

## APPLESHAW PARISH COUNCIL

Due to the Current Covid-19 Pandemic, Appleshaw Parish Council has suspended Standing Orders and are not holding Public Meetings. Following Covid-19 rules on social distancing, a closed meeting to catch up was held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at Mulberry Cottage, Redenham 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

### **WELCOME.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **PLANNING.**

20/01254/TREEN – Fell Lime Tree – 4 Copse View, Privet Lane, Redenham.

20/01253/TREEN – Reduce Sycamore by up to 4 metres, reduce 2 cherry trees crowns by up to 1 metre, reduce height of 3 fir trees by up to 1 metre, fell and remove 1 mulberry tree due to overshadowing – Firbeck, Biddesden Bottom Road, Appleshaw.

The Parish Council were happy to agree with the Test Valley Borough Council's tree officer's recommendations and had no further comments.

### **FINANCE**

#### CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION – AGAR 2019/2020

The Parish Council agreed to submit a Certificate of Exemption as the turnover was below £25,000. Proposed by Cllr Mr T Seymour and seconded by Cllr Mr J Holder. All agreed.

Members of the Parish Council considered the internal auditor's report confirming that the accounts have been audited.

#### ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2019/2020

The Annual Accounting Statement 2019/2020 was approved by the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Mr T Seymour and seconded by Cllr Mr J Holder. All agreed. The Chairman and Clerk signed the relevant paperwork.

#### ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2019/20

The Clerk read out the Annual Governance Statement 2019/2012 ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the

preparation of the Accounting Statement. The Annual Governance Statement was approved by the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Mr T Seymour and seconded by Cllr Mr J Holder. All Agreed. The Chairman and the Clerk signed the relevant paperwork.

Financial Statement  
1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**Income**

TVBC	½ Precept	£6,500.00
SSE	Consent	£43.79
		<b><u>£6,743.79</u></b>

**Expenditure**

Richard Waterman	Admin	£1,000.00
TVBC	Dog Bin Emptying	£1,000.00
Mr B Pearce/Mr C Wilkins	Grass Cutting and Maintenance	£1,582.89
HCC	Street Lighting	£ 126.54
C.A. Cook	Mower Repairs	£ 598.41
TH White	New Cutter for Mower	£3,443.40
VAT		£1,039.96
		<b><u>£8,791.20</u></b>

**Summary of Accounts 2020/2021**

Opening Balance 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020	£10,976.47
Plus income (April - July)	£ 6,743.79
	<b><u>£17,720.26</u></b>
Less Expenditure	April – July
	£ 8,791.20
	<b><u>£ 8,929.06</u></b>

**FUNDS AVAILABLE**

Allotments	£1,084.09
Parish Council	£7,844.97
	<b><u>£8,929.06</u></b>

**VILLAGE MAINTENANCE.**

GRASS CUTTING - The Chairman thanked Cllr Mr T Seymour for all his hard work sourcing and organising the new cutting equipment for the mower. Cllr Seymour reported that he is putting together a tool kit for the tractor.

Cllr T Burden reported that the village was looking in good shape and that Chris Wilkins is doing an excellent grass-cutting job. The new mowing cutter was certainly giving a better cut.

Cutting the grass outside Appleshaw Manor was discussed (in the past this has always been done by the owners of The Manor). The Parish Council have been cutting the grass this season to keep it tidy. The Manor is thought soon to come under new ownership and it was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to mow the grass until the opportunity arose to speak to the new owners.

There is a continuing problem in Appleshaw with dog fouling despite the large number of dog bins in the village. An article will be submitted to ARC news. Reinstating the posts around The Green to stop cars parking on the grass was discussed and agreed. The lengthsman will be asked to erect the posts.

**PLAY AREA** - The Parish Council discussed re-opening the play area. The Clerk had done a risk-assessment and organised a cleaning rota that will be undertaken by Chris Wilkins when he cuts the grass. A Covid-19 safety Notice has been prepared to display at the entrance to the play area. It was agreed to re-open the play area on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2020.

**LENGTHSMAN** – The Clerk reported that he has signed up Appleshaw for the 2020/21 Lengthsman Scheme. Cllr Mr T Burden will put together a list of jobs that need undertaking.

### **ALLOTMENTS.**

There have been reports of children entering the allotments through the broken fencing adjacent to the play area in West Park and causing damage. The Clerk will write to Aster informing them that they need to repair the fencing. The situation will be monitored.

### **VILLAGE CLOCK.**

Cllr Mr M Watts reported that installing a space-saver wooden staircase in the barn belonging to the Old Vicarage would solve the access problem for winding the village clock and would also give the homeowner easier access to their storage area. The Parish Council thought this a good solution and would seek a price for the work.

### **HIGHWAYS**

Tractors speeding through the village was discussed at length. The tractors were thought to be operated by the Guinness Estate. Cllr Mr T Burden will speak to the Farm Manager.

Cllr Mr J Holder spoke about an idea of how to slow traffic at the 'triangle'. It was agreed that he would contact Mandy Ware at Hampshire County Council to see if this would be feasible. The Clerk would forward Mandy Ware's office email details to Cllr Holder.

### **OTHER ISSUES:**

1. Complaints about the height of stiles on Mr Simon Prior-Palmer's land: Cllr Mr J Holder will speak to Mr Simon Prior-Palmer.
2. Purchase of a flashing speed sign that records data to aid prosecution of speeding motorists: the Clerk will obtain more information and prices.
3. Village Litter Pick: unfortunately the Parish Council cannot provide insurance for such an event.
4. Village Hall committee: Cllr Mr T Seymour was happy to be the Parish Council representative on the village hall committee.
5. Website: the Chairman has spoken to Anne Cowlin about the website and it has been agreed control of the website will be handed back to the Parish Council.

### **CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Format will depend on Covid-19 rules on Social Distancing.**