

Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 1st September 2011 in the Appleshaw Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mr Bruce Parker - Chairman
Cllr Mrs Jenny Hopkins - Vice Chairman
Cllr Mrs Jean Weeks
Cllr Mrs Lucy Black
Cllr Mrs Anne Cowlin
Cllr Mr John Clements
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
Borough Councillor Mr Phil Lashbrook
Members of the Public - 19

Apologies: Cllr Mr Desmond Bloom-Davis, Cllr Mr Des Green and County Councillor Mrs Pat West.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated the Fete and Flower Show Committees for the excellent Bank Holiday Fete.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Cllr Mrs J Weeks declared an interest in the Playing Field as she is a Trustee.
Cllr Mrs J Hopkins declared an interest in the Village Hall and ARC.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record.
Matters arising from those minutes:-

HIGHWAYS - Some temporary repairs have been carried out to the roads since the last meeting. Part of the road outside Rowan Cottages has been resurfaced, various other pot holes have been filled and minor work has been undertaken to fill the holes around the manhole covers. Work has not yet started on repairing the wall running along the highway or the kerbing.

Cllr Mrs L Black reported that she has received an email from Hampshire County Council regarding the repairs to the pavement to the School. The repairs will start within 8 weeks.

CEMETERY WORKING PARTY - The 29th October 2011 has been set for the cemetery working party. Details of times will be put on the Notice Boards and in ARC.

PLANNING.

11/01829/FULLN - Demolish existing house and outbuildings, erection of replacement house and double garage - Mulberry Cottage, Redenham Drive, Redenham.

The Parish Council all agreed that they had NO OBJECTIONS to this Planning Application.

11/01721/LBWN - Erection of rear porch - Jasmine Cottage, Biddesden Bottom Road, Appleshaw.

The Parish Council all agreed that they had NO OBJECTIONS to this Planning Application.

11/01708/FULLN - Erection of two storey side extension to provide garage/utility with bedroom over and erection of conservatory to rear elevation - 1 Appleshaw Dene, Ragged Appleshaw.

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins reported that she has received confirmation from the Planning Officer dealing with this application that the extension covers 60.7 metres and is over the 50% in size rule for development.

The Parish Council discussed this Application and all agreed that they needed clarification on the 50% Rule before commenting.

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins reported that she had no further news to report on Planning Application. 11/01412/FULLN for 21 Dwellings at the Ecosse Hospital Products site, Dauntsey Drove, Weyhill. Cllr Mr P Lashbrook reported that more information on this application will follow shortly.

FINANCIAL REPORT - PARISH CLERK

PAYMENTS MADE IN AUGUST 2011

R.N. Waterman	Wages	£139.00
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PAYMENTS MADE IN SEPTEMBER 2011

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CHEQUES TO BE ISSUED IN SEPTEMBER 2011

Mr C Wilkins	Ditch Clearing	£46.75
Mr D Green	Netting	£10.20
Mr B Pearce	Grass Cutting Redenham	£40.00
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The Parish Council all agreed to the issuing of the Cheques.

Money due in = VAT reclaim	£117.79
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Money received = Second half of Precept	£4000.00
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Bank Balance after above payments have been deducted =	£7,048.08
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THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The Chairman suggested that a Committee needed to be set up to organise the Appleshaw celebrations for the Queens Diamond Jubilee in 2012. The Chairman felt that with the wealth of groups in the village who organise successful events that that Parish Council should not lead on this special event, but leave it to the professionals!

The Chairman asked Ann Burden if the Walnut Tree had anything planned for the weekend of the 3rd June 2012. Mrs Burden stated that the Pub Car Show will be taking place that weekend and that Jubilee celebrations will be incorporated over the holiday weekend.

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins reported that she has looked on the official Jubilee Celebrations web site and has printed off some information where there lots of ideas are listed. Cllr Mrs Hopkins stated that the 'Big Lunch' held on the Village

Green to celebrate the Millennium was a great success and could be repeated: a Cricket match could also be held. Several ideas were briefly discussed.

JUBILEE COMMITTEE - Althea Shapiro, Jemma Page and Cllr John Clements offered to be part of a Jubilee Committee. Mr Michael Marshall will be approached to see if he would also be willing to sit on the committee. Cllr Mrs L Black offered help in the run-up to the event.

DITCH CLEARING.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had received a complaint from a resident stating that the vegetation in the ditch was so tall that it was blocking the site line for oncoming traffic when turning right, at the triangle, to Ragged Appleshaw. Mr Chris Wilkins was asked to trim the offending area of the ditch as a matter of urgency - this cost £10.

Mr Wilkins was asked to quote to continue the strimming towards the pub - £46.75 – and this was put in hand. Mr Wilkins has since been asked to quote to trim the ditch from the border with Penton Grafton to the corner by the triangle - £100.

The Chairman and the Clerk addressed the meeting and discussed the ditch-clearing issue, a problem that is raised every year and has never been resolved. The Chairman proposed that Mr Wilkins be asked to quote to trim overgrown areas of the ditch the length of the parish, with the view of getting it cleared as a one-off project. Landowners and residents will be informed before the job is undertaken, told of the cost, asked if they will contribute financially and whether they would keep the ditch clear in the future.

The Parish Council thought this a good idea and the way forward. The Clerk will ask Mr Wilkins for a quote. The Clerk pointed out that Mr Wilkins does not have the means to dispose of the vegetation once it has been cut back - it was suggested that one of the local farmers may be willing to help.

Cllr Mr P Lashbrook suggested that the Village Flood Warden speaks to the Environment Agency to see if they have any suggestions on how to force landowners/residents to keep the ditch clear in the future.

Mrs Clements stated that it has been noted that the on the whole the ditch and verges through Appleshaw look well kept, however the ditches and verge through Redenham have always looked a mess. The Chairman agreed that Redenham should receive the same attention as the rest of the parish.

PLAY AREA

Cllr Mrs Hopkins reported that the dead tree in the Play Area will be removed and a replacement tree planted at some stage.

COUNCILLOR MR P LASHBROOK'S REPORT.

Cllr Mr P Lashbrook reported that new traffic regulations come into force on the 5th September 2011 regarding parking on 'zig-zag' lines outside schools. Offenders will be prosecuted. There are rumours abound about the axing of the CANGO bus service, H.C.C. is not aware of this and the matter is being investigated. Cllr Mr Lashbrook will keep the Parish Council informed.

Cllr Mr J Clements asked Cllr Mr P Lashbrook if the temporary closure of the Weyhill Road railway bridge is still going ahead.

Cllr Mr Lashbrook reported that the bridge will be closed for six weeks over the Christmas period: Rail Track are widening the bridge to allow super containers to be carried on the line. As soon as details are published they will be forwarded onto the Parish Clerk. The state of the Tesco Roundabout in Andover was also discussed.

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.

ALLOTMENTS - Cllr Mrs L Black - Reported that there is one new person on the waiting list for an allotment. Southern Water is to carry out a free site appraisal for provision of water on the allotments. Cllr Mrs J Weeks reported that there are some reservations on the costs involved from some of the allotment holders and it would be interesting to see what Southern Water report.

CLLR MRS J HOPKINS - Reported that the Head of Planning at Test Valley Borough Council has offered to attend a Parish Council Meeting to explain the Planning procedure. It is hoped that the Conservation Officer will also attend. It was suggested a meeting in the first half of 2012.

BEAR BIN.

After some discussion it was suggested that the Bear Bin be placed on the land by the telephone box opposite the Walnut Tree Inn. Mrs Ann Burden said she will make sure the bin is emptied and kept clean.

The proposition came from the Chairman and was seconded by Cllr Mr J Clements. The Parish Council voted 4 in favour and 2 against.

The Clerk reported that he had the Bear Bin at home in Shipton Bellinger and would get it back to Appleshaw as soon as possible.

TELEPHONE BOXES.

The Clerk reported that the telephone box in Redenham has been refurbished and now contains an additional notice board for Parish information. The telephone box in Appleshaw will be refurbished soon and have a Notice Board and shelves for books installed.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Mr Sean Caddy - Wished to thank the fete for the Scarecrow Competition as it was a great success and brought the village together as a community. Mr Caddy hoped it would continue next year. All agreed.

MRS Althea Shapiro - Reported that the Scarecrow competition was a great success and the Fete Committee plan to repeat it next year. Some of the flower show proceeds will go towards the purchase of 300 daffodil bulbs that will be planted by the children to mark the 75th Anniversary of the death of Rev. George Engelheart. Suggested sites to plant the bulbs would be most welcome.

The Parish Council were asked who was responsible for clearing the mud off the road that comes from Redenham Drove. This has been reported to Highways and they have stated that it is not their responsibility.

Cllr Mr P Lashbrook reported that if it has been left by farm machinery, then the farmer is responsible, if it is coming from the verge then it is Hampshire County Council's responsibility. The Clerk was asked to write to Highways on this matter.

Mrs Ann Burden reported that the drain at the bottom of Primrose Hill is blocked up with silt – Mr Burden had unsuccessfully tried to clear it. The drain at the bottom of Tilley Down was also mentioned. The Clerk was asked to include this in his letter to Highways.

Cllr Mrs A Cowlin reported that Mrs Joanna Marshall had asked if there is any progress with a Village Design Statement. The Chairman stated that Cllr Mr Desmond Bloom-Davis was looking at this and he asked the Clerk to put the Village Design Statement on the Agenda for the November meeting.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

3rd November 2011 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm