

**Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 18th January 2018
in the Appleshaw Village Hall, Appleshaw at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllr Mrs A Cowlin – Chairman
Cllr Mr J Clement – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mrs J Hopkins
Cllr Mr D Green
Cllr Mr S Caddy
Cllr Dr G Legg
Cllr Mr S Bloyce
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks
Members of the Public – 6

Apologies: Borough Councillor Mrs P Mutton and Mr Clive Buckenham.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs A Cowlin, ARC, Flower Show, Appleshaw Web Site and WI; Cllr Mrs J Hopkins, Village Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

The Chairman introduced Dr Graham Legg, Mr Sean Caddy and Mr Simon Bloyce who have expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council. Mr Clive Buckenham has also expressed an interest but unfortunately could not attend the meeting due to illness.

Dr G Legg, Mr S Caddy and Mr S Bloyce each gave a brief presentation. Cllr Mr D Green proposed that Dr G Legg, Mr C Caddy and Mr S Bloyce be co-opted on to the Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr Mrs J Hopkins. All agreed.

Dr G Legg, Mr S Caddy and Mr S Bloyce signed the Declaration of Office and were given the Declaration of Interest to fill in. The Chairman welcomed them on to the Parish Council.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman then signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Mr J Clement and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Hopkins.

Matters arising:

FOOTPATHS – Cllr J Hopkins

reported that the footpath through the field opposite Barncroft has still not been reinstated. Andy Atkins from Hampshire Rights of Way is still pursuing the landowner.

FLAG POLE – Cllr Dr G Legg suggested siting the flag pole on the Village Hall. Cllr J Hopkins will suggest this to the Village Hall Management Committee.

HIGHWAYS – Cllr J Clement reported that despite several emails and messages left on the telephone Mandy Ware has still not contacted him. Cllr J Clement asked Cllr Mrs Z Brooks to please investigate why a Hampshire County Council employee is not responding to enquiries made from a Parish Councillor. Cllr Mrs Z Brooks asked Cllr J Clement to put this in an email to her.

PLANNING

17/02957/FULLN – Erection of 2 No. linked agricultural buildings for free range egg production, with associated hardstanding, access road and highway access – Land East of Andover Road, Redenham, Andover, Hants.

The Chairman pointed out that the location of this revised planning application is in Kimpton Parish and that the Appleshaw Parish Council cannot make formal comment. It was noted that there are still concerns from some Redenham residents concerning their water supply and objections from some Faberstown residents who are in Wiltshire.

18/00094/FULLN – Alterations and extension to studio, erection of porch and entrance ramp, addition of flue – Bridge Lodge, Dauntsey Bridge, Weyhill. NO OBJECTION.

JOBS FOR THE LENGTHSMAN

The Chairman asked the Councillors to forward their suggestions for jobs to be undertaken by the Lengthsman, so they can be submitted, as he is due to start in Appleshaw the following week.

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The Parish Council have consulted with Penton Grafton Parish Council, and with their agreement, are to submit a proposal to alter the Parish Boundary to move the following properties and gardens from Penton Grafton Parish to Appleshaw Parish:

1-6 The Old Court Yard
Petann
Wood View
Harrow Farmhouse
Back garden of Trevelyan

The Chairman thanked Cllr J Hopkins for the work she has put into preparing the draft document. The Chairman will liaise with Cllr J Hopkins before the document is submitted to Test Valley Borough Council.

SOCIAL HOUSING

This item was included on the Agenda at the request of Cllr J Hopkins. The subject of a 3-bedroom house in West Park, Appleshaw that has been put on the open market by Aster Housing Association was raised. This property had been allocated to a resident of Pippins Grove, whose two-bedroom property had been allocated to another Appleshaw resident. The property was then withdrawn and put on the open market by Aster. The planned move by both parties concerned was cancelled.

The Chairman stated that housing is under the control of Test Valley Borough Council and it is not for Parish Councils to be involved. However, she regretted that Aster had taken this action especially when there is a Housing need in Appleshaw (refer to the Village Design Statement). Appleshaw only has 16 Social Houses.

It was agreed that the Chairman would write to Aster and our Borough Councillors to record the Parish Councils concern that the parish's social housing should not be sold in the future while there is a need for it.

FINANCE

Financial Statement 11th January 2018

Expenditure December 2017 and January 2018

Richard Waterman	Wages – December	£180.00
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Mr C Wilkins	Grass Cutting	£345.39
		<u>£705.39</u>

Summary of Accounts 2017/2018

Opening Balance 1st April 2017	=	£ 9,522.61
Plus Income – April and May		4,791.41
June and July		20.00
August and September		140.00
October and November		<u>4,770.00</u>
	=	£19,244.02

Less Expenditure		
April and May		1,868.73
June and July		560.00
August and September		2,914.71
October and November		2,914.05
December and January		<u>705.39</u>
	=	£8,962.88
	=	£10,281.14

FUNDS AVAILABLE		
Allotments	=	£ 1,194.09
Parish Council	=	<u>£ 9,087.05</u>
	=	£10,281.14

2018/2019 PRECEPT

The Clerk produced a balance sheet showing the Estimated Results for the year 2017/2018 and the budget for the year 2018/2019. Each item was explained. The Clerk answered questions on the budget. The Parish Council agreed not to increase the precept and keep it at the current level of £9,500. The Appleshaw Parish Council Precept was set at £9,500 for the 2018/2019 Financial Year. Proposed by Cllr D Green and Seconded by Cllr A Cowlin. All agreed.

VILLAGE HALL

Cllr J Hopkins reported that additional lighting is to be added to the main hall to complete the new lighting scheme. Protection is to be added to the railing to stop children falling off the balcony, a recent trial run was an eye-sore but needed to be undertaken to see if it did the job.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS Z BROOKS

Cllr Mrs Z Brooks reported that every County Council meeting she attends the main subject is how to save money. There are proposed staff cuts in the Libraries. The County Council are proposing to increase the Council Tax by 5.99% (3% of this is for Social Care).

PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

CLLR MR D GREEN – Reported that there is a lot of standing water at the bottom of White House Hill after rainfall, he thought this was due to blocked gullies. This will be added to the Lengthsman List.

CLLR MR J CLEMENT – Reported that there is a problem with speeding along Biddesden Bottom Road through Redenham. Cllr J Clement also commented on the increased volume of cars regularly parked on the road through Appleshaw and the problems experienced on a Sunday with the Church car parking. The Police will be asked to carry out a speed check and the Chairman will speak to the PCC.

CLLR MRS J HOPKINS – Reported that the stile on Redenham footpath No 712 has been repaired. New tenants in one of the West Park Properties fronting the road are parking their vehicle and blocking the footpath. This was noted, and it was suggested that a quiet word is had with the resident.

Cllr J Hopkins asked the Chairman if there was any news on the Superfast Broadband? The Chairman stated that she is waiting for an answer from Hampshire County Council but believed that it will be in the village some time in 2018.

CLLR MRS A COWLIN – Reported that work will need to be undertaken on the Weeping Beech outside the Church on the Village Green. The TVBC Tree Officer will be contacted for advice.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The subject of blocked culverts from the Walnut Tree through the village were raised, a replacement 30MPH sign is needed on the approach to Appleshaw from Redenham, and a blocked drain at the bottom of Tilley Down was reported. The Blocked drain and replacement sign will be reported to Highways and the blocked culverts added to the Lengthsman List.

It was reported that there are rabbits in the Cemetery and they are damaging some of the graves. The Chairman will report this to the PCC.

ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that the vacant allotments have been cleared, rotovated and sheeted ready for new tenants. One of the allotments has been allocated so there is now one vacancy.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

1st March 2018 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm