

Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 4th September 2014 in the Appleshaw Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present : Cllr Mr B Parker - Chairman
Cllr Mrs A Cowlin - Vice Chairman
Cllr Mrs J Hopkins
Cllr Mrs J Weeks
Cllr Mr D Bloom-Davis
Cllr Mr D Green
Cllr Mr J Clements
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
Members of the Public - 10

Apologies : Mr B Caddy, Mrs P Wood, Althea Shapiro - Flower Show, Steve Amey - Fete, Rhonda Smith - ARC, Mr Hickman - Head Teacher, Appleshaw School, County Councillor Mrs P West and Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated Steve Amey and Althea Shapiro on pressing ahead with the Fete and Flower Show in spite of the most atrocious weather conditions. He conveyed his personal and the Council's thanks to all the helpers who decided the 'show must go on'. The Chairman said Lucy Black had resigned from the Council, thanked her for her work over the past three and a half years and wished her well for the future.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Cllr Mrs J Weeks declared an interest in the Playing Field as she is a Trustee, Cllr Mrs J Hopkins an interest in the Village Hall Cllr Mrs A Cowlin an interest in ARC, the Flower Show and the WI.

MINUTES OF THE JUNE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

The Chairman signed the amended minutes of the June Extraordinary Meeting.

MINUTES OF THE JULY MEETING

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

HIGHWAYS - The Chairman reported that he had asked Hampshire Highways to repair the road alongside the playing field before the fete and flower show. Repairing the verge on the edge of the playing field has yet to be tackled.

PLAY AREA - The Clerk would ask Mr Brian Pearce to quote for outstanding jobs in the Play Area. Cllr Mrs J Hopkins thanked Mr J Brewer for replacing the broken latch and hinge on a play area gate.

ALLOTMENTS - Cllr Mrs J Weeks reported a waiting list of one. The Clerk had sent a "Good House Keeping" letter to all allotment holders. A skip will be in place from 19th September 2014, Mr Patrick Middleton-Smith kindly contributing towards the cost.

VILLAGE HALL HEATING UP-DATE - Cllr Mrs J Hopkins, Village Hall Secretary, had nothing to report.

PLANNING

14/02013/FULLN - Revised replacement dwelling for Elm Cottage, Redenham.

The Chairman invited Mr Mark Cherrington from Cherrington Planning, the agent for the applicant, to give a short presentation on the proposals for Elm Cottage. The Parish Council noted the points raised.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT

Mr R Caddy continues to send out regular NHW reports. Mrs J Marshall invited residents to join the email list for regular up-dates. Noted that dog thefts are on the increase in the area.

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

FETE - Provided by Mr Steve Amey. Despite the rain, the fete went ahead although all arena events and some of the side shows were cancelled. Mr Amey feared a small financial loss which would mean no funds for distribution. If the fete had been cancelled, the loss could have been as much as £2500 owing to pre-booked attractions.

FLOWER SHOW - Mrs Althea Shapiro reported that the 2013 Flower Show was more popular than ever with the number of entries up by 19% on 2012. The 2014 Flower Show was a very different type of event with everyone battling with, and trying to survive, the continuous torrential rain. Although entries were down, there was still an impressive showing. The Engleheart daffodils, planted in 2011, continued to flourish as does the replacement walnut tree planted on Remembrance Sunday 2013 by Charlie Weeks. A commemorative plaque was erected following the Fete and Flower Show church service.

CHURCH - Rev Dr Ian Tomlinson said the church had had its five year inspection which raised one or two maintenance issues.

PLAYING FIELD TRUSTEES - Dr Tomlinson said bookings were steady, providing a small income. He thanked Eric and Mary Carr for the excellent job they do and the Parish Council for the grass cutting.

VILLAGE HALL – Dr Tomlinson said the Village Hall management committee needed additional member but for some reason people were reluctant to join.

ARC - financially secure thanks to the continued support from advertisers and subscribers. ARC has an AGM in the Village Hall on the 4th November 2014.

APPLESHAW PRIMARY SCHOOL - The Chairman said he and the Vice Chairman had been invited to visit the School by the headmaster and would do so.

FINANCIAL REPORT

EXPENDITURE - August and September 2014

Richard Waterman	Wages – August	£160.00
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Richard Waterman	Wages adjustment, OA and ½year Expenses	£127.00
Richard Waterman	Refund for Skip Hire –Allotments	£177.00

Playsafety Ltd	Play Area Inspection	£ 92.40
National Allotment Society	Subscription	£ 66.00
Mr C Wilkins	Grass Cutting and Fuel	£956.41
Penton Grafton PC	Refund for Mower Petrol	£ 62.02
Broker Network Ltd PC	Insurance Cover	£590.98
		£2,391.81

MONEY DUE - HPFA Grant £250

BANK BALANCE

After above movements have been deducted and added :- £2,271.23

BANK ACCOUNTS

Allotments Account = £ 587.09

Current Account = £1,684.14

= £ 2,271.23

FLOODING

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins referred to the list of actions in the March 2014 Minutes and what plans there were to take the issues forward. Cllr Mr D Bloom-Davis, as Chairman in March, had contacted the various agencies involved to carry out the necessary work. The Chairman asked Cllr Mrs J Hopkins to email him with any further suggestions.

Cllr Mr J Clements said he would ask Redenham landowners clear their ditches again this year.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr J Brewer said footpaths in the Parish were overgrown. The Chairman agreed. The Clerk would contact Peter Watson at Hampshire Paths. Mrs Joanna Marshall said Redenham Green was still being damaged by large vehicles. The Chairman had raised this issue with Highways on many occasions but it could never be top of their list of priorities.

PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Mrs J Weeks has received a complaint from a parishioner about the amount of dog mess in Redenham. This was noted.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

6th November 2014 in the Appleshaw Village Hall at 7.30pm