

# Appledore Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015 at 19.00hrs

### Methodist Church Hall

#### Present:

Cllrs: James Perkins (Chairman), Terry Blaney, Helen Hennig, Garry Morgan.

Clerk: Mary Philo

#### 1. Formalities

- I. The Council was quorate.
- II. Apologies: None
- III. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: Cllr Blaney declared a pecuniary disclosable interest in item 4 – Planning Application for Wish House.

#### 2. Approval of Draft Minutes

It was resolved to agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015 as a true record.

Before the chair adjourned the meeting a statement was read out advising that there would be a bye-election on the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016, initially to replace Jayne Telfer. However, should there be no further imminent co-option for the still outstanding 7<sup>th</sup> council member then the bye-election would be for two councillors.

#### Meeting Adjourned

A member of the public commented that the draft minutes of the last meeting were not as yet available on the website as per the agenda.

Several members of the public expressed their concerns about the plans submitted for 1 The Street. The main issues were as follows: Density of homes with no garden – one or two less would have been preferred by some; Increase in the number of vehicles trying to leave and access the properties at peak times in a location that was already difficult; Danger to pedestrians, which would increase in numbers with the development, trying to walk to the village from the properties through the dangerous narrow; Impact of traffic and thus pollution on wildlife; Poor design leaving Church House and garden with little security; Incorrect plans which showed Church House orchard as amenity land which it was not; Appearance of the properties was disliked especially the rear of the properties and insufficient onsite parking. It was also commented that the traffic survey referred to a large number of HGV movements whilst many there felt there were very few large vehicle movements in general and that the business was an unobtrusive one.

#### The Meeting was reconvened.

#### 3. 15/01466/AS: 1 The Street – Part demolition, restoration and conversion, and extension to existing site to six residential units, two of which will be live/work units.

It was resolved by 3 votes to support the application with conditions. However, the public interrupted the meeting causing disruption. It was explained that the council

had to either support or object to the application. The public were asked to remain quiet and respect the council's final decision. In order to remedy the situation, the council voted on whether vote again on the application. The chairman made the casting vote so that the parish council would vote again. Following the chair using his casting vote again,

**It was resolved to support the application with the following conditions**

**1) Improvements to the design are made to ensure that Church House and garden remains secure and safe should the development go ahead.**

**2) More parking spaces are provided on site as there is no parking available on the highway.**

**3) Alteration to the highway to provide safe access for pedestrians and vehicles entering and leaving the property due to the narrowing of the road and the bridge with junction. Suggested better traffic control such as priority one way for vehicles. An inclusion of a measure that would make it safe for pedestrians to walk into the village as the number of pedestrians would be increasing.**

**4) Change of cladding to something more sympathetic.**

**A reduction in the number of dwellings would be preferred.**

- 4. 15/01487/AS: The Wish House** – First floor extension and dormer, roof extension to existing flat roof and erection of porch.

**It was resolved to support the application.**

- 5. Co-option Policy**

Further to the amendment of Ashford District Council to Ashford Borough Council.

**It was resolved to agree the co-option policy**

- 6. Co-option**

**It was resolved to agree to the co-option of Mr Christopher Vane to become a member of Appledore Parish Council until the next ordinary elections in May 2019 and to agree to his declaration of acceptance of office to be signed by him and witnessed by the Clerk before the next council meeting.** Cllr Hennig advised that Chris Vane had been one of the first people she had approached with regard to co-option.

- 7. Date of the Next Meeting**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 19.30 hrs, Village Hall. The meeting closed at 20.06hrs.