

Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th March 2020 in the Appleshaw Church, Appleshaw at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mr J Molony – Chairman
Cllr Mr J Holder – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr B Hodgson
Cllr Mr M Watts
Cllr Mr T Seymour
Cllr Mr T Burden
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Members of the Public – 2

Apologies: Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook and County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Mr T Seymour declared an interest in the Village Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

The Chairman proposed Mr T Burden be co-opted onto the Parish Council to fill one of the remaining vacancies. This was seconded by Cllr Mr J Holder. All agreed.

Mr T Burden signed the Declaration of Office and was given the Declaration of Financial Interests form to complete.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Mr T Burden onto the Parish Council.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the February 2010 meeting as a true record. Matters arising from those minutes:

GRASS CUTTING – The Clerk produced brochures on grass cutting equipment available from Andover Garden Machinery. This was discussed at length.

- Cllr Mr J Holder stated that he had knowledge of the grass cutting equipment available from Andover Garden Machinery and felt that it would not be robust enough for mowing the Playing Field. However, it would be suitable for the other areas in the village that the Parish Council look after. Cllr Mr J Holder stated that he would go and view the equipment to ascertain its suitability.
- Cllr Mr T Seymour reported that the Hampshire Playing Fields Association, which owns the Playing Field, will cease to exist from the 1st April 2020 due to Hampshire County Council withdrawing its funding. The ownership of the Playing Field is to be passed to Test Valley Borough Council.
- The Clerk will contact TVBC for confirmation that they are taking over ownership of the Playing Field.
- The Parish Council felt that if the Playing Field is to be passed to TVBC, then YVBC should be responsible for its upkeep to save council tax-payers money.

- The Clerk reported that the existing equipment has been serviced over the winter and should, with care, last another season.
- It was agreed that once the Parish Council had received confirmation on the fate of the Playing Field, it will determine what type of grass cutting equipment is needed.

PLANNING.

20/00305/FULLN – Removal of existing shed and erection of shed/summer house – 2 Privet Cottages, privet Lane, Redenham. NO OBJECTION.

20/00329/FULLN – Single storey rear extension to provide additional living space, and conversion of garage to form two storey annexe – The Dovecot, Biddesden Bottom Road, Redenham. NO OBJECTION.

It was noted that a planning issue regarding a tree at the Walnut Tree Inn was resolved last summer.

FINANCE.

Financial Statement 11th March 2020

Expenditure January and February 2020

Payee	Details	Amount
Richard Waterman	Admin	£250.00
Penton Grafton Parish Council	Flashing Speed Sign maint.	£57.66
		<u>£307.66</u>

Summary of Accounts 2019/2020

Opening Balance 1 st April 2019	£8,559.45
Plus income (April and May)	£6,753.79
(May and June)	0 00
(July and Aug)	0,00
(Oct and Nov)	£6,500.00
	<u>£21,813.24</u>

Less Expenditure

April and May	£2,324.39
May and June	£2,849.06
July and Aug	£1,883.99
Sept and Oct	£ 80.00
Oct/Nov/Dec	=£2,283.93
Jan/Feb	=£ 797.70
March	= £ 307.66
	<u>£10,526.73</u>

£11,286.51

FUNDS AVAILABLE

Allotments	£1,084.09
Parish Council	£10,202.42
	= <u>£11,286.51</u>

PARISH COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIOS

The Parish Council agreed the following:

Play Area – Cllr Mr J Molony

Grounds Maintenance – Cllr Mr T Burden

Finance – Cllr Mr J Molony – (The Clerk is the Responsible Financial Officer).

Planning – Cllr Mr J Holder and Cllr Mr T Seymour

Footpaths – Cllr Mr M Watts and Cllr Mr B Hodgson

Village Maintenance – Cllr Mr T Burden

LENGTHSMAN - The Clerk reported that the Lengthsman had done no work in Appleshaw in the 2019/2020 period as the Parish Council had not signed the contract in April 2019. Appleshaw Parish Council will have the opportunity to join again this April if the funding is available for the scheme from Hampshire County Council.

PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

CLLR MR M WATTS – Raised the following points:

1. Suggested that future Parish Council Meetings are held in the Village Hall. It was agreed that the Parish Council will meet on the second Wednesday in May, July, September and November 2020 and January 2021 in the Village Hall. The Clerk will book the Village Hall and publish the dates.
2. Reporting Potholes – The Clerk stated that everyone can report potholes to Hampshire County Council Highways on the internet or by telephone.
3. There are some loose kerb stones in Greensey that could prove dangerous. The Clerk will report this to Highways.
4. The entrance to the Playing Field is very muddy. Cllr Mr T Burden thought that this could be remedied at a cost of approximately £40. Permission from the Playing Field Trustees will be required.
5. West Park – There are several residents parking on the junction of West Park, blocking the sight lines, contravening the Highway Code. The Clerk urged residents to report this to the Police on the 101-telephone number. Each call is logged and a builds up a case for action.
6. Village Clock – a quote of £3,000 has been received to electrify the clock. This was thought excessive and other options would be explored. Cllr Mr M Watts reported that the problem is the access to the winding mechanism, a vertical ladder with small treads.

CLLR MR J MOLONY – Raised The following points:

1. Cllr Mr J Molony will contact Mrs A Cowlin, the Applashaw web master, to discuss reworking the web site to bring it up to date.
2. Village Litter Pick – The Clerk confirmed that the Village Litter Pick is not covered by the Parish Council Insurance. Since the poisoning issue in Salisbury, insurance for litter picking events has not been available with the Parish Council's insurers.
3. Future Parish Council Agendas will also be posted on the internet' site 'Appleshaw Signpost'
4. The Clerk was asked if Appleshaw Parish Council ran the August Bank Holiday fete. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council did not and there is a separate fete committee.

CLLR MR T SEYMOUR – Reported that there are several road signs in Ragged Appleshaw that need replacing. The Clerk was sure that County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks had this in hand and that he would ask her to confirm.

CLLR MR T BURDEN – Reported that the brickwork on most of the bridges over the ditch are in a bad state and need repairing, many of the bricks having fallen into the ditch.

Cllr Mr T Burden reported that visitors to Rosehill have been driving on The Green and have made the area around the tree muddy. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr and Mrs H McCall.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Mr Bruce Parker briefly explained the complicated ownership of The Green. He would pass on the detailed document to the Chairman.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE MEETINGS FOR THE NEXT YEAR.

13th May 2020

8th July 2020

9th September 2020

11th November 2020

13th January 2021

10th March 2021

All to be held in the Appleshaw Village Hall at 7.30pm