

# **ACOL PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **AGENDA**

A Meeting of Acol Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall, Acol, on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 at 2pm to consider the business set out below and to pass such resolutions as may be deemed necessary on those items set out within the agenda.

### **1. MINUTES**

To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018 (copies 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. SPEEDWATCH**

Councillor Mrs. Osborne has invited Mr. Searle to attend the meeting of Council and address Members on the Speedwatch initiative.

### **5. REPORT OF THE POLICE/COMMUNITY WARDENS/PCSO'S**

To receive reports as appropriate.

### **6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman will report upon the following matters:

- Crown & Sceptre
- Highways, Traffic calming
- SouthernWater
- Dilnot pond wall
- Parish Forum and TALC meetings

### **7. PUBLICATION SCHEME AND TRANSPARENCY CODE**

Council has considered the report prepared by Councillor Mrs Osborne and now propose to formally adopt this as Council policy.

### **8. CLERK'S REPORT**

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

**9. REQUEST FROM THE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION**

The Clerk reports that a request has been received from the Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee for a contribution towards the costs of refurbishing and refitting the kitchen at the Village Hall. The Council has powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act to make contributions

**10. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

**11. PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET REQUIREMENTS FOR 2019-20**

To consider the draft budget proposals for 2019-20 (Copy attached – Appendix B)

**12. REPORT OF COUNCILLORS MISS DAWSON (KCC), & CROW-BROWN (TDC)**

To receive reports as appropriate.

**13. MATTERS OF REPORT BY MEMBERS**

To receive reports as appropriate.

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To agree a date for the next meeting.

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**26<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

## **ACOL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 at 14.00 hours in the Village Hall, The Street, Acol**

**Present:** Councillors Miss Bransfield (Chairman), D Hayfield, J Inchley & M Johnson

**Also Present:** Cllrs. Crow-Brown, R Searle & G North, & Roy Wade (Clerk to the Council)

51. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Mrs. Osborne, PCSO Ms. Forsyth & KCC Community Warden Tony Gander.

52. **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Meetings held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

53. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Voluntary declarations of interest were made by Councillors Miss Bransfield, Inchley & Hayfield as members of the Village Hall Committee although it was stressed that no financial benefit would accrue to them in respect of any contribution the Parish Council may make. (See minute No. 60)

54. **REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

The Chairman brought forward this item as Cllr. Crow-Brown had to leave early to attend another meeting.

**Cllr. Crow-Brown reported on**

- (i) **Meeting with Iain Livingston (TDC Planning)** the service of a section 215 notice on the developers of the Crown & Sceptre in respect of the unauthorised development of the site had now been served. In considering this matter the Parish Council's extreme concern at the inordinate delays in resolving these concerns was raised. Members also noted the continuing frustration of 2 residents of Grosvenor Cottages at these delays. The Chairman also reported on the correspondence she had had with the Planning Department (TDC).
- (ii) **Columbus Avenue – Proposed extension.** James Wraight (Kent Highways) advised him that a bid for funding had now been submitted in respect of proposals to extend Columbus Avenue.
- (iii) **Spitfire Way Junction** – A section 215 notice had been served on the owners of the site requiring them to replace the fencing to its original position and on a requirement to remove the rubbish from the site.

**Cllr. Dawson was not present and there was no report.**

55. **SPEEDWATCH**

Cllr Robert Searle introduced his colleague, Graham North of St Nicholas, who addressed Council on the continuing problems operating the Speedwatch initiative and asked if an item could be placed in the next edition of Village Voice inviting residents to volunteer to help run the scheme. In response to a question it was confirmed that it was rare for an operative to receive abuse from a motorist who was aware his speed had been recorded.

**56. REPORT OF THE POLICE/COMMUNITY WARDENS/PCSOs**

PCSO Ms. Forsyth was not in attendance and the Chairman read the report of Ms Forsyth to Council:-

“It is very encouraging to relay to you that I do not have very much to report!

“The only thing of any relevance to the villages which I should make you aware of is a group of chancers who are trying car door handles in the hope that they will be open and then proceeding to rifle through the interior and steal anything of any value, this could be anything from lose change to children’s car seats.

“With Christmas fast approaching it is a time of year where security should be at the top of everyone’s list. Please make sure that you lock up your houses, cars, sheds, garages and keep all valuable out of sight.

“Please report all crimes through the correct channels. Emergency 999 and non-emergency 101.

“All that remains for me to say is to keep warm and safe and have a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.”

**No other reports had been received.**

**57. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

The Chairman reported upon the following:

**i. Crown & Sceptre**

TDC have advised that the recent auction has fallen through and Torran are considering how they will comply with the 215 Notice.

There is a conflict about Torran removing the gateway in their new fence. They had promised and it was agreed in the original Planning Approval document to continue to allow the residents of Grosvenor Cottages safe entry and access to their properties.

**ii. Highways, Traffic calming**

There appears to have been a slight reduction in the volume of traffic, but not all drivers slow down appropriately. Many commercial vehicles crash over the humps. We are waiting to hear when Highways will conduct their monitoring of the new system and the subsequent consultation in the village hall. Residents of Crispe Road and Margate Hill are anxious to present their serious suggestions.

**iii. Highways Parish Seminar**

The Clerk and Chairman attended a meeting organised by KCC Members and Officers, with many reports on current traffic and conditions.

**iv. Southern Water**

There has been another case of pumping station failure, albeit fairly brief, but for no apparent reason – there was no power cut. The Parish Council has written to Southern Water and received a lengthy reply, but there is no confirmation that effluent from the new commercial units would be directed away from Acol. A close watch will be kept on the increasing development.

**v. Dilnot pond wall**

It was good to see the new wall complete.

**vi. Parish Forum and TALC meetings**

The Clerk will also report on this, but it had been decided that the Area Committee meetings will be held quarterly.

**vii. Bus Service Consultation**

There are many service changes being proposed, including some serving Acol, and a public consultation will be held from 22<sup>nd</sup> November until 19<sup>th</sup> December.

**58. PUBLICATION SCHEME AND TRANSPARENCY CODE**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve, as Council policy, the protocols contained within the reports by Councillor Mrs. Osborne on a publication scheme and transparency code for the Council.

**59. CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported that he was still discussing measures to improve the profile and importance of the Thanet Forum and the Thanet Area Local Committee and its ability to feed into TDC issues that relate to the town and parish council areas of the District Council.

**60. REQUEST FROM THE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION**

The Clerk reported on a request from the Chairman of the Village Hall for the Council to make a contribution towards the costs of the refurbishing the kitchen. The Village Hall was widely used by residents of the Village and other users. The Clerk reported that the Council could make a contribution towards these costs under the provisions of section 137 of the Local Government Act.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council make a contribution of **£1,000** towards the costs of refurbishing the Village Hall.

**61. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**(i) Bank Balance**

The bank balance at 1 December 2018 was £12,695.51p.

**(i) Purchase of Second Salt Bin – RESOLVED:** That the Council allocate a sum, not exceeding **£200**, for the purchase of a salt bin to be sited on Nursery Fields.

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

<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>618</b>	<b>R Wade</b>	<b>Stationery</b>	<b>51.00</b>
<b>619</b>	<b>Serco</b>	<b>Grass Cut</b>	<b>68.23</b>
<b>619</b>	<b>Acol Village Hall</b>	<b>Building costs</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>

**62. BUDGET FOR 2019-20**

It was agreed to consider the budget requirements at the January 2019 meeting of the Council.

**63. REPORTS BY MEMBERS**

**Cllr. Hayfield.** **(i)** Thanks to Karen, Jude and Paul for weeding and trimming the children's play area at the Recreation field and confirmed that the new grass was growing; **(ii)** consideration to be given at the next meeting to the control of dogs on the Recreation Ground; and **(iii)** that Council have decided not to renew the maintenance contract for the CCTV, but to ensure a fund is maintained to cover any problems.

**Cllr. Johnson.** Reported on his attendance at the Kent Association of Local Councils AGM and on the matters raised.

**64. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 commencing at 14.00 hours.

**Time concluded: 15.30**