

Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 8th March 2012 in the Appleshaw Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present : Cllr Mr B Parker - Chairman
Cllr Mrs J Hopkins - Vice Chairman
Cllr Mrs J Weeks
Cllr Mrs A Cowlin
Cllr Mr D Green
Cllr Mr J Clements
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
Members of the Public - 8

Apologies : Cllr Mr D Bloom-Davis, Cllr Mrs L Black, Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook, County Councillor Mrs P West.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Unfortunately, Mr Paul Jackson, the Head of Planning at TVBC, had been unable to give his proposed presentation and it would now be scheduled for later in the year, possibly at the AGM in May.

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.
Cllr Mr D Green declared an interest in Randall Parker Foods.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

HIGHWAYS - Repairs to the road up to the junction at the White House have been carried out, however there are still some pot holes on the stretch of road up to this junction that need repair. The Chairman would contact John Clark at HCC Highways.

ALLOTMENTS - Cllr Mrs L Black had reported that one plot holder was not renewing his subscription and another wished to reduce his plot-size by half. Subsequently, two parishioners from the waiting list have been accommodated and one existing plot holder provided with extra ground, this clearing the waiting list. Currently, there is a fresh application on the waiting list and one existing holder requesting extra ground.

Although one plot holder had yet to pay his annual fee, there have been no issues raised from the plot holders regarding the updated tenancy paperwork. The Clerk reported that he has spoken to Astor Management (Testway Housing) and they have agreed to come and ease the allotment gate, the job having been added to their work schedule.

The Clerk reported that the allotment rents have been paid into the bank and will be kept separate from the Parish Council general fund. The £500 grant received from Cllr Mrs P West has not yet been used.

TELEPHONE BOX - Ann Burden had kindly donated a map of Appleshaw village which was copied and is now displayed in the telephone box.

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE - Cllr Mr J Clements reported on the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations to be held on the 4th June 2012.

- * A big Lunch will be held - bring your own food and drink. A barbecue will be provided for residents to cook their own food if they so wished.
- * Music will be provided (not live) - a play list covering the 60 Years reign of the Queen.
- * The dress code will be red, white and blue. It was suggested that a more imaginative approach be taken for the children, possibly with prizes. Cllr Mr J Clements will take this back to the committee.
- * Entertainment - The School will be involved in bell-ringing, a tug-of-war, crafts, rounders and a quiz.
- * A widescreen TV will be hired for the Village Hall so that anyone who wants to watch the Pageant on the Thames from 12 - 3pm will be able to do so. Cllr Mr Clements reported that the powers that be have waived the TV Licence Fee.
- * A tree will be planted in the Children's Play Area to mark the Jubilee and blessed by the Vicar.
- * Helpers will be required.

Cllr Mr D Green asked if there would be a bar. Cllr Mr Clements stated that the Committee thought that people would bring their own. Cllr Mr Green suggested that the Walnut Tree be approached. Cllr Mrs J Hopkins stated that the Village Hall also have a bar licence. Members of the public agreed that a bar would be favourable. Cllr Mr Clements will take this suggestion back to the committee.

DITCH CLEARING

Appleshaw - Chris Wilkins will continue clearing the ditches in Appleshaw as directed.
 Redenham - Cllr Mr J Clements reported that he has spoken to Chris Wilkins and his work on the Redenham ditches has been put on hold.

Cllr Mr J Clements reported that County Councillor, Mrs P West, has been in correspondence with residents in Redenham and has stated that Highways will write to the landowners who have not cleared their ditches, if they have not been cleared within a set timescale. Otherwise, HCC would cut the ditches and bill the landowners for the work.

PLANNING

11/02793/FULLN - Installation of solar panels on south facing roof - Village Hall, Appleshaw

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins declared an interest and made no comment. While there is no opposition from the Parish Council to the installation of solar panels on the village hall roof on the grounds of energy efficiency, five of the eight councillors have expressed their real concern at the damaging visual impact these panels would have.

12/00016/FULLN - Erection of extension to butchers shop - Randall Parker Foods. The Parish Council SUPPORTED this planning application.

11/01078/FULLN - Erection of two storey side extension to provide garage/utility with bedroom over and erection of conservatory to rear elevation - 1 Appleshaw Dene. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this planning application.

12/00163/FULLN - Erection of single storey rear extension to provide swimming pool and wet room including external pump. Provision of pitched roof over kitchen - 18 Greensey, Ragged Appleshaw. The Parish Council OBJECTED to this planning application.

VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

Mrs Pat Wood spoke about the Village Design Statement, various people have come forward with a wide range of skills and are ready to form a committee. Costs involved will need to be discussed at some point and she hoped to start within the next few weeks. The Parish Council thought this excellent news.

FINANCIAL REPORT

EXPENDITURE

Cheques Issued in February 2012

Mr G Miller	Web Site	£35.86
R.N. Waterman	Wages paid by SO	£139.00

Cheques Issued in March 2012

TVBC	Dog Bin	£256.68
R.N. Waterman	Wages paid by SO	£139.00
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	£37.50
Penton Grafton PC	Hire of Office	£50.00
Appleshaw Village Hall	Hire	£70.00

INCOME

VAT Refund	£299.19
Allotment Rents	£175.00

BANK BALANCE

After above cheques have been deducted :-
£3,260.49 (this includes the £500 Allotment Grant)

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council have challenged TVBC for the £1,699 bill for the May 2011 election.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Chairman reported that Mr R Caddy is sending out regular emails and the cascade system seems to be working well.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

CLLR MR D GREEN - stated that Randall Parker have offered to show Cllr Mrs L Black, Cllr Mr J Clements, Cllr Mr D Bloom-Davis and the Clerk around their plant as they were unable to join the last visit. A date would be organised.

CLLR MRS J WEEKS - reported that an electric fence had been erected across one of the village footpaths to keep horses away from a neighbouring hedge. Cllr Mrs J Weeks promised to deal with this by word of mouth.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mrs J Marshall asked if the Parish Council were pursuing the matter of the school bus that turns around at the Redenham Green and, in so doing, is gradually wearing away the edges. Hampshire Highways had promised some time ago to sort out the green but nothing had happened.

This matter was discussed at some length. At a site meeting last year, Highways stated that kerbing the green was a possibility but that it would detract from the rural setting. However, this would be low priority and there was no funding for it in the current budget.

It was suggested that Perham's Coach Company be contacted to ask drivers not to turn around at the green as there are no children using the bus in Redenham. Cllr Mr J Clements reported that the owners of Perham's coaches are residents of Redenham and he would speak to them to explain the problem.

Cllr Mr Clements reported that the verge on Home Farm Lane, Redenham, is being worn away by large vehicles.

Mr J Brewer reported that the verge in New House Lane is also being worn away by large vehicles and heavy rain turns it into a muddy lake. The Chairman would mention this to John Clark at Highways.

A large puddle also forms in front of Hill House and a gap in the wall is needed to allow the road surface water to drain into the ditch. The repair of this wall was discussed and would be another item for the Chairman to raise with John Clark although HCC had already accepted responsibility for the wall and repairs to it.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

3rd May 2012 - AGM in the Appleshaw Village Hall at 7.30pm