

Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 3rd November 2016 in the Appleshaw Village Hall, Appleshaw at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mrs A Cowlin – Chairman
Cllr Mr J Clement – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mrs J Hopkins
Cllr Mr D Green
Cllr Mrs R Bass
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks
Borough Councillor Mrs P Mutton

Apologies: Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook.

REV CANON DR IAN TOMLINSON

The Chairman reported the sad passing of Ian Tomlinson on Monday 31st October 2016. The Chairman has sent the condolences of the Parish Council to his family.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs A Cowlin, ARC, Flower Show and WI; Cllr Mrs J Hopkins, Village Hall, Cllr Mrs R Bass, Flower Show and Appleshaw School.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Mr J Clement and seconded by Cllr Mr D Green.

Matters arising:

DEFIBRILLATOR – The Chairman reported that the following information was printed in the October issue of ARC and will be repeated in the November/December issue which goes to all households:

The Appleshaw Defibrillator is sited on the front wall of the Walnut Tree Inn in a green cabinet with a combination lock.

1. In the case of a suspected heart attack call 999.
2. The Ambulance Service operator will ask you for the postcode and address for the ambulance and questions about the patient to ascertain the nature of the problem.
3. The Ambulance Service has the location of the defibrillator on their system and the access code. The operator will ask if there is someone who could fetch the defibrillator. The access code will only be given if there is a third person who can fetch the equipment as the patient must not be left alone.
4. If conditions are right and the defibrillator is collected the unit is fully automatic and gives clear verbal step by step instructions.
5. The operator will also stay on the telephone and will also assist the caller through the procedure.
6. The defibrillator monitors the patient and will not allow a shock to be given if there is a heartbeat.

The Ambulance Operator will stay on the telephone until the Ambulance arrives

The defibrillator itself is fully automatic and will instruct the user step by step how to proceed and give verbal assistance prior to the arrival of an ambulance.

GANG MOWER – The Clerk reported that Hurstbourne Priors Cricket Team have decided not to sell their gang mower. The Clerk and Cllr Mr D Green will now start looking for a second-hand gang mower. The Chairman will submit an application to the Fete Committee for a contribution of £1,000 towards a gang mower.

AUDIT – The Clerk reported that he has spoken to Audit about the comment they raised on the recording of the accounts in the minutes and has received clear instructions on how to record the adoption of the accounts for next year’s Audit.

HIGHWAYS – It was reported that despite being reported several times the 30mph repeater sign near opposite the Barncroft junction is still in the hedge. Cllr Mrs Z Brooks said she would raise this with highways.

DONATION TO THE CHURCH – It was noted that the £50 donation for the use of the Church for meetings had not been listed in the cheques issued at the September meeting. The Clerk apologised and will add it to the list of cheques in the financial report.

PLANNING

16/02033/FULLN – Proposed erection of a single dwelling – 8 Eastville, Back Lane, Ragged Appleshaw. – NO OBJECTION

16/02601/FULLN – Demolition of existing single garage; two storey side extension, new car-barn and parking area – The Dell, Biddesden Bottom Road, Redenham. – NO OBJECTION.

CERT UP-DATE

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins and Cllr Mr D Green attended a Flood Resilience meeting organised by Southern Water. The meeting was very informative. Cllr Mrs J Hopkins had nothing to report on CERT. A CERT meeting has been scheduled for the 18th November 2016.

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins reported that the Environment Agency is due to cut the ditch in Appleshaw through to the ‘Horns’ in Redenham. Cllr Mrs J Hopkins was of the opinion that The Environment Agency do not take away the cut vegetation and this needs to be disposed of to lessen the risk of blockages but Cllr Mr D Green thought it was removed. It may be necessary to organise a working party once the cutting has been done.

FINANCE.

EXPENDITURE – September, October and November 2016

Richard Waterman	Wages - October	£180.00
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Mr B Pearce	Grass Cutting	£40.00
Aviva	Insurance	£606.09
Mr Futcher	Grass Cutting Redenham	£250.00
R.N. Waterman	Stamps	£24.88
Mr C Wilkins	Grass Cutting	£987.59
HCC	Street Lights	£150.77
Appleshaw PCC	Donation for Use of Church	£50.00
		£2,469.33

INCOME

½ Precept £4,750.00
Allotment Rents £160

BANK BALANCE

After above movements have been deducted and added:-
£9,428.80

BANK ACCOUNTS

Allotments Account = £1,004.09
Current Account = £9,428.80
= £10,432.89

VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Mrs R Bass reported that the Village Hall now has a new vinyl floor, feedback has been very good. The Parish Council agreed that it is a vast improvement and brightens up the hall.

The Village Hall Management Committee are having a 'walk around' to look at projects that need to be undertaken to improve the hall, the toilets and kitchen are on the list for improvements. The addition of blinds or curtains for the main hall will also be looked at.

The VHMC have reviewed the hire charge for the village hall and have agreed to waive the hire charge for local organisation from the start of the next financial year. It has also been decided that a separate charge will be set for the use of the showers by sports bookings. A charge for the hire of tables and chairs for village residents has also been agreed. These charges will be reviewed every year.

The Chairman wished to pass on the thanks of the Parish Council re the waiver of the charge.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS Z BROOKS

Cllr Mrs Z Brooks reported that she had no news to report on Devolvement. Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight have signed up for a Metro Mayor. HCC are still undecided which route to take. The Boundary Commission are undertaking a review of the North-West Hampshire constituency. The current proposals are to move Anna, Ampert and Penton Bellinger Wards into North East Hampshire.

Cllr Mrs Z Brooks reported that the recent decision by HCC to close the Andover Recycling Centre one day a week has been reversed due to pressure from the electorate. The Re-cycling Centres in Hampshire now charge for DIY waste.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS P MUTTON

Cllr Mrs P Mutton confirmed that the Boundary Commission Review if implemented will have a major impact on the area and we would have a change of MP.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

CLLR MRS J HOPKINS – Reported that she had met with Andy Atkins from Hampshire Rights of Way to discuss various issues with the footpaths. Andy Atkins arranged for a new finger post to be installed in New House Lane, someone has now pulled this out of the ground and it must be re-concreted. A finger post in Privet Lane needs to be re-erected on Redenham Park land, a letter will be sent to Redenham Park Estate. The mess of footpaths across Mr Hilary McCall's fields will be looked at, the stiles are too high and there is not a clear route.

CLLR MR J CLEMENT – Reported that he has spoken to Paul White at TVBC about the stickers that were put on his wheelie bin about what and what not to re-cycle. Cllr Mr J Clement felt that the attitude of TVBC on the issue of re-cycling was not all it should be, the information given to residents is conflicting and not clear.

Cllr Mrs P Mutton stated that she took on board Cllr Mr J Clement's comments and will bring them up as she is due to meet with TVBC to discuss re-cycling.

Cllr Mr J Clement reported that the travellers that visited Redenham were moved on twice and he was pleased to report that there were no incidents and they left the site clean and tidy.

Cllr Mr J Clement reported that Southern Water has back-filled recent excavations in Redenham. Contact with the Guinness Estate regarding responsibility for their ditch through Redenham. Redenham Park has been contacted and they have agreed to clear their stretch of the ditch.

CLLR MR D GREEN - Reported that Mrs Jean Weeks has resigned from the Playing Field Trustees, with the sad loss of Ian Tomlinson this only left one trustee. Cllr Mr D Green felt that now was the time to sort out the administration of the Playing Field Trust, he believed that the Parish Council are responsible for nominating new Trustees and this needed checking. Cllr Mrs J Hopkins stated that Mr John Coney from Hampshire Playing Fields needed to be contacted on this matter. Subsequent to the meeting it transpires that Mrs Weeks has not resigned, but will probably do so. The Clerk will check on the protocol and report to the January meeting.

CLLR MRS R BASS – Reported that the road markings outside the school are disappearing and needed re-painting. This has been reported to Highways by the Chairman.

LENGTHSMAN

The Clerk reported that Appleshaw have been included in a new cluster set up for the HCC Lengthsman Scheme. An application for funding has been submitted to HCC and if successful the Lengthsman will start in April 2017. The Clerk explained that each parish will get a budget of £1000 worth of man hours for the Lengthsman; a request for works to be undertaken will be submitted each month by the Clerk. The Clerk gave the Parish Councillors a list of the jobs that can be undertaken by the Lengthsman, it was noted that 20% of the man hours must be spent on Footpaths and Rights of Way. The Parish Council thought this excellent news.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters have been received concerning Broadband in the village and the poor speeds received. This was discussed at length. The Chairman will contact the major providers of Broadband to see what they have to say on this issue.

A letter of complaint has been received from a resident regarding bonfires on the Allotments . It was noted that there are no rules regarding bonfires in the rural areas. The Parish Council discussed this at length and it was agreed that the Clerk will write to the Allotment holders asking them not to light bonfires on a Sunday and under no circumstances should bonfires be left unattended.

The cutting of the hedge at the back of the allotments was mentioned. The Land Owner needs to be contacted and asked to cut back the hedge.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATES OF THE 2017 MEETINGS

5th January

2nd March

4th May

6th July

7th September

2nd November