

ACOL VILLAGE VOICE

February 2022

QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE

On 6th February this year, Her Majesty the Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of her reign. To celebrate this unprecedented event, we hope that residents of Acol will come together to celebrate.

The undersigned have formed a group to arrange the "Acol Queen's Platinum Jubilee Party" on Saturday the 4th of June from midday onwards. Plans for the day are in the early stages but we are hoping to hold a street party with some games. Our initial thoughts are that we would ideally like to close The Street for this. However, if we are unable to arrange this, then we will use the recreation ground.

As we start to plan the party, we are wondering if anyone knows someone who can supply a generator, Portaloos and can help with arranging insurances and risk assessments? Also, do we have any first aiders in the village who will be able to attend? We want the day to be fun and to bring the village together. Some of the ideas so far include tug-of-war, best dressed dog, cake competitions, tombola. But what else would you like to see, organise, or take part in? Please contact any of us. We would also be grateful for any donations towards tombola prizes.

Wendy & Gavin Winpenny, Chenice Butterworth, Karen Ault, Nahid Stagg, Phyl Lawrence, Sarah Corby, Keith Woodward, Poppy-Florence Wakefield & Richard Steel.

ACOL VILLAGE HALL SUPPORT FUND - 200 CLUB

Winners for the Month of February 2022 were:

Member no. 79 who won 1st prize of £20.00
Member no. 192, who won 2nd prize of £10.00 and
Member no. 125, who won 3rd prize of £5.00

£35.00 has been donated to the Village Hall funds

The next draw will be on Wednesday 2nd March 2022. Should you have any questions, or wish to join the scheme, please contact Iris Osborne (838829).

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Sat. 12 th Feb.	Afternoon	AHS Valentine Afternoon Tea
Tues 1 st Mar.	7.30pm	AHS Monthly meeting
Mon 7 th Mar.	11.00am	Parish Council Meeting

VILLAGE INFORMATION

VILLAGE HALL

Please ring 841691 about Hall availability.

THE HALL WILL BE CLOSED FOR A WEEK, 25TH TO 30TH APRIL, FOR A COMPLETE REFURBISHMENT TO THE FLOOR.

As you know the Defibrillator has been installed at the door to the Village Hall, and all the appropriate notices, links to NHS and paperwork has been completed. In case of need ring 999, ask for the ambulance service, and they will advise you how to access the equipment as well as sending appropriate medical assistance.

Hopefully new hall doors will be fitted as soon as weather conditions permit.

There is now a library cupboard affixed to the wall underneath the kitchen window where residents can donate books they no longer require, for others to take and, hopefully, replace with others.

Regular Bookings

The Hall is now back into normal use with our regular bookings:

Mondays: 9.30-10.30am, Pilates. 1-3.30pm, Pam's People, sewing group.

Tuesdays: Various times, Ballroom Dance Fitness.

Wednesdays: Term time, 9.30am-4.30pm Village Textiles. 7-9pm, Life Drawing Group.

Thursdays: a.m. Private Dance Instruction. 1.30-4.30pm, Acol Art Group.

Fridays: Term time, 9.30am-4.30pm Village Textiles.

Saturdays: 7 wks only, 12th Feb to 26th Mar inclusive, 11am-1pm Private Dance Instruction.

Sundays: Various times, Private Dance Instruction.

SPECIAL MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Saturday 12th February, AHS Afternoon Valentine's Tea

Monday 7th March, 11am, Acol Parish Council Meeting.

Saturday 2nd April, all day, AHS SPRING SHOW.

Saturday 14th May, evening, AHS QUIZ NIGHT.

PLEASE NOTE THE HALL IS BOOKED FROM TUES 30th AUG TO FRI 2nd SEP, INCLUSIVE FOR FABTEX QUILTERS, SO WILL BE UNAVAILABLE TO OTHERS.

PCSO

Contact Eileen Shrubsole, PCSO, at eileen.shrubsole@kent.police.uk

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

If you need information or wish to receive regular updates, ring Iris Osborne on 838829.

REFUSE COLLECTION - MONDAYS

**Refuse (black), Garden Waste (green)
& waste food**

14th February

28th February

Recycling (blue), red bag & waste food

21st February

7th March

Ring TDC, **577115**, to arrange collection if you are unable to put your bins out.

KENT POLICE

Police East Kent Division Rural Team is available on **07980 978202** for enquiries or information.

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

Access our website at acolparishcouncil.org.uk. or ring 844706 for any information you need.

The next Parish Council meeting has been arranged for **11am on Monday 17th January 2022**.

Sheila Bransfield

MINSTER SURGERY

Covid-19 VACCINATION PROGRAMME - UPDATE:

With the closure of the SAGA building in Westwood Cross, it has been necessary to relocate the Vaccine Centre, which can now be found adjacent to "Wickes Building Supplies" and "Curry's Electrical Store" and will be called "Thanet (Broadstairs) Vaccination Service (LVS)

The new centre will be open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8am to 5pm

- Booster Jabs are now available for everyone over 18 but please remember there must be 3 months since your second Vaccination.
- Older teens aged 16-17 are now eligible for a second dose but must be at least 12 weeks after their first
- Those aged 12-15 are now also eligible for a second dose after 12 weeks.

Not had yours yet? There are still many eligible patients who are unvaccinated and many others who have not yet had two vaccines or even their Booster, so don't wait until it's too late! You can still get seriously ill with Covid or worse - infect others!

"FACE-TO-FACE" appointments

Patients will continue to receive a telephone consultation from a doctor before being offered an appointment with the relevant healthcare professional. Currently **62%** of patients are receiving a Face-to-Face appointment where necessary.

PLEASE NOTE it will still be mandatory to wear Face Masks when attending the Surgery.


Surgery Closure Days (Training) from 1pm onwards

Thursday 24th February

If you need to see a doctor during these times

Please Call 111 for NON-URGENT confidential help and advice for you and your family.

For URGENT/LIFE threatening Cases Call 999 as normal.

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ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Acol Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Acol, on Monday 17th January 2022 at 11.00am.

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

Also present: Cllrs. Crow-Brown (KCC), Ms. Abbi Smith (TDC), Roy Wade (Clerk) and 6 residents.

45. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting held on 8th November 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

46. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

47. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest were made.

48. REPORTS OF THE POLICE/COMMUNITY WARDENS/PCSOs

No officers were in attendance to report.

49. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported upon the following matters:

1. Missing dog-waste bin – Cllr. Ms. Smith undertook to refer to TDC the question of the emptying of the waste from dog bins.
2. Community Payback Scheme. The Covid pandemic has delayed many things and no ideas have yet been suggested. Further enquiries will be made.

3. Persistent rain has caused the verges and hedges abutting Acol's narrow lanes to continue overgrowing. Perhaps owners of the private properties would be willing to allow the Community Payback Team to attend to the problem.
 4. Highways have arranged to reduce the height of traffic calming humps between Plumstone Road and Dilnot Lane. Acol Parish Council has been campaigning against the largest hump, in the centre of the village, since it was built in 2018, with no response. There are several residents living near the hump, some whose exit is directly on to the road, but Kent Highways continue to refuse the extension to Columbus Avenue. The Manston Business Park continues to increase and much of the construction and delivery traffic uses Acol. The TDC Local Plan clearly stated that commercial companies moving into the Business Park would have to contribute towards the cost of improved infrastructure.
 5. Acol Parish Council has requested another monitoring of traffic volume and Cllr Derek Crow-Brown offered to pay for the cost.
 6. Queen's Jubilee mugs. Purchase of a box of mugs had been approved at the previous meeting and ordering them is in hand.
 7. It was suggested using the Community Payback Team to repaint the basketball and goal posts.
 8. Village Hall – Cllr. Inchley reported that a defibrillator had been placed in the Village Hall and that the Management Committee had donated £850 to the Parish Council for the annual cost of providing and maintaining it.
 9. Richard Steel gave an update on the Speedwatch initiative and advised that he would be attending the meeting of the TRRG to try to get a wider representation for the parishes on Speedwatch. He outlined the effectiveness of speed guns and the need to acquire more of them. Council was also advised that he was trying to get PCSOs more involved in the initiative. Finally, Richard is to send details of the Speedwatch initiative to Cllr. Mrs. Winpenny.
 10. Volunteers within the village were recognition and thanks were expressed for their efforts.
 11. Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr. Mrs. Osborne expressed her concern at the difficulty in recruiting residents to take part in NW and Cllr Mrs. Winpenny and her husband Gavin asked Iris for details of the scheme.
50. DRAFT BUDGET 2022/23
- Council considered the draft budget (attached to the agenda) for 2022/23. Details of the current spend to date were also circulated. In considering the draft budget Members received an assurance from Cllr. Crow-Brown that he would match the grant of £1,000 offered by Cllr. Linda Wright.
- RESOLVED: That the budget as attached to the minutes be approved and TDC be advised that the Acol Parish Council require a precept of £9,509.**
51. CLERK'S REPORT
- The Clerk had no further matters to report upon.
52. RECREATION GROUND
- Cllr David Hayfield report that fencing for the Recreation Ground was about to be delivered and would be kept in his garden until it was to be erected. Members were also advised that Einar Willett would be welding and repairing the gate to the Rec.
53. FINANCIAL MATTERS
- (i) Payments Schedule – A payments schedule showing payments made was tabled at the meeting as follows:
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|-----|-------------------------|----------------------|-------|--------|
| 720 | Hughes & Son | Grass cut | 0.00 | 140.00 |
| 721 | R Owen | Website etc | 0.00 | 25.00 |
| 722 | TRRG | Subscription | 0.00 | 25.00 |
| 723 | Quex Estates | Rent for Rec | 0.00 | 80.00 |
| 724 | Birchington PCC | Annual rent for Hall | 0.00 | 200.00 |
| 725 | D Hayfield | CCTV Energy | 0.00 | 53.00 |
| 726 | Defib cabinet | Cabinet | 73.00 | 438.00 |
| 727 | Defib Machine | Defib | 73.00 | 588.00 |

- (ii) Bank Balance The bank balance at 1st January 2022 was £10,663.06.
54. REPORT OF COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS
- (A) Cllr. Crow-Brown reported upon (i) Air Cadets – proposal to relocate them from Manston to Victoria Road, Margate (ii) A28 Link Road – funding proposals; and (iii) his thanks to Paul Valek (Kent Highways) for his help over Village/parish matters.
- (B) Cllr. Ms. Smith reported upon (i) TDC budget difficulties had been eased by help from the new homes initiative; and (ii) the recent problems over the collection of waste materials.
55. MATTERS OF REPORT BY MEMBERS
- No Members had matters to report upon.
56. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
- Agreed the date for the next meeting be 7th March 2022 at 11am.

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