

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of Acol Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Acol,
at 2pm on Tuesday 16th January 2018

Present: Councillors: Miss Bransfield (Chairman), D. Hayfield, J. Inchley,
Mrs. Osborne and R. Steel.

Also present: Councillors Ms Dawson and Ms Hurst(KCC) & Adrian Butterworth &
Tony Gander

Apologies: Cllr. Crow-Brown (TDC)

55. MINUTES

The Chairman noted that Item 52 mentioned Speedwatch, which was an error. It should read Neighbourhood Watch, which was duly amended and authorised.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 27th November 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

56. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

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

The Wardens gave out leaflets on Neighbourhood Watch and Crime Stoppers and advised Council that 8 calls had been received in respect of Acol, with 2 burglaries and scam actions within the Village. There were incidents of fly tipping in Plumstone Road and some on farmer's land for which they could not take action. Reference was made to the Speedwatch initiative and efforts being taken to increase its effectiveness.

58. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported upon the following:

- (i) The Manston redevelopment proposals and the start of the consultation process,
- (ii) Thanks to Norman, Bob and David for their kind help with the Christmas tree and decorations,
- (iii) Crown & Sceptre – TDC had served a section 215 notice requiring the reinstatement of the roof and other works,
- (iv) KCC Presentation of Highways matters – Notes on the recent presentation had not been received and Cllr. Ms Dawson would investigate the matter,
- (v) Development proposals in Plumstone Road – Acol Parish Council has expressed concerns to TDC at the increase in traffic movement within that road and reminding them that contractors should only park on site,
- (vi) The TRRG meeting had discussed measures to increase the profile of the Speedwatch initiative.

59. CRISPE ROAD – SOUTHERN WATER AUTHORITY

Further information was still awaited on where the sewage was being directed for the new Maple Leaf development on the Manston Industrial Estate.

60. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Cllr. Steel reported that the website was up and working but the response to date had been disappointing. Members were invited to submit their views on how to grow the site.

Council also considered the report of Councillor Steel and noted the draft application for funding to allow for a parish council laptop to be purchased to support the initiative.

RESOLVED: That (i) the report of Cllr. Steel be noted; and (ii) 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.

61. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported upon:

- (i) Manston Park redevelopment proposals,
- (ii) Highway Presentation for the Village – The notes on the presentation to be sought from KCC.

62. RECREATION GROUND

Councillor Hayfield reported (i) that Serco were doing an excellent job on grass cutting but he was still pursuing the receipt of invoices for the works undertaken; and (ii) The Clerk to investigate whether funding was available for the replacement of the materials used to fill the play area.

63. PROFILE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Steel reported to Members on his discussions with the Chairman and the Clerk on his thoughts on the future direction of the Parish Council. Members considered measures to publicise (i) the responsibilities of Members; and (ii) policies and procedures to ensure that the Council comply with current and future legislation.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk report to the next meeting on issues relating to

- (i) Measures to make the work of the Parish Council more transparent
- (ii) Freedom of Information – the procedures to be followed; and
- (iii) Code of conduct and role of the Parish Council.

64. DRAFT BUDGET/PRECEPT 2018/19

Council considered the draft budget and noted that increase was due, mainly, to the CCTV system and its future maintenance and the need to make financial provision to allow Members to attend training courses.

RESOLVED: The budget as amended and in the sum of £6879.00 be approved and TDC be advised accordingly.

65. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(i) Members noted that the bank balance at 1 January 2018 was £10,118.87 and Members were advised that within this budget was £425.60 which was the balance from the APEG account; and

(ii) **RESOLVED:** That the following payments be approved:

Cheque No	Payee	Amount
589	R J Wade – Salary	£440.00
590	HMRC – PAYE	110.00
591	D Hayfield CCTV	45.00

66. REPORT OF COUNCILLOR MS DAWSON (KCC)

Cllr. Ms Dawson reported that (i) Ms. Liz Hurst had been elected to KCC to fill the vacancy resulting from the death of Ken Gregory; (ii) Village Hall refurbishment details of the grant application would be discussed with Cllr. Mrs. Osborne; and (iii) Bus Services – Paul Carter (Leader KCC) would be discussing with the Bus Companies the future of bus services within the County.

67. MATTERS OF REPORT BY MEMBERS

Cllr. Mrs. Osborne – No matters for report

Cllr Inchley - Thanked the Council for its contribution of £50 towards the cost of the Village Xmas party

Cllr Steel - (i) Expressed his thanks to Karen and June for their help in litter picking within the Village; and (ii) complaints at the low levels of broadband speeds and that the rural broadband indicators should be researched.

68. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date for the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th March 2018 at 2p.m.

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