

ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

(Chairman: Councillor Miss Sheila Bransfield)

PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING OF ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the Parish Assembly Meeting of the Acol Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 10th April 2018 at 2.00 p.m. in Acol Village Hall.

AGENDA

1. MINUTES

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 24th April 2017 (copy attached).

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence if any.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are invited to disclose any interest they have in the agenda.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman to report on the year 2017/18.

5. REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

The Chairman to relay annual reports submitted to the Parish Council.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION FORUM

The Chairman to invite questions from the members of the public upon any matters appertaining to the Village of Acol.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

To be held on Tuesday 10th April 2018, immediately following the closure of the Parish Assembly Meeting.

- 1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**
To elect a Chairman of the Council for the year 2018/19.
- 2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN**
To appoint a Vice Chairman of the Council for the year 2018/19.
- 3. MINUTES**
To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th January 2018 (copy attached).
- 4. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**
To appoint representatives on the following organisations:
Thanet Area Local Committee
Thanet Parish Forum
Thanet Rural Regeneration Group
Kent Association of Local Councils
- 5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**
The Chairman will report upon matters which have arisen or have been dealt with since the last meeting, including:
Highways, Crown & Sceptre, Southern Water, BT Telephone kiosk.
- 6. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS/FINANCIAL MATTERS**
The Clerk will circulate a schedule for payments at the meeting and details of any other financial matters that may have arisen since the last meeting.
The bank balance at 1st April 2018 will be reported to the meeting.
- 7. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2017/18**
The income and payments schedule for the year 2017/18 will be tabled at the meeting. The Clerk will seek Council's approval to allow for its submission to audit.
- 8. REPORTS OF MEMBERS**
To receive reports from Members on any matters dealt with since the last meeting.
- 9. REPORTS OF KCC/TDC COUNCILLORS**
To receive reports as appropriate.
- 10. DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**
To agree the dates and times of future meetings.

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ACOL PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Parish Assembly Meeting of Acol Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Acol on Monday 24th April 2017

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

Also Present: Cllrs. Latchford (KCC) and Crow-Brown (TDC), one resident and Roy Wade (Clerk to the Council)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from PCSO Craig Raisbeck, KCC Warden Tony Gander and Jim Barber (St Mildred's Church)

2. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Assembly Meeting held on 10th May 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2016/17

The Chairman reported on the work of the Parish Council (Appendix A) for 2016/7 and the issues affecting the community of Acol.

The report highlighted the following matters: Planning, Southern Water highlighting primarily the problems in Crispe Road, the continuing problems of highways and speeding traffic through the Village, the retention of the BT kiosk, litter-picking initiatives, the Thanet Area Committee clerked by Iris Osborne and that band D rate for Acol was not now the highest in Thanet.

The Chairman reported that Cllr. Brian Hall had resigned from the Parish Council as he was not able to attend all meetings.

RESOLVED: That (A) Cllr Hall be thanked for his services to the Parish Council and the community of Acol; and (B) Thanet District Council be advised of the vacancy resulting from the resignation of Cllr. Hall.

5. REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

The reports from the Acol Art Group, the Horticultural Society, St. Mildred's Church and the Village Hall Management Committee will be posted on the Parish Council web site.

6. PUBLIC DISCUSSION FORUM

Karen Ault of Nursery Fields raised the question of why a 20mph speed limit could not be introduced in the Village similar to restrictive orders applied in South east London.

Cllr. Inchley supported the introduction of such an order but indicated that the problem was one of enforcement.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was moved by Cllr. Inchley and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Osborne and

RESOLVED: That Cllr Miss Bransfield be appointed Chairman of the Parish Council for the year 2017/18.

Cllr. Miss Bransfield took and signed the declaration of acceptance of office and took the chair.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Councillor Jon Inchley was appointed Vice Chairman for the year 2017/18.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

It was agreed that the following Members be appointed to the under-mentioned bodies:

Thanet Area Committee	Cllrs. Miss Bransfield & Mrs. Osborne
Thanet Local Board	Cllr. Miss Bransfield
Thanet Rural Regeneration	Cllrs. Miss Bransfield & Mrs. Osborne
KIACC (when reinstated)	Cllr. Inchley
Neighbourhood Warch	Cllr Mrs Osborne

5. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS & FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Audit for 2016/17

The Clerk tabled the Income and Expenditure details for 2016/7; and Reconciliation Statement for 2016/7 prepared by the Internal Auditor And Members were advised that the Council's financial records had been approved.

RESOLVED: That the financial records be approved, placed on deposit and forwarded to the external auditor for approval.

b) Schedule of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be approved:

Cheque No.	Payee	Amount
566	E.Fewkes – Audit	£150.00
567	R.Wade ¼ salary	440.00
568	CCTV energy costs	82.00

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS LATCHFORD (KCC) & CROW-BROWN (TDC)

Cllr. Latchford congratulated the Chairman on her re-appointment as Chairman. He advised Members that this would be his last meeting as he would not be seeking re-election in the KCC elections to be held in May.

Members thanked Roger for his support to Acol over many years.

He also advised Council that due to boundary changes the parishes would be represented by 2 members and that the grant allocation for these members would be £44,000 and that the Parish Council should bid for an allocation from these grants to go towards the cost of the extensions and refurbishment of the Village Hall kitchen.

Cllr. Crow-Brown (i) congratulated the Chairman on her efforts to have a road built to avoid traffic going through Acol, (ii) TDC were undertaking budget cuts and redundancies to the staffing levels. Officers were investigating raising more income from car parks, (iii) the re-organisation of East Kent authorities was not going ahead as Shepway D.C. were not in favour of the merger, (iv) TDC had reduced its debts by £14m, (v) he was investigating issues in respect of “boy racers” and the lack of response from TDC officers to matters raised by the Parish Council; and (vi) the planning department (TDC) had lost an appeal and it emphasised the need for the adoption of a Local Plan which should be in place by September 2017.

7. MANSTON AIRPORT

Cllr. Hayfield reported on an item in the Flight International magazine which drew attention to the problems being created by the closure of smaller airfields, including Manston. Members were also advised that a meeting has been tentatively booked in Acol Village Hall at 7pm on 28th June 2017 which will be addressed by Tony Freudmann and Dr. John Shepherd. Confirmation will be advised via the Village Voice.

8. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

Cllr. Mrs. Osborne reported that she had relinquished responsibility for the Speedwatch programme to Cllr Andrew Field, who was proposing its expansion. She asked if villagers could pass her their email addresses in order for her to notify them of problems on behalf of Neighbourhood Watch. She also expressed concern that the residents of Crispe Road had not been advised of the proposed power cuts on the 3rd May. The Chairman undertook to pursue this matter.

9. DATE AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Chairman to prepare a calendar of meetings based on summer meetings commencing at 6.30pm and Autumn/winter meetings starting at 2pm.

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