

## **Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017 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 Mrs R Bass  
Cllr Mr D Green  
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk  
Borough Councillor Mrs P Mutton  
County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks  
Members of the Public – 5

Apologies: Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook.

### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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

### **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Mr D Green proposed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman continue as they are, this was seconded by Cllr Mrs J Hopkins. All agreed. Cllr Mrs A Cowlin was elected Chairman and Cllr J Clement was elected Vice Chairman.

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

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

### **Matters arising:**

**GANG MOWER** – There have been a few operational problems with the new Gang Mower, Mr Chris Wilkins is taking back two of the cutting blades to the manufacturer for adjustment. Both the tractor and sit on mower have been with Derek Cook for repair and servicing.

**BENCH** – The Chairman reported that Ian's family are happy with the proposals that a bench is placed in the village. Cllr Mrs J Hopkins was asked to speak to Jean's family.

**FOOTPATHS** – The Clerk could not confirm if the Penton Grafton Footpath officer has spoken to Mr G North about the ploughed-up footpath through the field opposite Barncroft. The Clerk will speak to the PG Footpath Officer again.

**30 MPH SIGN** – The 30 MPH repeater sign by Barncroft has still not been reinstated.

**C.E.R.T.** – Cllr Mrs J Hopkins had no new news to report on C.E.R.T.

**FLOODING** – Cllr Mrs J Hopkins stated that she was asked at the March meeting to brief the HCC Flood and Water Investigation Officer on the history of flooding in the villages. A report duly went to Paul Prowting, and he and his team visited the villages a couple of weeks later. Cllr Mrs J Hopkins reported that they walked the length of the ditch from Biddesden to the playing field corner to familiarise his new team with the areas and pinch points.

## PLANNING

17/00600/FULLN – Replacement outbuilding to form office and gym with bedroom, store and bathroom over together with the installation of a new septic tank – Fields End, Fyfield Lane, Weyhill – NO OBJECTION.

17/00563/FULLN – demolition of existing side outbuildings and conservatory and erection of a two storey side extension – Whistlers Mead, Biddesden Bottom Road, Appleshaw – NO OBJECTION.

Cllr Mrs P Mutton reported that this application had been refused by the planners on Poor Design, height and width of the gable and not having completed a Bat Survey.

## FINANCE.

### EXPENDITURE - April and May 2017

Richard Waterman	Wages – April	£180.00
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Mr Brian Pearce	Grass Cutting Redenham	£80.00
TVBC	Dog Bin Emptying	£317.38
HCC	Street Lighting	£158.96
DA Cook	Mower Repair and Service	<u>£952.39</u>
		<b>£1,868.73</b>

### INCOME

SEC Consent	£41.41
TVBC Precept	<u>£ 4,750.00</u>
	<b>£4,791.41</b>

Adjustment to carry forward Balance	
2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2017	= £8854.67
Plus Income - VAT Refund	= £753.26
	<b><u>£9,607.93</u></b>
Less payments not minuted.	
TVAPC Subscription	£ 15.00
Gang Mower	£ 999.00
Petrol for Mower	£ 85.41
	<b>= <u>£8,508.52</u></b>

Bank Account 31/3/2017	
Current	= £8,508.52
Allotment	= £1,014.09
	= <b><u>£9,522.61</u></b>

Opening Balance 1st April 2017	= £9,522.61
Plus Income	= <u>£4,791.41</u>
	= <b>£14,314.02</b>
Less Expenditure	= <u>£1,868.73</u>
	= <b><u>£12,445.29</u></b>

### BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE

Allotments	= £ 1,014.09
Current	= £11,431.20
	= <u>£12,445.29</u>

## **VILLAGE HALL.**

Cllr Mrs R Bass reported that quotes are being sought to refurbish the toilets, provide downlights in the main hall and for curtains with strips to keep the heat in, these will be positioned in-between the two sets of doors facing the playing field. The WI have requested a microphone for the hall and this is being considered.

## **FOOTPATHS.**

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins reported that it has been an interesting first year in her role as Footpath Officer. She has made friends with the HCC senior footpaths officer who has visited the villages on several occasions to check on finger posts and the state of stiles etc. As a result, a new post is now marking the footpath in New House Lane (Appleshaw FP.1) and a post has been dug out of the hedge and reinstated in Privet Lane (FP.2). The landowner has now repaired the stile too.

The previous report that the stiles on FP.3 and 4 were too high to get a leg over has now been acted upon, with the local Ramblers' Association meeting in late February to rebuild them and move one to a more accessible position.

The issue of the confusing route of the Penton Grafton footpath which follows on from FP.7, which is used by Appleshaw parishioners more than those from Penton Grafton, is still outstanding.

## **PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

CLLR MR J CLEMENT – Reported that he has chased up Southern Water again and they will come back and make good the work they did last year.

Cllr Mr J Clement reported that he has received complaints from parishioners regarding the Hawthorn Hedge on the triangle by the playing field, this has been allowed to grow to a height that now blocks sight line. This will be reported to Highways.

Cllr Mr J Clement spoke about the regular Car Boot Sale on the field adjacent to the roundabout at Weyhill. Apparently, complaints were received about the yellow three-wheeler advertising the event and it has had to be removed.

Cllr Mr J Clement reported that he has been in touch with Highways regarding the poor state of the road in Greensey, it has been six months since Highways came and painted white lines around the potholes. Home Farm Lane and Biddesden Bottom Road were also reported to Highways as they also need attention. Apparently, Highways are trying to get funding and will keep Cllr Mr J Clement informed of progress. Cllr Mrs Z Brooks made note of this and will speak to Highways for an up-date.

CLLR MR D GREEN – Expressed concerns about the speed of traffic in Greensey, there are a lot of children in Greensey and many play in the road. Most the offenders live in Greensey. There has also been a request from a Greensey Resident for a Disabled parking space. Cllr Mrs P Mutton offered to help with this request and will liaise with Cllr Mrs A Cowlin for details.

## **CLOSE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The Chairman closed the meeting.

## **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

6<sup>th</sup> July 2017