

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at the Village Hall, Acol,
at 11.00am on 14th September 2020.

Present: Cllrs Miss S. Bransfield (Chairman), D. Hayfield, J. Inchley and Mrs. I. Osborne.

Also present: Roy Wade (Clerk) & 1 resident.

22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Ray Owen.

23. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of 31 July 2020 were not approved and will be submitted to the next meeting.

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest were made

25. REPORT OF POLICE/COMMUNITY WARDEN/PCSOs.

No officers were in attendance to report.

26. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman reported upon the following:

1. The Parish Council's responded to the Consultation on government's proposed changes to Planning Laws expressing all our usual concerns about overcrowding, excessive traffic but no new roads.
2. Additional application for the perfume factory at Garden Cottage. I've asked if Acol could be advised of planning applications on our doorstep, despite being allegedly in another village. Garden Cottage is part of Monkton and, obviously, they didn't raise any objections or concerns. I reminded them of current traffic through Acol and we don't want or need more.
3. Concerns about the lack of roads for massive building projects and no new access roads planned for the Gateway Station.
4. TALC meeting, 13th August, in Acol Village Hall. Cllr Hayfield gave a report on progress at Manston Airport.
5. KCC Community Warden – since Tony Gander left, we've not heard from a new Warden. No one from KCC has contacted us.
6. Traffic monitoring – the traffic calming seems to have had no effect to deter or slow down vehicles. I've asked for another monitoring system to establish reality.
7. VHMC have arranged for shingle to be cleared from front of hall and replaced with concrete and posts to prevent unlawful parking.
8. The current situation has delayed a decision of whether we could provide a Defibrillator, but it seems that funding will be available when we decide.
9. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Mrs Osborne Iris for keeping everyone advised of Neighbourhood Watch information.

27. WEBSITE ACCESSABILITY

Councillor Inchley outlined the main points of the report and it was:

RESOLVED: To accept the report and place it on the Council's website.

28. REPORT ON THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

Cllr. Hayfield reported that he was awaiting further information. He also advised that he had arranged for a company to undertake an inspection of the playground and its equipment and the cost would be in the region of £100 plus VAT.

29. PARISH WEBSITE/BROADBAND

The Clerk had no matter to report and it was accepted that the website already had links to village clubs and organisations.

30. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported on:

- (i) Action with Communities in Rural Kent: **RESOLVED:**
That the Council do not become members as the Village Hall Committee were existing members'
- (ii) **General – No further matters to report upon.**

31. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (i) **Payments Schedule.**

RESOLVED: That the following payments be made:

<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Amount</u>
680	Zurich	Annual Insurance	0.00	354.01*
681	RWade	* *Salary	0.00	850.00
682	H.M.R.C	***PAYE	0.00	170.00
683	Ladywell Act	Accountancy	0.00	38.00
684	DHayfield	Energy costs etc	0.00	53.99
685	D J Buckett	Audit fee	0.00	322.50
686	Serco	Grass cut-Aug	11.26	67.56

***Paid 13th Aug 2020**

****1/4 salary plus backpay**

***** 1/4 PAYE plus adjustment**

Balance at 01.09.20 £9385.78

Less payments now agreed £1502.05

- Balance at 14th Sept. 2020 £ 7883.73**

Cllr. Mrs. Osborne verified the financial details.

32. REPORT OF COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

No Members were in attendance to report.

33. MATTERS OF REPORT BY MEMBERS

- (i) Cllr Mrs Osborne reported that the 2 properties opposite her in Plumstead Road **had now been built and were occupied.**

34. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed to hold the next meeting at 11.00 am on 30th November 2020.

Time concluded: 12.00