

ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

August 2017

WHAT PRICE CHRISTMAS IN JULY?

Last month, the Village Hall Committee issued a challenge to all parents and grandparents in the Village. It seemed most unfair that the Senior Citizens get all the fun at Christmas, so the committee allocated an initial sum of £200 towards the cost of a children's Christmas party to be held in the Village Hall. All that was necessary to claim this money was for individuals (or groups) to volunteer their time to organise a suitable event. Sadly, Christmas spirit was noticeably lacking last month, as only two people indicated any interest or support for this initiative. If you are interested, please contact me on 847705 (or any other committee member as appropriate) .

Jon Inchley

The following letter has been received from Karen & William Ault:

Can we save the Crown and Sceptre?

I am recently arrived in Acol and realised that the historic public house had already had its day as a working pub, but it was great to see that it still had a future as a residential dwelling.

I was therefore sad to receive a letter at the end of July informing of Planning Application F/TH/17/0943 which now proposes to demolish the original building and erect in its place a further pair of semi-detached dwellings, this time of 3 storeys.

I have submitted my comments to Thanet Planning and read the comments submitted by other Acol residents. I would urge anyone with a personal view about the demise of the original pub and who wishes it to be retained in some way to submit their comments. Due to a delay in TDC posting public notices the deadline for comments has been extended to 25th August.

Interestingly a report following a visual inspection by Holt and Wotton has been added. Now I am no expert, but the report doesn't seem to indicate that the building is beyond saving. It mentions the need for strengthening and replacing which is surely not beyond the means or capabilities of competent builders.

Please, if you care, make your thoughts known to TDC.

Karen

ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 CLUB

Winners for the Month of July 2017 were:

Member no. 78, who won 1st prize of £20.00

Member no. 136, who won 2nd prize of £12.00, and

Member no. 112, who won 3rd prize of £8.00.

£40.00 has been donated to Village Hall funds

Winners for the Month of August 2017 were:

Member no. 16, who won 1st prize of £20.50

Member no. 140, who won 2nd prize of £12.30, and

Member no. 34, who won 3rd prize of £8.20.

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The next draw will be held on 6th September. Should you have any questions, or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne on 01843 840901.

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ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Acol Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, Acol, on Monday 3rd July 2017 (Postponed from the scheduled date of 12th June 2017)

Present: Cllrs Miss Bransfield (Chairman), D Hayfield, J Inchley, Mrs Osborne.

Also Present: Residents Richard Steel and Karen Ault, and Roy Wade (Clerk to the Council).

10. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Parish Assembly and Annual General meetings of 24th April 2017, as amended, be approved and signed by the Chairman.

11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Derek Crow-Brown.

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

13. ACOL PARISH COUNCIL – CASUAL VACANCY

The Chairman reported that only one application had been received, that being from Mr Richard Steel.

RESOLVED: That Mr Steel be duly co-opted to the Parish Council and he then signed the official document, countersigned by the Chairman.

14. REPORT OF THE POLICE/COMMUNITY WARDEN/PCSO.

No Officers were in attendance to report. Cllr Inchley reported that lead has recently been stolen from his garage roof.

15. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported upon the following:

(i) The deadline for responses to the RiverOak Consultation is 23rd July.

(ii) TDC have now added Acol Parish Council to the emailing list for the Weekly Planning List, which should alleviate problems such as occurred when we were not notified of a new planning application for 2 Church Cottages, etc.

(iii) The new APC website will soon be made available.

(iv) The BT kiosk is working and available for emergency calls, or for times when no mobile signal is available.

(v) Concerns about safety issues at the Crown & Sceptre building site were reported to the Health and Safety Executive and, although they reported no breaches, the gates are now secured when no one is on site.

16. HIGHWAYS

The Chairman reported upon a meeting between the Kent Association for Local Councils and Kent and Medway MPs to discuss HGVs using unsuitable roads. They have been advised of the vast number of HGVs using Acol, including Crispe Road.

Traffic monitoring strips have been seen on local roads. These have been refused for Acol on the grounds that traffic calming measures need to be intended.

17. CRISPE ROAD – SOUTHERN WATER AUTHORITY

The Chairman was pleased to report that Southern Water installed a reset mechanism to the Acol Pumping Station on 31st May. To date the reset has operated correctly at times of brief cuts in power supply.

The Chairman expressed concerns that when the 12 new units on the Manston Industrial Estate are let, their waste will also be directed through Acol. There is also a new, very large, industrial site being developed behind Summit Aviation, now named Maple Leaf. Enquiries will be made to establish compliance with the assurances that new developments would have a new pumping station.

18. LITTER-PICKING INITIATIVE

Cllr Steel will prepare an article for the Village Voice, seeking interested parties to join a litter-picking team, and he will report back to the Council.

19. RECREATION FIELD

Cllr Hayfield reported upon the following matters:

(i) Obtaining prices for the cost of filling the children's play area with rubber material;

(ii) The need for a ROSPA inspection of the play area. The Clerk to arrange.

(iii) The placement of a picnic table in the Rec to be positioned at the Crispe Road end, close to the playground, and the Council agreed a budget of £500.00 for its purchase and installation; and

- (iv) The Clerk to refer to Quex Park Estates (as Landlords) the request that disabled villagers be provided with a key for access.
20. **CLERK'S REPORT**
The Clerk had no further matters to report upon.
21. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**
(i) Payment Schedule. **RESOLVED:** That the following payment be made:
Cheque 574 CCTV Quarterly Energy Cost £41.00
(ii) Bank Balance. The balance at 1st July 2017 = £12.166.00.
22. **REPORTS OF COUNCILLORS MS DAWSON AND GREGORY (KCC) AND CROW-BROWN (TDC).**
No Councillors were in attendance to report.
23. **MATTERS OF REPORT BY MEMBERS**
There were no new matters reported.
24. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
The next meeting will be held at 17:00 hours on Monday 4th September.

Time concluded: 19:30pm.

RELEVANT INFORMATION

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH For the latest information, ring Iris Osborne on 840901. Simply provide your email address so that you can be sent immediate updates whenever suspicious events occur locally.

CCTV CAMERAS

The CCTV cameras appear to be having some effect, as there have been less incidents in The Street, but there are still occasional wing mirror removals! Please remember to ring the Parish Council on 844706 to report anything that happens.

REFUSE COLLECTION - MONDAYS

Refuse (black) & waste food	Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food
7 th August	14 th August
21 st August	28 th August
4 th September	

Ring TDC, **577115**, to arrange collection if you are unable to put your bins out.
Or Ring the 'Recycle for Thanet' line on **577727** with any queries you may have.

REGULAR VILLAGE HALL DIARY DATES

Monday afternoons (term time) - Pam's People

First Tuesday evening - AHS meeting

All other Tuesday evenings, Dance Fitness Class

Alternate Wednesday evenings - Life Drawing Art Group

Thursday evenings - Art Group. **Art Group Website:** www.acolartgroup.org/

Monthly, Saturdays, 10am-4pm - Phoenix Quilters.

(Check hall calendar or email Sheila.Bransfield@btinternet.com for information)

DIARY DATES FOR THIS YEAR

Sat 12th August, 10am to 4pm - AHS Nosh and Natter

Sat 23rd September, all day - AHS Autumn Show

Sat 14th October, eve - AVHMC Quiz

Sat 28th October, eve - AHS Race Night

Sat 4th November, a.m. to 3pm - AHS Autumn Fayre

Tue 7th November, 7.30pm, AHS AGM

Sat 2nd December, eve - AHS Christmas Party

Sat 9th December, eve - AVHMC Seniors' Dinner

Sat 16th December, eve - AVHMC Reindeer Drive

PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

Ring the Parish Council on Mondays (9am-5pm) on 844706, or the day after a Bank Holiday, or the Clerk any day (9am-5pm) on 832243.

Please ring these numbers if you have problems and do not know who to contact.

Sheila Bransfield

Minster Surgery

IT'S HOLIDAY TIME!

Please remember that our Healthcare Professionals take their holidays at this time and our resources may be slightly stretched.

SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the surgery will close from 12.00 Mid-day onwards on the following days:

Staff Training - Thursday 28th September

Bank Holiday - Monday 28th August - closed all day

Please ensure that you have sufficient medication to last you during these times, and of course, please don't forget to include all the family who may require repeat prescriptions

Should you need to see a Doctor when the surgery is closed, please call the "NHS 111 Service" via the normal surgery number 821333 where you will be transferred automatically, or you can call direct on 111, to receive non-urgent confidential health advice and information for you and your family. For Urgent/Life threatening cases please dial 999 as normal.

PATIENT GROUP MEETING

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