

Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 6th July 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 Mr D Green
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Borough Councillor Mrs P Mutton
County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks

Apologies: Cllr Mrs R Bass and Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs A Cowlin, ARC, Flower Show, Appleshaw Web Site and WI;
Cllr Mrs J Hopkins, Village Hall;

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:

BENCH – The Chairman reported that both Ian and Jeans families have been spoken to and it is proposed to place the bench for Ian outside the Church and the bench for Jean by the Old Shop.

Cllr Mr D Green reported that the benches on the Village Green are in a poor state and need rubbing down and treated. Cllr Mr D Green and the Clerk will look at these and include the one at the Redenham Pump.

DISABLED PARKING BAY IN GREENSEY – Cllr Mr D Green reported that this has all been sorted and the bay has been marked ready for painting. The Chairman thanked Cllr Mrs P Mutton for her input in getting this issue sorted.

FOOTPATHS – The Clerk confirmed that the Penton Grafton Footpath officer has spoken to Mr G North about the ploughed-up footpath through the field opposite Barncroft but had no further news to report.

30 MPH SIGN – The 30 MPH repeater sign by Barncroft has still not been reinstated. [post meeting – this has now been done].

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

VILLAGE EMERGENCY PLAN - The Clerk was asked to put the 'Adoption of the Appleshaw Emergency Plan' on the September agenda.

PLANNING

17/01467/FULLN – Demolition of existing single garage; new two storey side extension and car barn with parking area to frontage – The Dell, Biddesden Bottom Road, Redenham – NO OBJECTION.

17/01601/FULLN – Demolition of existing side outbuilding and conservatory and erection of a two-storey side extension – Whistlers Mead, Biddesden Bottom Road, Appleshaw – NO OBJECTION.

ACCOUNTS

The Chairman stated that we have always referred to bank statement balances, which has led to various anomalies. The bank statement date is usually the last or first Day of the month which has no correlation with funds available. As from this month we will start with a figure as 1st April (as agreed by the Auditor) and income and expenditure will be included at each meeting so there will be a running total of available funds. It will then be possible to refer during the year via the financial statement and relevant minutes.

FINANCE.

Financial Statement 6th July 2017

Expenditure June and July 2017

Richard Waterman	Wages – June	£180.00
Richard Waterman	Wages – July	£180.00
Mr Brian Pearce	Grass Cutting Redenham	£80.00
P Reynolds	Audit	£120.00
		<u>£560.00</u>

Income June and July

Allotment Rent £20

Summary of Accounts 2017/2018

Opening Balance	1 st April 2017	= £ 9,522.61
Plus Income –	April and May	£4,791.41
	June and July	£20.00
		= <u>£14,334.02</u>
Less Expenditure		
	April and May	£1,868.73
	June and July	£560.00
		= <u>£11,905.29</u>

FUNDS AVAILABLE

Allotments	= £1,034.09
Parish Council	= £10,871.20
	= <u>£11,905.29</u>

VILLAGE HALL.

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins reported that the Village Hall Management Committee have reviewed the charges to hire the hall. The new Charges to start in September 2017.

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins reported that the W.I. have requested a Microphone. The Village Hall is taking advice on which system would be best suited. The refurbishment of the toilets and kitchen are still in the planning stage.

FOOTPATHS.

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins reported that the footpaths have received their annual cut by HCC.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS Z BROOKS.

Cllr Mrs Z Brooks reported that she is meeting with Mandy Ware from HCC to discuss various Highway issues that Parish Councils in her ward. Cllr Mrs Z Brooks asked that any issues Appleshaw have are forwarded onto her.

The Chairman asked the Councillors to please send any issues they have to the Clerk who will collate them and send them on to Cllr Mrs Z Brooks.

Cllr Mrs Z Brooks reported that HCC have successfully sued Open Reach for the over run in providing Super-Fast Broadband in Hampshire.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS P MUTTON

Reported that she has organised a walk around the Parishes for the new Deputy Leader of TVBC on the 7th September 2017. This will be followed by a meet and great at the Fairground Hall, Weyhill. All Councillors are welcome to attend. Cllr Mrs P Mutton will send out details near the time.

PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

CLLR MRS J HOPKINS – Reported that the Allotment Holders have not received their bills for 2017. The Clerk reported that this is in hand, the Chairman and the Clerk are holding a site meeting to look at the allotments, there are one or two plots that have not been worked and those tenants will be given notice.

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins asked if the Parish Council had a policy of naming members of the public who attend the meetings. The Chairman stated that they would only be named if they spoke to raise an issue.

CLLR MR D GREEN – Reported that he had received comments on the state of the cemetery, it is very overgrown and it has been noted that grave diggers are not taking the spoil away with them, there has been stones spread over existing graves. This was discussed. The Parish Council cut the cemetery to help the church, The Clerk stated that they are not responsible for the cemetery. If it was a Parish Council Cemetery they would administer the burials, keep records and receive the payments. The Chairman stated that she will speak to a Church Warden for clarification.

The Maintenance of the cemetery has been difficult since Mr C Wilkins had a stroke last year and can no longer trim the area, no one has come forward to take on the job. The Clerk suggested that he gets another contractor to undertake an ad hoc clearing until the Chairman has spoken to a Church Warden.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman reported that she has received four items of correspondence:

1. A request from 'Seafarers UK' to fly the red ensign for Merchant Navy Day on the 3rd September 2017. Unfortunately, Appleshaw does not have a flagpole. The Parish Council discussed having a flagpole and this will be investigated – it was thought that planning permission would be required.
2. Letter from Mr Tim Seymour, Chairman of the Village Hall management Committee, advising of the revised charges for the use of the village hall. The Parish Council come under the category Community Groups/Organisations and as such will receive a 100% discount for the coming year (from 1st September). This discount charge band will be

reviewed annually. The Chairman asked Cllr Mrs J Hopkins to thank the Village Hall Management Committee for this 100% discount.

3. An email from Mr B Bounds of Mead House pointing out his concerns regarding traffic and speeding. Mr Bounds has already been in contact with TVBC and HCC. The Chairman stated that she had met with Mr Bounds to discuss his concerns and invited Mr Bounds to attend this Meeting to speak to the Parish Council.
4. A letter from Mrs Sarah Jones of Barncroft, again on the subject of traffic and speeding. Mrs Sarah Jones was unable to attend the parish Council meeting.

The concerns raised in items 3 and 4 will be included in the issues sent to Mandy Ware via County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks

CLOSE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

7th September 2017