

Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015 in the Appleshaw Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present : Cllr Mr B Parker – Chairman  
Cllr Mrs A Cowlin – Vice Chairman  
Cllr Mrs J Hopkins  
Cllr Mrs R Bass  
Cllr Mr J Clements  
Cllr Mr D Green  
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk  
Borough Councillors Mrs P Mutton and Mr P Lashbrook  
Andrew Pilley – TVBC  
Emma Silverton - TVBC  
County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks  
Members of the Public – Rev Ian Tomlinson, Mrs S Parker,  
Mrs J Weeks and Mr S Caddy.

### **PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.**

The Chairman introduced Mrs Ros Bass who had expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council and who gave a brief resumé of her association with the village.

The Chairman proposed that Mrs Bass be co-opted onto the Parish Council, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Cowlin, agreed unanimously. Mrs Bass signed the Declaration of Office. The Chairman welcomed Mrs Bass onto the Parish Council.

### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins – Trustee of the Village Hall  
Cllr Mrs A Cowlin – ARC, Flower Show and the WI  
Cllr Mrs R Bass – Flower Show and Appleshaw School.

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins asked that her letter to the Parish Clerk, of May 13<sup>th</sup> 2015 and read out at the May Meeting by the Clerk, be included in the minutes. This was agreed. Cllr Mrs J Hopkins also requested that the following statement be removed from the minutes –

“Cllr Hopkins, however, was adamant that no report of information relating to the village hall need be given to the Parish Council’. The Chairman and vice-Chairman were of the opinion this was a true record of what was said. The Chairman proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record, seconded by Cllr Mr J Clements. Agreed with one abstention.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT – The Appleshaw Village Design Statement will be shown as adopted in the final draft of the Revised Borough Plan.

### **PLANNING**

15/01070/LBWN – James 1<sup>st</sup> Cottage, Ragged Appleshaw – NO OBJECTION.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Mr R Caddy provides regular NHW up-dates via email. Residents are urged to report any suspicious behaviour on telephone number 101 and emergencies to 999.

## **FINANCE EXPENDITURE – June, July 2015**

Richard Waterman	Wages - June	£160.00
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Richard Waterman	Wages adjustment	£ 40.00
Mr P Reynolds	Audit of Accounts	£195.00
R.N. Waterman	Share of new Computer	£ 50.00
Mr B Pearce	Grass Cutting Redenham	£ 80.00
TVBC	Election Expenses	£ 24.10
Playsafety Limited	Play Ground Inspection	£ 92.40
D A Cook	Mower Repairs	£552.48
		<b>£1,353.98</b>

**INCOME** - VAT Refund £347.92

**BANK BALANCE** – After above movements have been deducted and added  
£8,108.18

### **BANK ACCOUNTS**

Allotments Account	= £ 514.09
Current Account	= £8,108.18
	= <u>£8,622.27</u>

## **VILLAGE HALL REPORT**

The Revd Ian Tomlinson gave a brief outline of the hall's 20 year history. The Hall is well used by the community. Future projects include improving the heating, decorating, improving the kitchen space and a maintenance programme. Mr Tomlinson wished to thank Eric and Mary Carr for the years of service to the village hall. With Mary sadly missed, Eric has taken over her role for bookings.

The Chairman pointed out that the Parish Council had been told in no uncertain terms at its last meeting that the affairs of the hall were "none of the Parish Council's business". In the past, the Parish Council had gladly lent its support to grant applications from TVBC and HCC. With the best will in the world, if the Parish Council were refused access to details of financing relating to grant applications, it would be improper, even illegal, for the PC to support such applications.

The Chairman suggested, therefore, that the PC withdraw and withhold their support, for the moment, until there was full disclosure of the relevant documents. The Council agreed this.

## **VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS**

FETE –Planning for the 2015 Fete was well advanced. Many of the old favourite attractions will be present on the day as well as new ones.

The next issue of ARC will contain a Fete and Flower Show Supplement, raffle tickets, a full time-table and hall opening times for donations of books, bric-a-brac and bottles etc.

Volunteers for the fete committee are needed and for the 'set up' and 'break down' teams on the day. Please contact Steve Amey on 01264 772223 or [steve.amey@gmail.com](mailto:steve.amey@gmail.com)

Cllr Mr J Clements reported that the committee have agreed that, if the fete is successful this year, they will make a donation towards the purchase of a village defibrillator. The PC considered this excellent news.

FLOWER SHOW – The plant sale had been a huge success this year and flower show preparations were 'blooming'.

ARC – Cllr Mrs A Cowlin reported that ARC had had a successful year and produced nine issues. The Christmas will in future only be delivered to subscribers.

W.I. – Cllr Mrs A Cowlin reported that the Appleshaw W.I. is ticking along and new members are always welcome.

CHURCH/SCHOOL – The Revd Ian Tomlinson reported that the church works closely with the school and there was a recent visit to Winchester Cathedral. The school is thriving under its head teacher. The PCC have a new committee and plans to provide a lavatory and small kitchen area are going ahead. Thanks to the Parish Council, the church grounds and cemetery are looking excellent.

ALLOTMENTS – The allotments are all allocated and invoices have been sent to holders.

PLAYING FIELD – Mrs J Weeks reported that the fence has been broken and the matter is being dealt with. The Trustees wished to thank the Parish Council for their continued support.

### **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Mr P Lashbrook thanked the Parish Council for doing such a good job looking after the village's interests. A recent Flood Resilience meeting was a great success. Appleshaw was represented by Cllr Mrs A Cowlin and Cllr Mrs J Hopkins. Cllr Mrs P Mutton reported difficulty with TVBC emails and apologised if she had not responded to any sent.

### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS Z BROOKS**

Cllr Mrs Z Brooks reported that Kit Malthouse, MP, has organised a Broadband Workshop on July 24 at St Mary Bourne. Anyone wishing to attend should email [kit.malthouse.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:kit.malthouse.mp@parliament.uk).

Cllr Mr D Green asked why HCC 'Culture All' passport had stopped. Cllr Brooks said she would look into the matter.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins raised the issue of parking near the school - parents were parking past the corner into Ragged Appleshaw. Randall Parker had allowed parents to use their car park at pick-up times and parents need reminding. The Chairman will write to the headmaster.

Cllr Mrs Hopkins reported that the dog bins in the village were unemptied and overflowing. The Clerk was asked to contact TVBC.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015 in the Appleshaw Village Hall at 7.30pm