

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

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AGENDA

A Meeting of Acol Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall, Acol on Monday 9th July 2018 at 6pm to consider the business set out below and to pass such resolutions as deemed necessary on those items set out within the agenda.

1. MINUTES

To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 14th May 2018 (copy attached – Appendix A)

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABENCE

To receive apologies for absence (if any)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

4. REPORT OF THE POLICE/COMMUNITY WARDENS/PCSO'S

To receive reports as appropriate.

5. CO-OPTION TO COUNCIL

Details of the vacancy on the Parish Council following the resignation of Mr. R. Steel was advertised. To date no applications have been received to fill this vacancy and the instructions of Council are requested.

6. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE – PURCHASE OF LAPTOP (Ref Min.60(ii)/2017-8)

The Clerk reports that following the request for information from Mr. Steel in respect of the purchase of a laptop information was sent to Mr Steel. However the Clerk reports that Council at its January meeting authorised and instructed the Clerk to submit an application to the KALC for the purchase of a laptop. Members are advised that the Clerk did not action this request and he apologises to Council.

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman will report upon the following matters:

The Crown & Sceptre Planning Appeal
Proposed Traffic Calming
BT Telephone Kiosk

8. TRANSPARENCY CODE

Councillor Mrs. Osborne will table a discussion document on this subject to Council.

9. RECREATION GROUND

Councillor Hayfield will report as appropriate.

10. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

The Clerk to report.

11. CLERK'S REPORT

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

12. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (i) Payments Schedule – A schedule will be tabled at the meeting together with details of the Parish Council's bank balance; and
- (ii) General – The Clerk to report on any other financial matter as appropriate.

13. REPORT OF COUNCILLORS MS HURST (KCC), CROW-BROW (TDC), AND MS DAWSON (KCC & TDC).

To receive reports as appropriate.

14. MATTERS OF REPORT BY MEMBERS

To receive reports as appropriate.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To agree a date for the next meeting.

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3rd July 2018

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th July 2018 at 18.00 hours in the Village Hall, The Street, Acol

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

Also Present: Cllr Crow-Brown, PCSO Deborah Forsyth & Roy Wade (Clerk to the Council)

Apologies for absence: Cllr Ms. Hurst (KCC) and KCC Warden Tony Gander.

20. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th May 2018, as amended, be approved and signed by the Chairman.

21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs Osborne declared an interest in the demolition and building in Plumstone Road.

22. CO-OPTION TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Chairman reported that a candidate has been identified and will shortly be interviewed.

23. CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS

The Chairman reported upon the following:

(i) Crown & Sceptre

As soon as the Planning Inspector refused to allow the Appeal, I emailed Iain Livingstone to ask if the 215 Notice has been reinstated and requested assurance that it will be enforced. He has not yet replied.

(ii) Traffic Calming

Highways have advised that a traffic calming scheme was to be provided in Acol, starting on 25th July. I asked for a delay to enable access and exit for the Acol Flower Show on 28th July. They have kindly agreed to start on 30th July. Work is estimated to take 6 weeks, weather permitting, and road closures will be in place throughout August and into September.

(iii) BT Telephone kiosk

The telephone has been repaired and is again operational.

24. REPORT OF THE POLICE/COMMUNITY WARDEN/PCSO

Ms Forsyth reported correspondence from villagers concerning inconsiderate and dangerous driving by Thanet Earth employees and these matters had been discussed with Emma Bullock at Thanet Earth. Members were advised of Ms Forsyth's concerns at traffic conditions in Plumstone Road. Finally Members were advised that she would be holding a surgery in Acol on Wednesday 1st August 2018 at 2pm in the Village Hall

25. PURCHASE OF LAPTOP – REF. Min.60(ii)/2017-18

The Clerk reported that in January 2018 Council instructed the Clerk *“that the draft application for funding in the sum of £300 for the purchase and maintenance of a laptop be approved and submitted to KALC”* to facilitate the new web site. The Clerk indicated that he had not actioned this instruction and apologised to Members accordingly.

26. TRANSPARENCY CODE

Cllr Mrs Osborne reported that she was drafting a report on a possible Transparency Code for the Council and that it would be submitted to the next meeting for consideration.

27. RECREATION GROUND/PLAY AREA

Cllr Hayfield reported that the works to the play area had made the facility much safer to use, although growth of the grass was delayed due to lack of rain. Members were also advised that Serco had cut the grass in the main area.

Reports had been received of dogs' mess not cleared up and one small piece was noted.

28. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Council were advised that four requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act had been received from Mr. Steel. Information has been sent to Mr. Steel and copies passed to Members.

29. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk had no further matters to report upon.

29. 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>
607	SERCO	Grass cut Rec	11.87	80.23
608	TRRG	Subscription	0.00	25.00

(ii) Bank Balance

The bank balance at 29th June 2018 was £11,919.35p.

30. REPORT OF COUNCILLOR CROW-BROWN (TDC)

(i) **Travellers :** There had been several incidents of travellers and this had resulted in an increase in fly tipping.

(ii) **Spitfire Corner – Untidy Site:** The site had been cleared and fenced off including part of the pavement and the bus stop area, which are within the property. Negotiations were underway for the future use of the site as a chandlers.

(iii) **Thanet Local Plan:** TDC's cabinet had agreed to adopt Option 1 but this would need to be referred to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and then to Council for ratification.

31. REPORTS BY MEMBERS

Cllr Mrs. Osborne

(i) **Property in Plumstone Road** – had been demolished and building works would soon begin and this would create traffic problems in the road.

(ii) **TRRG** – The Group had considered raising the annual sub from £25.00 per annum but decided to leave it at the existing level for this year. These funds are necessary in order to finance the Speedwatch scheme.

Cllr Inchley

Village Hall – Kitchen. It was hoped that the works to extend the kitchen would be started at the end of July and last for about 3 months.

Cllr Hayfield.

CCTV - The CCTV system has proved very useful and the police had used the information in their investigations of certain incidents.

32. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on 24th September 2018 commencing at 18.00 hours.

Time concluded: 18.55