

## ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

### Draft Minutes of the Parish Assembly Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Present: Councillors Miss Sheila Bransfield, D. Hayfield, J Inchley, Mrs. I Osborne and R Steel

Also Present: Councillors Crow-Brown, Ms Hurst and R Wade (Clerk to the Council) and one Villager – Ms. Karen Ault.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None were received.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations were disclosed.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS**

Thanks to all villagers who help with village events and lend a helping hand, including:  
Jon Inchley – Village Hall Committee, Village Voice, Support Fund.

Iris Osborne – Village Hall Committee, Support Fund, TRRG, Thanet Area Committee and Neighbourhood Watch.

Bob Lawrence, AHS, Tree Warden.

Steve and Theresa Ling – AHS.

Bill Yeoman – AHS, Xmas Reindeer Drive.

Mary & Sam Hodgson, Nancy & Norman Chidwick, Karen Ault and Claire Hawken – Village Hall Committee.

Norman Chidwick, Bob Lawrence, David Hayfield – odd jobs.

Cllrs Derek Crow-Brown, Emma Dawson for their help in various matters and welcome to Cllrs Liz Hurst and Reece Push recently elected.

**Planning** – APC been excluded from planning notifications, but now receive the weekly planning list. Lagny site commented upon and TDC reminded of the condition of Plumstone Road. Delivery/construction vehicles must not park in the road.

**Southern Water** – New Maple Leaf development at Manston very large. No sign of sewers being installed. APC wrote to S.Water, supported by Sir Roger Gale who asked for a “swift and substantive response.” No answer yet.

**Highways** – Streetlights and interactive speed sign out of order in November, eventually repaired. It appears the sign is not working again and will be reported to Highways.

Potholes require filling by the pub and will soon be attended to.

Monitoring strips recently installed in Acol by Highways. Results recently received and will be analysed and reported later.

APC continues to press for an extension to Columbus Avenue. It is now a Highways priority, but money is short.

**Manston Airport** – RSP Consultation now finished. APC responded to the original, which still stands, but we added our approval to alterations and conditions. The DCO application was despatched to the Planning Inspectorate 9<sup>th</sup> April and will be decided on 8<sup>th</sup> May.

**Crown & Sceptre** – English Heritage refused to list the building. The roof was removed in March last year and the interior left exposed. TDC issued notice in February to reinstate the fascia and roof, but the developer has submitted an Appeal to the Planning Inspectorate. The closing date for responses is 9<sup>th</sup> May and APC are drafting one.

**Thanet Area Committee** – At the March meeting, two representatives attended from Vattenfall Wind Power to discuss their recent booklet. Acol had not received it and we were given several copies for Councillors and others have been left in the hall for villagers.

**Flooding** – A Nursery Fields resident was asked to pay an increase of over £1,500 for an insurance renewal, because Acol “has a high risk of flooding”. The Environment Agency have been asked to explain this erroneous statement and their answer is awaited.

4. **REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS**

Reports were received from:

- (i) Horticultural Society
- (ii) Acol Art Group
- (iii) St. Mildred’s Church
- (iv) Village Hall Committee

Full details of the reports to Council will be published on the Acol Parish Council web site.

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION FORUM**

The Chairman invited questions from Ms. Karen Ault but Karen had no matters to raise.

6. **REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR DEREK CROW-BROWN**

The Chairman varied the order of business and invited Cllr. Crow-Brown (TDC) to report as he needed to leave the meeting to attend another meeting.

Councillor Crow-Brown reported on:

- (i) The Thanet Housing team had won a major national award on works in respect of rogue landlords and an initiative to bring derelict properties back into use.
- (ii) Thanet Planning Team had only one enforcement officer and this resulted in problems in ensuring compliance with planning and enforcement of planning conditions; and
- (iii) The problem of graffiti within Thanet. The police are actively dealing with this anti-social problem and 2 people had been arrested.

Time concluded: 2.40pm