offered to help the Council pursue the scheme.

RESOLVED: That (A) the Council draw up a scheme for the introduction of a "20mph speed restriction" zone throughout the Village for approval and submission to KCC; and (B) reconsideration be given to the Highways Improvement Plan and its relationship to the needs of Acol.

16. REPORT ON THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE CHILDRENS' PLAYGROUND

Councillor Hayfield reported (i) that the new roundabout had now been installed, (ii) the new netball frame had been put in place by Cllr. Hayfield and Bill Yeoman, and (iii) the grass cutting in the Recreation Ground had been carried out so as to leave the edges to grow wild for environmental purposes.

The report was noted and the Clerk was asked to thank Einar Willett for allowing the storage of the roundabout in his barn prior to its installation.

17. CLERK'S REPORT

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

(ii) **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a) **Payments** – Members noted that the following payments had been made since the last meeting:

<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Amount</u>
737	D Hayfield	CCTV Costs	0.00	53.00
738	KALC	Annual subs	30.29	152.46
739	D Hayfield	Energy costs	0.00	53.00
740	Hughes and Son	Grass cut March	0.00	140.00
741	TRRG	Annual sub`	0.00	25.00
742	D Hayfield	Rec. materials	0.00	40.69
743	N Cooper	Install roundabout	0.00	280.00

b) **Payments for Approval – 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>
744	Zurich Insurance	Insurance	0.00	357.11
745	Hughes and Son	Grass cut	0.00	140.00
746	R. Wade	(i) 1/4 salary(560) (ii) Postage(42.88) (iii) Stationery(10.98)	1.83	613.86
747	HMRC	PAYE	0.00	140.00
748	L Robbins	Internal audit	0.00	90.00

(c) **Bank Balance** - The bank balance at 1st June 2022 was £14,021.74

18. REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Crow-Brown reported upon:

- his attendance at the Armed Forces Convention,
- Congratulated the Council and Cllr. Winpenny on the excellent Jubilee celebrations event,
- his efforts to stop the use of pesticides at Shadowhurst etc,
- (the concerns of Garlinge residents to the frequency of the flooding in Crispe Road: and
- the chasing up by Sir Roger Gale in respect of the renewal of the Blue Badges.

19. MATTERS OF REPORT BY MEMBERS

1. Cllr. Mrs. Osborne – Sought a Council representative to attend the Thanet Area Committee and Cllr. Mrs. Winpenny agreed to take on that role.

2. Cllr. Inchley – Reported that all the works to the interior of the Village Hall had been completed and that the painting of the exterior would soon be undertaken. He also advised that the levels of bookings had increased since the pandemic.

3. Cllr. Mrs. Winpenny – Requested that future agendas had an item whereby residents had 10 or 15 minutes when they could ask questions of councillors. The Chairman explained that decisions could not, especially if it involved financial matters, be taken if the item was not on the published agenda. The Chairman further reminded the Members that if any resident

asked her or the Clerk for a matter to be included on the agenda that would be done. Cllr. Inchley reminded those present that those residents attending enjoyed the ability to comment on items as they were discussed.
Cllr. Mrs. Winpenny's suggestion was not approved.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held at 11am on 25 July 2022.

Time concluded: 12.15pm.

MINSTER SURGERY

Covid-19 VACCINATION PROGRAMME - UPDATE:

The Vaccine Centre which is now located adjacent to "Wickes Building Supplies" and "Curry's Electrical Store" and known as "Thanet Broadstairs" Local Vaccination Service (LVS)

NB: Change of opening times:

Tuesday and Thursday - 2.00pm to 6.30pm

Saturday - 8.00 am to 2-00 pm

Just drop In! - no appointment necessary

Please remember:

You must wear face masks at the Centre AND at Minster Surgery.

"LET'S BE CLEAR ON CANCER" NATIONAL CAMPAIGNS:

BOWEL SCREENING CAMPAIGN

Are you aged 60-74 then this little kit can save your life!

You can now register for a free test kit to be sent to you every 2 years

Search "Bowel Screening/NHS" or by calling 0800 707 60 60

Over 75's with previous symptoms are still eligible will also be sent a kit every 2 years

SKIN CANCER AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Very appropriate at the present time!

Did you know that Skin Cancer is the UK's 5th most common type of Cancer and that a change of appearance in a mole is not the only sign? For further information and advice search Skin Cancer (Melanoma NHS).

Going on holiday, in the sun, on the beach, please remember:

"SLAP ON THE SUNSCREEN"

ALSO:

Don't forget you can get help and advice and make sure your travel Vaccinations are up to date from your local Pharmacist.

REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS

Please ensure you have sufficient medication to last throughout the holiday period and submit requests at least 3 working days beforehand to allow

processing time at surgery and your local chemist. Requests submitted prematurely will be held until the due date unless a specific reason is given.

PLEASE NOTE:

The surgery will be closed on:

Wednesday 20th July from 1pm onwards for staff training

If you need to see a Doctor during these times please Call 111 for NON-URGENT confidential help and advice for you and your family.

For COVID-19 help and advice - Call 119

For URGENT/LIFE threatening Cases Call 999 as normal

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS 2022

Further to the article in last month's Village Voice regarding the proposed changes designed to make events more inclusive and available to all villagers, I have to report that I have not received any response of any sort. It had been hoped that the success of the Platinum Jubilee party would encourage people to become more involved in the life of the village, but sadly this appears not to be the case.

I urge any group which wishes to organize a Christmas event to get in touch with a Management committee member as soon as possible.

Jon



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Sat. 30th and Sun. 31st July
from 10am to 5pm
At The Old Schools, Church Street,
MINSTER, CT12 4BX

Admission £1.50

Teas, coffees, and homemade cakes
available.

Further information from Barbara Inchley on
01843 847705

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PLEASE PASS ON THIS EDITION OF VILLAGE VOICE to any friends
from outside the village who might be interested in knowing what is going
on in Acol.

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