

Minutes of the Appleshaw Annual Parish Council meeting held on the 14th May 2015 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 Mr J Clements
Cllr Mr D Green
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook
County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks
Members of the Public – 6

Apologies : Borough Councillor Mrs P Mutton

DECLARATION OF OFFICE

Appleshaw Parish Council had an uncontested election, with only five nominations submitted. The Council, therefore, has three possible vacancies. The Councillors signed the Declaration of Office.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

CHAIRMAN – Cllr Mr J Clements proposed Cllr Mr B Parker as Chairman, seconded by Cllr Mr D Green. There were no other nominations.

VICE CHAIRMAN – Cllr Mr B Parker proposed Cllr Mrs A Cowlin as Vice Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Mr D Green. There were no other nominations.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Mr B Parker reviewed the past year and the Council's achievements. Following the election, they would continue to support the community and keep the village looking good and well maintained.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record. Matters arising:

GRASS CUTTING – The Clerk reported that the tractor is with Derek Cook to repair the cutting blades.

TVBC COMMUNITY GRANT – Funding of £500 for a village defibrillator had been awarded from the Borough Councillor's Community Grant. The Chairman wondered if the fete Committee might consider a further grant towards the defibrillator.

PLANNING

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins reported that permission has been granted for the development of three dwellings at Harrow Farm. The footpath has been moved from the site to nearly its original position alongside the neighbouring property.

The Parish Council was informed by the owner of the neighbouring property that she had been in contact with Hampshire Rights of Way regarding the moving of the footpath. County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks offered to speak to those concerned and raise the issue with the County Council.

FINANCE

The Clerk presented a balance sheet for the year 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015. The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council adopt the accounts, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Cowlin. All agreed.

EXPENDITURE 14TH MAY 2015

Richard Waterman	Wages – April	£160.00
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Richard Waterman	Wages Adjustment	£ 40.00
Mr C Wilkins	Grass Cutting	£209.99
Mr B Pearce	Grass Cutting	£ 80.00
TVBC	Dog Bin Emptying	£312.19
		<u>£962.18</u>

INCOME

TVBC ½ Precept	£5,450.00
TVBC Grant	£ 500.00

MONEY DUE £350.40

BANK BALANCE

After above movements have been added and deducted £9,114.24

VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins (Secretary, Village Hall) informed the meeting that her Chairman and Trustees had voted unanimously that this item should not be on the agenda and that the affairs of the village hall were none of the Parish Council's business. The Chairman disagreed and pointed out that the PC had in the past been asked to support applications for TVBC and HCC funding. If that was to continue, the PC would need details of project changes.

Cllr Hopkins, however, was adamant that no report or information relating to the village hall need be given to the Parish Council.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS Z BROOKS After a welcome from the Chairman, Cllr Brooks said she was settling into her new role as County Councillor and looking forward to supporting the parish councils in her area.

CLLR MR P LASHBROOK

Cllr Mr P Lashbrook said he was pleased to be serving the parishes for another term and working alongside the new Borough Councillor, Mrs P Mutton.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mrs J Marshall spoke about the difficulties of traffic using Dauntsey Drove since work on the development began and suggested that it be made one-way. Cllr Mr P Lashbrook replied that Dauntsey Drove would remain two-way, and that Highways supported the traffic survey from the developer when planning permission was granted.

Mr Eric Carr reported a problem with dog fouling being placed in the play area rubbish bin. A notice would be fixed to the bin to deter people from using the bin for this purpose.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was suggested that the Parish Council vacancies be advertised on the village notice boards.

It was noted that while some parishes with an adopted Village Design Statement have been highlighted on the TVBC website, Appleshaw has not. This will be investigated as the Parish Council's VDS has been officially adopted.

Cllr Mr J Clements will take on the role of footpaths officer.

The Clerk will take over management of the allotments for the time being.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

2nd July 2015 in Appleshaw Village Hall.