

**Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish 'In-camera' Meeting held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018  
in the Appleshaw Village Hall, Appleshaw at 6.45pm.**

Present: Cllr Mrs A Cowlin – Chairman  
Cllr Mrs J Hopkins  
Cllr Mr D Green  
Cllr Mr S Caddy  
Cllr Dr G Legg  
Cllr Mr S Bloyce  
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk

**WELCOME.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Chairman stated that this meeting was called to discuss the Parish Councils' position regarding the recent article in the Andover Advertiser reporting on a comment made by Cllr Mr J Clement.

Following the referred to piece in the Andover Advertiser relating to the comment made by Cllr Mr J Clement regarding Andover Town Centre, a letter was published from a member of the public, from Andover, in reply to the comments reported.

The Chairman stated that she visited Cllr Mr J Clement to ask if he would consider withdrawing his comments and issuing an apology. Cllr Mr J Clement said he would not and resigned from the Parish Council with immediate effect.

The Parish Council discussed the way forward and it was agreed that if the issue is raised in the future the following statement will be given:

“The comments made about Andover Town Centre were the views of an individual and not of the the Appleshaw Parish Council.”

That said, the Parish Council were grateful for all the work done in the past by Mr Clement. At the start of the Parish Council meeting at 7.30 this evening, the Chairman would read out the following agreed statement:

“You may well be aware of comments made by Cllr Mr John Clement at the last meeting. These comments are not the view of Appleshaw Parish Council. Since then, Cllr Mr John Clement has resigned from the Parish Council. We would like to thank John for his many years of service to Appleshaw Parish Council.”

**NOTE.**

The Parish Council represent the community and Councillors must be careful in future what they say at a Public Meeting.

**CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman closed the meeting.