

Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013 in the Appleshaw Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present : Cllr Mr B Parker - Chairman  
Cllr Mrs J Hopkins - Vice Chairman  
Cllr Mrs J Weeks  
Cllr Mr D Green  
Cllr Mrs A Cowlin  
Cllr Mr D Bloom Davis  
Cllr Mrs L Black  
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk  
Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook  
County Councillor Mrs P West  
Mr G North  
Members of the Public - 15

Apologies: Cllr Mr J Clements.

**WELCOME.** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **PRESENTATION FROM MR G NORTH**

The Chairman introduced Mr Graham North who had come to talk about his proposed development at Harrow Farm, Ragged Appleshaw.

Mr North gave a brief history of his family's farming connections in the area, currently farming 1000 acres in Clanville, bordering several surrounding villages. They had also developed and let the Farm Shop at Weyhill.

The land at Harrow Farm has been unused for approximately 30 years, has a gentle slope, is situated adjacent to South View and is unsuitable for farming.

Mr North proposes to put three dwellings on this land and produced plans that will be submitted to Test Valley Borough Council as a pre-planning application. The drawings were distributed to the PC and those at the meeting. Mr North explained in detail his proposals stating that the properties would be dug in to the slope to reduce the roof line to fit in with surrounding properties. The Plans showed two three-bedroom dwellings and one five-bedroom dwelling.

Mr North answered questions from both the Parish Council and the public on his proposed development. It was noted that the dwellings would not be for first-time buyers, the square footage of the proposed dwellings indicating they will be in the higher price bracket. The footpath will be maintained through the build. Some thought it would amount to over-development of the site. Mr North stated that all the relevant information will be included in the detailed planning application.

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council could not make any comment, in support or opposition, until the Planning Application is brought before them in the usual way. The Chairman thanked Mr North for his presentation.

#### **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

Cllr Mrs J Weeks declared an interest in the Playing Field as she is a Trustee.

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins declared an interest in the Village Hall and ARC.

Cllr Mr D Green declared an interest in Randall Parker Foods.

## **WALNUT TREE INN**

The Chairman asked Cllr Mr P Lashbrook if there was any news on the outcome of the meeting held at TVBC, Beech Hurst, to address complaints relating to the Walnut Tree Inn.

Cllr Mr P Lashbrook stated that after the meeting took place, a further two submissions were received. Cllr Mr P Lashbrook stated that within a few days he would be publishing a statement on the outcome.

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

The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Matters arising from those minutes :-

**HIGHWAYS** - The Chairman reported that HCC Highways continue repairing the roads and he felt that Appleshaw has recently been well served. More repairs are still needed but with the recent floods, Highways are busy tackling other urgent areas.

The Chairman reported that Paul Walsh has looked at the problem of the eroding green in Redenham and is looking towards installing a better design of dragons' teeth that should deter larger vehicles from using the green as a turning place.

Cllr Mrs L Black reported that a grit bin was requested for the hill leading to Clanville as this is on the school route. Highways have supplied one but it is at the bottom of the hill in Ragged Appleshaw. Cllr Mrs P West stated that the grit bins are placed where there is safe access to fill them. Cllr Mrs West reported that the school run route has now been added to the gritting schedule: a new saline solution is now used instead of grit as it is more efficient.

**ALLOTMENTS** - Cllr Mrs L Black reported that a skip was delivered to the allotments for the disposal of unwanted items and was well used. The allotment rents are due this month. One holder has reduced the size of their allotment and there are now two people on the waiting list.

Replacing the allotment fence was briefly discussed as it has transpired that it is the responsibility of the Parish Council. Aster will be asked if they can help with the cost of replacing the fence. Cllr Mrs P West stated that if she is re-elected in May she may be able to give a small grant from her Devolved Budget. Cllr Mr P Lashbrook will also see if TVBC could assist with a small grant. The Chairman proposed that quotes are obtained for the fencing in the allotments. All agreed. The Chairman will now look after the allotments as Cllr Mrs L Black now has responsibility for the Play Area.

**DITCHES** - The ditches have now been cleared from Redenham Park right through to Barncroft and beyond. Cllr Mrs J Hopkins reported that the ditch through to Rambridge still needs clearing. There was water lying in the ditch but it was not yet running although the spring was up at Biddesden and the old Vicarage has a foot of water in the cellar. Mr Mike Saunders reported that the water in the Whistler's Mead cellaris steadily rising.

Cllr Mr P Lashbrook wished to thank Cllr Mrs J Hopkins for her excellent work on the flood plan. Appleshaw's measures are used as a model for many other parishes.

**PLAY AREA** - Cllr Mrs L Black reported that the repairs to the Climbing Frame have been completed.

## **WEB SITE**

Cllr Mrs A Cowlin reported that she has been in contact with Mr Glen Miller and he is happy for the website domain to be transferred to her. She can now plan the way forward to combine the various websites into one. It is hoped an article in ARC will explain the moves to one village website. Cllr Mrs Cowlin stated that she has not yet spoken to the webmaster of the Redenham website but a link to this website would be possible.

## **PLANNING**

The Chairman reported that the Village Design Statement in its final draft and wished to thank Pat Wood and Janice Bowes for all their hard work.

12/02617/TREEN - Redenham Green - work to cherry tree on behalf of the Parish Council.

Permission granted.

12/00666/FULLN - Ecosse Hospital Products, Dauntsey Drove, Weyhill.

Permission granted on appeal for demolition of existing buildings and erection of 21 dwellings.

Yonder Dene - Going to Planning Control within the week - No formal notification yet.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

### **EXPENDITURE**

Richard Waterman	Wages – December	£139.00
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Owen Mills	Repair Allotment Gate(Refund from Astor)	£92.54
Hampshire County Council	Street Lighting	£234.71

### **BANK BALANCE**

After above payments have been deducted :- £1971.16

### **ALLOTMENTS BALANCE**

Allotment Rents	£215.00
Water Butts	£500.00

### **2013/2014 PRECEPT**

Under the new code of conduct the Parish Councillors have signed a Request for Dispensation so they can set the precept.

The Clerk produced a financial report showing the estimated results for the year 2012/2013 and the budget for the year 2013/2014. Each item was explained. Cllr Mrs A Cowlin verified that she had looked at the budget with the Clerk prior to the meeting.

Cllr Mrs A Cowlin reported that the Clerk has not had a pay increase for four years and it was proposed that he receive an increase of £240 a year. All agreed. An increase in grass cutting and ditch clearing has been worked into the budget as additional areas in the village will now be cut. The Appleshaw Parish Council precept will not increase for 2013/2-14 and will remain at £9,000.

### **CLLR MRS P WEST'S REPORT**

Cllr Mrs P West spoke about the recent flooding and how Hampshire is coping with the additional work. She reported that the grit bins should have been filled and asked the Parish Council to check and ring Highways if they have not been filled. HCC are starting to look at their budget for the next financial year and hope that there will be no increase in the Council Tax. Cllr Mrs P West stated that the County Councillors have been given an additional £8,000 Community Budget that can be tapped into for Parish projects, the funds should be available after the forthcoming County Council elections in May.

### **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR P LASHBROOK'S REPORT.**

Cllr Mr P Lashbrook was pleased to report that Mr Paul Jackson, Head of Planning is back to work. The Parish Council sent their good wishes to Mr Jackson. Cllr Mr P Lashbrook reported that Phase 5 of the Andover Airfield site will be coming to planning: it is proposed to build a second distribution centre similar in size to the Co-Op building. There will be no increase in vehicle movements.

Cllr Mr P Lashbrook also spoke about flooding in the area, dog napping and the cold snap forecast for the south.

### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Sarah Minty asked if there was any news on her son Sam's request for a skateboard facility. The Chairman reported that the request was passed on to the Playing Field Trustees as they administer the field and make the decisions.

Cllr Mrs J Weeks, being a Trustee, stated that hiring a skateboard ramp was looked into, but it was not available last summer. The Trustees were also concerned about the cost of insurance and the liability. Cllr Mrs Weeks stated that the Trustees have not met again about this issue but that she will raise it again at their next meeting.

Sarah Minty asked if Sam could meet with the Trustees to put the case forward. Cllr Mrs J Weeks stated that she will speak to the other Trustees but could not see a problem.

Mrs Althea Shapiro asked if the Parish Council had a policy on tandem depth development in the parish. Cllr Mrs J Hopkins stated that at present the Parish Council did not have a policy on tandem development but with the new Borough Strategic Plan being put together, we could well see more of this type of development.

It was reported that there was a problem with continued dog fouling outside 12 and 13 Greensey. The Parish Council suggested a telephone call to the Dog Warden is made.

### **CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

### **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

7<sup>th</sup> March 2013 in the Appleshaw Village Hall at 7.30pm