

Minutes of the Appleshaw Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013 in the Appleshaw Village Hall at 8.00pm.

Present : Cllr Mrs J Hopkins - Vice Chairman  
          . Cllr Mrs A Cowlin  
          Cllr Mrs J Weeks  
          . Cllr Mrs L Black  
          . Cllr Mr D Green  
          . Cllr Mr D Bloom-Davis  
          . Cllr Mr J Clement  
          Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk  
          . Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook  
          . Members of the Public - 10

### **WELCOME**

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins welcomed everyone to the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting, called as a result of the resignation by Cllr Mr B Parker - Chairman.

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins wished to thank Mr B Parker for the stewardship of the Parish Council during his time as Chairman. Cllr Mrs J Hopkins stated that she would be standing down as Vice Chairman and handed over to the Parish Clerk to conduct the Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman.

### **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

The Clerk asked for nominations for the position of Chairman. Cllr Mrs J Weeks proposed Cllr Mr D Bloom-Davis as Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Mr J Clement. There were no other nominations. The Clerk asked for a show of hands. All agreed.

Cllr Mr D Bloom-Davis was elected Chairman.

### **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

The Clerk asked for nomination for the position of Vice Chairman. Cllr Mr D Bloom-Davis proposed Cllr Mrs A Cowlin as Vice Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs J Weeks. There were no other nominations. The Clerk asked for a show of hands. All agreed.

Cllr Mrs A Cowlin was elected Vice Chairman.

### **DECLARATION OF OFFICE**

The Chairman and the Vice Chairman signed the Declaration of Office.

### **CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman wished to thank Mr Bruce Parker for doing such a good job as Chairman of Appleshaw Parish Council. A statement would be made by the Chairman at the next Council Meeting. The Chairman stated that he will take over the portfolio for Highways and the allocation of the Allotment portfolio will be discussed at the January meeting.

The Chairman read out the resignation letter of Mr Bruce Parker, former Chairman and Parish Councillor.

Anne, Desmond, Dessie, Lucy, Jean, Jenny and John

Dear All,

The ceremonies on Sunday morning at church and the tree-planting ceremony will be my last as Chairman of the Parish Council as I have, with great regret, decided to stand down from both the Chairmanship of the PC and from the position of Councillor as from Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. I have already informed Richard of my decision which was made after Thursday's meeting of the Parish Council.

I have been very proud to have held the position of Chairman, given it my best efforts, and I wish the Council well in all that it does in the future.

I hope that the improvement in the highways, general appearance of the village and enhancement of its status will in some way be seen as my legacy, however short my tenure. In due course, I may be happy to explain my decision in more detail but in the interests of the village and the personalities involved, this is not the time to do so.

Kind regards.

Bruce

### **CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman stated that when this Parish Council were elected just short of 60%, of the Electorate turned out to vote. The sole purpose of the Council and Councillors was to serve the interests of the Parish as a whole. The furtherance of any hidden agendas was incompatible with this purpose and he hoped that we could move forward without these problems.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.