

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Zoom Meeting of Acol Parish Council
held on Monday 18th January 2021 at 11.00am.**

Present at Zoom meeting: Councillors Miss Bransfield (Chairman), D. Hayfield, J. Inchley and Mrs. Osborne.

Also present: Roy Wade (Clerk/RFO)

35. MINUTES

The minutes of the Meeting held on 31st July (as amended) and 14th September 2020 (as amended) were approved for signature by the Chairman.

36. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were submitted.

37. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No disclosed interests were made.

38. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman reported upon the following:

(i) No more is known about the proposed Perfume Factory at the roundabout. TDC did not reply to our letter, as usual. More enquiries will be made.

(ii) Ptarmigan have submitted an official application for outline planning permission for their 1,650 residential units, etc, and a new link road between Minnis Road and Manston Road. There is no mention of extending Columbus Avenue as originally indicated, so all the extra traffic will use Acol! A response will be sent to TDC Planning Department.

(iii) The traffic monitoring system proposed for last year was not installed. The volume of traffic may have reduced slightly since the "lock down" but it needs recording and we will request another at an appropriate time.

(iv) We have been reminded of the requirement for a green footpath from Acol to Birchington. This was previously discussed at our meeting on 15th January 2019 and an update is required. The land belongs to Quex Estates and is without the Acol boundary, but further enquiries will be made.

(v) We had previously discussed possibly installing a defibrillator in the village hall, but a decision will have to be suspended until the hall is back in use, when we will enquire if funding will still be available.

39. REPORT ON PLAYGROUND MATTERS

Cllr Hayfield was invited to report upon the repairs to the village sign, progress on the children's playground, which cannot proceed until more normal times, and the increase in electricity costs for the use of the CCTV cameras.

40. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDIT

Council ratified the action of the Chairman in authorising the Clerk to appoint Mr. Lionel Robbins as internal auditor to the Parish Council.

41. DRAFT BUDGET 2021/22

Council considered the draft budget for 2021/22 submitted by the Clerk/RFO.

RESOLVED: That the draft budget, as attached to the Minutes, in the sum of £7020.00 be approved and forwarded to the Thanet District Council for its approval for precept purposes for 2021/22.

42. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (a) **Payments Schedule –**
RESOLVED: That (A) the following payments schedule authorised by the Chairman and Cllr. Hayfield be ratified:

<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Amount</u>
686	Serco	Grass cut Aug	11.26	67.56
687	Serco	Grass Sept/Oct	22.52	135.12
688	R Wade	Salary 3 rd Quarter	0.00	390.0
689	CANCELLED			
690	H.M.R.C	PAYE	0.00	140.00
691	Serco	Grass cut Nov	11.26	67.56
692		Play Inspection	20.00	120.00
693	D Hayfield	Energy costs/ Acol Sign	0.00	100.00

The following payments be authorised for payment:

694	B'ton PCC	Ground rent	0.00	200.00
695	D Hayfield	Energy costs	0.00	53.00

- (c) **Bank Balance** - The bank balance at 1st January 2021 was £9,705.19

Time concluded: 11.49pm

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DRAFT BUDGET 21/22**

Budget Head	Spend to date	Spend to 31.3.21	Proposed Budget	
Salary net	1680.00	2100.00	2100.00	
Cl.Exp	23.40	50.00	50.00	
HMRC	420.00	700.00	700.00	
Audit	322.50	322.50	300.00	
Subs	149.48	149.48	160.00	
Insurance	354.01	354.01	370.00	
Rec Ground	225.20	570.00	590.00	
Play Imp	0.00	0.00	*2250.00	NOTE 1
Play Repairs	0.00	0.00	500.00	
Rec.Rent	60.00	60.00	60.00	
CCTV Energy	98.99	200.00	220.00	
CCTV Maint	0.00	100.00	220.00	
Sec 137	0.00	100.00	100.00	
Misc	393.78	400.00	100.00	
V.H.	250.00	250.00	250.00	
Sp Watch	0.00	0.00	350.00	
Elections	0.00	0.00	150.00	
VAT	184.09	240.00	800.00	
TOTALS	4161.45	5595.99	7020.00	
Playground	improvements £2250.00	£2,250.00	to be funded from balances	