



**Minutes of the Meeting on 7th November 2016 at 19.30 hrs
Appledore Village Hall**

Presentation on defibrillators by John Rivers

A defibrillator provides a short sharp low electric shock to a heart that has gone into cardiac arrest and is convulsing, in order to make the heart return to regular beating. Following arrest, the quicker a heart returns to a regular beat, the greater the chance of recovery. For every minute of delay the chances of recovery are reduced by 10%. A village defibrillator offers the opportunity for residents to help in those vital minutes whilst awaiting the emergency services arrival. The 999 service will instruct callers on the location of nearby devices and how to use them. The device also provides spoken and pictographic instruction. A defibrillator can be used on patients from 2 years upwards. The batteries have many years' life but the pads attached to the patient's skin should be replaced after two incidents. The device needs to be kept in a cabinet, powered from a low voltage supply, to protect it from heat and cold. A defibrillator cannot harm the user and will not shock a heart that is not in arrest.

Present

Cllrs: James Perkins (Chair), Helen Hennig, Jasmin Kellar, Charles Wilkinson, Chris Vane and Derek Winter.

In Attendance: Borough Cllr Mike Burgess and the Clerk Mary Philo.

Members of the Public: 8

1. Formalities

I) The council was quorate.

LGA Act 1972 sch12, 12/28/45

II) County Cllr. Hill and Cllr. Lyndsey.

LGA Act 1972 sch12, 12

III) Declarations of Interest and dispensations: none

Code of Conduct

2. Approval of Draft minutes

It was resolved to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2016 as a true record.

LGA Act 1972 sch12,19.1

Proposed Cllr. Vane. Seconded Cllr. Hennig.

The meeting was adjourned.

Public Questions

Necked Lights: A resident expressed concern that these had still not been replaced. It was advised by council members and borough Cllr. that highways personnel had been repeatedly chased. The parish council expressed its frustration at the delay.

Recreation Ground Funding of its Insurance Costs: A parishioner requested that the parish council reconsider the amount of grant, as a result of the very successful and profitable car rally held in the summer by the grounds committee.

The meeting was reconvened.

3. Matters arising from the previous ordinary meeting (not already covered under another item and not for decision at this meeting)

Red Public Telephone Box, The Street: The Clerk advised that BT had been informed of the council's decision to adopt the box and awaited a reply. The option to keep the free discretionary electric supply only to the light in box would be chosen should it still be available. Council insurers would cover the box when adopted.

4. **Finances**

I) Second Quarter Financial Report attached. A first draft budget had been produced by the Clerk to prompt discussion. It was based on the current year's costs and future requirement of maintaining the assets it was responsible for. A larger sum had been allocated to the conveniences for maintenance and a small budget included for minor highways works. A contingency sum was included to allow the council to fund additional new proposals without having to take all the expenditure from reserves. However, in order to not increase its precept, the council would have to reduce its grants and donations. (Full report is available from <http://www.appledorekent.co.uk>)

II) Income received:

£ 588.45 EDF FIT payment for solar energy

III) Cheques raised since the last meeting:

£76.10 SSE Southern Electricity: Public Conveniences

£786.50 Salaries

IV) Agreement of cheques drawn:

£5,390 Public Works Loan Board: Grant to village hall.

£45.00 Appledore Village Hall Committee: October to December hire.

£60.51 M Philo: £30 Room, £16.90 Car, £3.30 6x2nd Class stamps, £5.32 2x A4 file pockets, £4.99 laminating sheets (HMRC to refund £1.72)

£14.40 M Philo: Refund for label for salt bin Care signs (HMRC to refund £2.40)

£29.44 Office Depot: 3 ink cartridges (HMRC to refund £4.91)

To be advised: Salaries

5. **Planning**

Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 sch1/2010

I) Ashford Borough Decisions Advised:

16/01246/AS Old Vicarage, Old Way: Erection of a single storey rear extension. **Permitted.**

16/01317/AS and 16/01303/AS Court Barn, Court Lodge Road: Alteration to consent 15/00848/AS to treatment of east elevation. **Permitted.**

II) New applications considered by A.P.C.: None

6. **It was resolved to defer the vote to grant Appledore Recreation Management Committee**

£1,928.20 for its insurance costs. Proposed Cllr. Vane Seconded Cllr. Perkins.

Concern was expressed regarding the Recreation Ground Committee's letter.

7. **Highways and Byways**

I) Report by the Footpath Warden Ken Girkin (provided in his absence by Cllr. Wilkinson)

A new footbridge had been installed about 20 yards from the Pluto (pipeline under the ocean) concrete bridge located southwest of the military canal bridge into Appledore. After contact with the Public Rights of Way Office the concrete bridge had been preserved and safely closed to walkers. It was believed that the History Society would arrange an information sign there.

II) "20 is plenty": Cllr. Hennig wished to report once in depth research had been accomplished.

III) Necked Lights: Dealt with under public questions.

IV) **It was resolved that no further action would be taken regarding speed watch and the purchasing of a radar gun by the council, at the present time.** Proposed Cllr. Winter Seconded Cllr. Vane.

It was suggested that the way forward would be for the scheme to be community driven. Helen Hennig would look into this in an independent capacity.

II) Other highway issues:

Gully Cleaning outside the village shop: Cones had been placed outside the village shop prior to gully cleaning which had then been cancelled. Highways personnel had been asked again to give the council prior notice. Further advice was awaited.

Footpath Relaying, The Street: Most people were pleased with the footpath relaying work and council members had received compliments about the workmen's considerate attitude.

Kerb Works, The Street: Work on the kerb edging had not gone as smoothly and the withdrawal of workmen for emergencies had delayed completion. Some work was still outstanding and the standard of some work was questionable due to poor finish.

8. **Public Conveniences**

Donations were still being received and the work to repair the broken ladies flush chain would be carried out shortly.

9. **Information for Councillors**

KALC AGM Saturday 19th November 2016, Ditton Community Hall: Chair was unable to attend. Other members were asked if they could attend.

Resilience planning: The group was working on dividing the parish into areas with co-ordinators.

Kentish Express Roundabout: It was suggested that the council utilised this more with regular items.

Salt bins and bags: The salt bag on a residents' drive near the canal bridge still needed to be moved. The salt bin had been installed on Heathside and the bag on Mannering's Corner was now light enough to be moved.

Housing Needs Survey: Following contact with Ashford Borough Council for information and guidance on affordable housing, the borough council had offered to carry out a new survey as the last one was now out of date.

Media and Communications Conference, East Malling, 19th January 2017 full day: Members were asked to check their diaries should they wish to attend.

Rural Affairs Conference, East Malling, 9th March 2017 full day: Members were asked to check their diaries should they wish to attend.

Queen's 90th Birthday Tree: Locations were still being considered. One possibility was to plant a small tree near to the original council noticeboard which was to be restored shortly and also where a bench in memory of a resident had been permitted. Highways would have to be consulted. Other trees marking events had been planted behind the tennis courts.

New P.C.S.O. Dan Smith: Dan had asked to attend a meeting.

10. **Date of Next Meeting**

5th December 2016 at 19.15 hrs in the village hall. There will be a short talk from The Romney Marsh Partnership about their objective of improving opportunities for work in the area. The January 2017 meeting date would be Tuesday 10th January.