

APPLESHAW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Following held on Wednesday 17th March 2021 at 7.30pm. Following the Covid-19 rules on social distancing, this meeting was held via the Zoom App.

Present: Cllr Mr J Molony – Chairman
Cllr Mr J Holder – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr B Hodgson
Cllr Mr T Seymour
Cllr Mr T Burden
Cllr Mr M Watts
County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Members of the Public – Mr and Mrs B Parker.

Apologies: Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY ZOOM MEETING

The minutes of the January Zoom meeting were agreed as a true record.
Proposed by Cllr Mr J Holder and seconded by Cllr Mr T Burden.

MATTERS ARISING

SPEED CAMERA/SIGN: The Clerk reported that the Parish Council would need a licence and siting approval from Hampshire County Council before installing a speed camera. Hampshire Police also have a list of specifications for the positioning and maintenance of speed cameras, largely to comply with regulations for issuing tickets. This would also include regular calibration of the equipment.

HCC had suggested that a true record of speeds through Ragged Appleshaw should be established by the Parish Council before starting the process of purchasing a speed camera. The Clerk had asked HCC if speed/traffic rumble-strips might be set up in the village to obtain data but it was noted that there is a waiting list for the equipment and no time scale has been given.

Cllr Mr T Seymour reported that Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook had contacted him regarding the issue of speed cameras. Cllr Lashbrook thought it unlikely that the Parish Council would gain the required permission from HCC.

VILLAGE CLOCK: The Clerk stated that with the current lockdown rules he has not been able to arrange an appointment with Smith of Derby for a quote to electrify the clock.

Cllr Mr M Watts and Cllr Mr B Hodgson reported that a local craftsman could electrify the clock at a cost of £880. The Parish Council thought this was a reasonable charge. The Chairman will speak again with Mr Cairns, owner of the Old Vicarage, and Cllr Watts will consult with the conservation officer at TVBC.

PLAY AREA: Chris Wilkins is continuing to clean the play equipment in line with government regulations.

BROADBAND: Cllr Mr J Holder gave a brief update on the progress of fibre broadband installation in the village. Redenham is proceeding with its upgrade project. Some Appleshaw residents now have access to FTTP but, at present, there appears to be no universal plan to roll out FTTP to the whole village.

PLANNING.

21/00571/TPON – Silver Birch tree -reduce and shape by 3 metres and remove epicormic shoots; Liquid Amber tree – reduce and shape by 2 metres. *Greenacres, Barncroft*. NO OBJECTION.

21/00426/TREEN – Fell Ash tree. *Rosehill, Biddesden Bottom Road*. NO OBJECTION.

21/00727/FULLN and 21/00728/LBWN – Internal alterations, construction of two supporting buttresses and covered walkway. *Pear Tree Cottage, Biddesden Bottom Road*. NO OBJECTION.

21/00705/FULLN – Erection of single storey rear extension to form boot room, installation of 2 air source heat pumps, fenestration and layout changes, demolition of chimney. *Lambournes Hill House, Biddesden Bottom Road, Redenham*. NO OBJECTION.

FINANCE.

1st April 2020 – 17th March 2021

Expenditure

Richard Waterman	Admin Feb and March	£ 500.00
Mr C Wilkins	Grounds Maintenance	£ 162.03
Penton Grafton Parish Council	Flashing Sign Maintenance 20/21	£ 256.85
Penton Grafton Parish Council	Hire of Fairground Office	£ 55.00
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	£ 78.79
Hampshire County Council	Street Lighting	£ 143.40
		<u>£1,119.07</u>

Summary of Accounts 2020/2021

Opening Balance 1 st April 2020	£10,976.47
Plus income (April - July)	£ 6,743.79
income (Oct – Nov)	£6,500.00
	<u>£24,220.26</u>

Less Expenditure

April – July	£ 8,791.20
Aug – Sept	£ 2,063.61
Oct – Nov	£ 3,547.07

The new charity will include representatives from the Village Hall, Playing Field and the village.

Cllr Mr M Watts commented on the proposed work to the access track to Rosehill and Appleshaw Cottage. He felt that the Parish Council should not be contributing to the cost of repair and the repair of the access road should be down to the adjacent householders. This was noted.

The Clerk was asked to confirm the ownership of the various parts of the The Green and distribute to the Parish Councillors for reference.

CLLR MR B HODGSON reported that some time ago it had been agreed to site another rubbish bin at the entrance to the Village Hall car park. The Clerk apologised that he had not ordered one and would do so.

CLLR MR T BURDEN asked if the meeting minutes could be posted on the Village Signpost website on Facebook. The Parish Council thought this a good idea. Cllr Burden will forward the minutes to the Village Signpost when he receives them.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr Bruce Parker suggested that a further area of wildflowers might look attractive in the area where the walnut tree had been blown down, at least until it was replaced. This was noted. It had been suggested to Mr Parker that the carpenter at the Fairground Craft Centre might like to make use of the remaining walnut stump when it was removed.

Mr Parker requested that a skip is ordered for the allotments. The Clerk reported that this is in hand.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Wednesday 12th May 2021 via the Zoom App.