

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

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AGENDA

A Meeting of Acol Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall, Acol, on Monday 30th January 2023 at 15.30 pm to consider the business set out below and to pass such resolutions as deemed necessary on those items set out within the agenda.

1. MINUTES

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2022 (copy attached – Appendix A)

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman to reports that to report as appropriate.

5. HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

To receive reports on matters relating to H.I.P.

6. SPEEDWATCH

To consider revised arrangements to operate Speedwatch activities within The Village.

7. REPORT ON THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE CHILDRENS' PLAYGROUND

Councillor Hayfield to report and on the replacement of the gate at the Recreation Ground.

8. CLERK'S REPORT

(i) Budget 2023/4 The draft budget considered at the last meeting has now been amended (copy attached Appendix B) and is resubmitted for approval and submission to TDC.

(ii) FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) **Payments** – the following payments has been made since the last meeting:

Roy Wade	Clerk's salary	£1,000.00.
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(b) Bank Balance	As at 16 December 2022	£16,007.33
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9. REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

To receive reports as appropriate.

10. MATTERS OF REPORT BY MEMBERS

To receive reports as appropriate.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members are requested to agree the date for the next meeting.

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16TH January 2023

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Acol Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Acol, on Monday 12th December 2022 at 11.00am.

Present: Councillors Miss Bransfield (Chairman), Hayfield, Inchley, Mrs. Osborne and Mrs. Winpenny.

Also present: Cllrs. Crow-Brown & Linda Wright (KCC), Roy Wade (Clerk) and 3 residents.

39. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting held on 26th December 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

40. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Ms. Abi Smith.

41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made

42. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman reported upon:

- (i) No advice had been received from the recently appointed PCSO,
- (ii) Areas around Acol had been fenced off but details of future development were still awaited.

43. HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

Cllr. Mrs. Winpenny reported on the zoom meeting held on 8th December which incorporated a virtual tour of the Village. There was a discussion on street signs and it was generally agreed that there was sufficient signage but that some needed renewal and resiting. A speed data survey had been undertaken but Wendy had asked for details of the methodology used to undertake the survey. Finally it was agreed to consider the issues further when more detailed information was received and to request the "Welcome to Acol" sign be erected.

44. AUTO SPEEDWATCH FOR ACOL

Council further considered the report of Richard Steel on measures to instal solar powered devices to record speeding vehicles, etc. The costings of an auto Speedwatch was £620.45, which included the first year's data charge. Members were aware of the need to appoint sufficient Villager to undertake the surveys which had proved difficult in the past. Cllrs. Crow-Brown and Linda Wright advised that the KCC Members grant scheme allocation had mostly been expended and that in view of the current financial constraints KCC were facing it was uncertain that the funding stream would be available in 2023/24.. The Clerk advised that no provision had been made in the current budget for these costs.

They would advise the Clerk of the way forward.

RESOLVED: That (A) the scheme to provide 2 Auto Speedwatches within the Village be approved in principle, subject to KCC Members' grant funding being available and that £750 be included within the draft budget for 2023/24.

45. REPORT ON THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE CHILDRENS' PLAYGROUND

Councillor Hayfield reported further on works to restore the Recreation Field gate. A local company had been asked to supply and fit and had quoted £1800.00. David was still making enquiries as to possible alternative avenues to undertake these repairs/replacement and would report if alternative options became available.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and £1800.00 be included within the 2023/4 budget to undertake this work.

46. CLERK'S REPORT

(i) **Parish Bank Account** – The Clerk reported to the last meeting that Nationwide had now closed the Council's bank account and transferred the balances to Lloyds Bank. TDC had been advised and now paid into the Lloyds Account the balance of the 2022/23 precept.

(ii) **Bank Balance** – The bank balance at 1st December 2022 was £12,117.33.

(iii) **Draft Budget** – The draft budget for 2023/24 was agreed at £9,800.00 for final consideration at the January 2023 meeting.

47. REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Crow-Brown reported upon

(i) The constraints on future KCC budgets,

(ii) The fencing off of future housing land within the Village,

(iii) The development of land in Minster was now to be spread over 4 years because of the current economic situation, and

(iv) James Wraight KCC was now reviewing the Columbus Road design.

48. MATTERS OF REPORT BY MEMBERS

Cllr. Mrs. Osborne reported that ARCK were closing their offices and operations.

49. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 23 January 2023.

Time concluded:12.20p.m.

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL**BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2023 – 2024**

<u>Budget Head</u>	<u>Spend to date</u>	<u>Spend to 31.3.23</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
Clerk's salary	560.00	2160.00	2400.00
Clerk's Exp	53.86	75.00	100.00
Inland Revenue	140.00	560.00	300.00
Audit	90.00	90.00	100.00
Subs(KALC)	176.46	176.46	200.00
Insurance	377.11	377.11	400.00
Rec. Grass cut	350.00	420.00	500.00
Playground Imp	460.69	500.00	2000.00
Compute/website	0.00	100.00	100.00
Elections	0.00	0.00	1000.00
VAT	180.67	200.00	400.00
CCTV- Energy costs	231.00	231.00	300.00
CCTV Maint.	0.00	0.00	100.00
De - Fib	751.90	751.90	800.00
Speedwatch	0.00	0.00	750.00
Coronation Event ??	0.00	0.00	250.00
Sec. 137	100.00	100.00	100.00
Totals	3471.69	5,741.47	9800.00