

News from The Parish Council – November 2023

At the recent Parish Council meeting (26th October) Councillors thought our village would wish to support the national commemoration of the eightieth anniversary of D-Day on 6th June 2024, details of which may be found at <https://www.d-day80beacons.co.uk/> **We are appealing for volunteers to help organise our participation.** If you can help, please email clerk@acolparishcouncil.org.uk or call 01843 844706 and leave a message including your name and contact details.

At the suggestion of Mark and Lucie Godfrey, who had collated details of many overweight vehicles travelling through the village over several days (for which, many thanks 😊) Richard has written, as Council Chair, to the three most prolific violators of the Acol thoroughfare 7.5 tonne weight limit.

Additionally, the first joint enforcement activity by the police and Acol Speedwatch Team has been planned for Tuesday 7th November. Wider enforcement activity, covering all Thanet villages, will take place later in the month.

Wendy reported on her meeting with Cllr. Neville Hudson, Chair of Birchington Parish Council, to learn more about its preparation of a Local Neighbourhood Plan and confirmed our own aim of developing an Acol plan, which will commence with an initial “village appraisal” and canvassing of residents’ views.

The meeting featured a good deal of discussion of the extensive development, planned and underway, across Thanet, with concerns about continuing loss of grade 1 agricultural land, pressure on scarce resources and unscrupulous developers. KCC Councillor Derek Crow-Brown also noted that the urgent need for new and improved infrastructure to accommodate new development was recognised by both the KCC and TDC Leaders.

Sarah outlined plans for a New Year’s Eve Party in Acol Village Hall. Details to follow soon.

The next Parish Council meeting (Thursday 21st December at 7.30 pm) will consider the draft PC budget for 2024. Please contact any Councillor with suggestions or views you may have on what should (or should not) be included.

Full minutes of the Parish Council meeting are on the Acol PC website, which now includes a meeting attendance record that will be updated for every future meeting.

Richard Steel (Chair)