

**Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th September 2017
in the Appleshaw Village Hall, Appleshaw at 6.45pm.**

Present: Cllr Mrs A Cowlin – Chairman
Cllr Mr J Clement – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mrs J Hopkins
Cllr Mr D Green
Members of the Public – 15

Apologies: Cllr Mrs R Bass, Borough Cllr Mrs P Mutton, Borough Cllr Mr P Lashbrook and Richard Waterman, Parish Clerk.

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting and explained that there was only one item on the agenda, to discuss and vote on Planning Application 17/01862/FULLN – Erection of two linked agricultural buildings for free range egg production, together with four feed bins, hardstanding and new highway access – Land South of Hill Copse, Privet Lane, Redenham, Appleshaw.

The Chairman went on to say “We must decide on how we are to respond to this proposal – on behalf of the village. This decision must be based on material fact and not emotional influence or our own personal views. Following last Thursday’s meeting we are aware of the strong feeling by those members of the local community who were present and must not forget that we are representing them and their wishes, although not necessarily bound by their views.

“We received an assurance from Mr George Clark, made during the public meeting before the Parish Council meeting, that he will not be seeking to expand this proposed enterprise and was willing to accept a covenant or restriction that would limit this development and any future planning applications to these two sheds only. I would also seek to remind you that we have not yet received clarity regarding the height of the fencing that will surround the 40 acres of range which have only lately been identified, the aerial picture of which was sent to you last Friday.”

Voting was two against the proposal, one in favour and one abstention.

The Chairman said that she would now go and prepare our objection and submit it this evening, before the closing date for objections.