

Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2012 in the Appleshaw Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mr B Parker - Chairman  
Cllr Mrs J Hopkins - Vice Chairman  
Cllr Mrs J Weeks  
Cllr Mrs A Cowlin  
Cllr Mrs L Black  
Cllr Mr D Green  
Cllr Mr J Clements  
Cllr Mr D Bloom-Davis  
Mr P Jackson - Head of Planning TVBC  
Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook  
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk  
Members of the Public - 24

Apologies: County Councillor Mrs P West.

**WELCOME.** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**MR PAUL JACKSON - Head of Planning, Test Valley Borough Council.**

The Chairman introduced Mr Paul Jackson who had come to talk about Planning and the Localism Bill.

Mr Paul Jackson spoke in detail about Planning, the Localism Bill and the huge changes in planning with the new National Policy Framework. Points covered included:

1. The Localism Bill.
2. Basic Principles: Planning at neighbourhood level
3. National Policy Framework
  - Role of applicants and Parish Councils - receiving plans and their response
  - Village envelopes and development in the countryside.
  - Local policy
  - Village Design Statement - Working within Limits
4. The Test Valley Core Strategy document, recent consultation and the next stage. The document will now need to be modified to conform with the new National Policy framework.

Mr Jackson did not think there would be any radical change to the current planning system. Test Valley Borough Council's policy has been to protect the rural area from development, making it much more sense to keep development close to the town as the infrastructure is already in place.

Mr Jackson answered questions from the Parish Council and members of the public on various issues of Planning Policy. Issues raised included - retrospective planning applications, conservation areas, settlements, village facilities and the possibility of expanding the retail shop at Randall Parker Foods to offer more goods and a Post Office.

Mrs P Wood asked if a Village Design Statement was a valid document that carried any weight when considering a planning application. Mr Jackson said that, in the past, a VDS was taken into consideration but it would not necessarily stop a development - the purpose of a VDS is to support the design characteristics of the village and to help achieve good development.

Mr Jackson suggested that Mrs Wood contacted Graham Smith on the Policy Team at TVBC as he would be able to offer advice and support. Mrs Wood thanked Mr Jackson.

Mr Jackson said he would be willing to return to Appleshaw to host a public meeting to discuss planning in more detail. The Parish Council and the public thought this a good idea.

The Chairman thanked Mr Jackson for his interesting presentation.

### **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

Cllr Mrs J Weeks declared an interest in the Playing Field as she is a Trustee.

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins declared an interest in the Village Hall and ARC.

Cllr Mr D Green declared an interest in Randall Parker Foods.

### **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN.**

**Chairman** - The Clerk asked for nominations for Chairman. Cllr Mrs J Hopkins proposed Cllr Mr B Parker; this was seconded by Cllr Mr D Bloom-Davis. All agreed and Cllr Mr B Parker was elected Chairman.

**Vice Chairman** - The Chairman asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Cllr Mr D Green proposed Cllr Mrs J Hopkins, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Cowlin. All agreed and Cllr Mrs J Hopkins was elected Vice Chairman.

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

The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Matters arising from those minutes:-

**HIGHWAYS** - The Chairman reported that he had spoken to Dave Irving, Head of Highways at HCC, about the state of the village roads. Mr Irving had apologised about the length of time it was taking to sort out the manhole-cover surrounds. An application had been submitted for a road closure to enable the work be carried out.

The kerb along the ditch in front of Hill House will have to be repaired as a special project and will not come out of the Highways general budget. It has been proposed that wooden dragons' teeth are put around the Redenham Green to help stop the erosion.

Cllr Mr J Clements reported that he had spoken to the local coach operator and they have asked their drivers not to turn around at the Redenham Green. It was pointed out, however, that the drivers are still turning around at the Green. Cllr Mr J Clements will speak again to the owners.

Ditch-clearing was discussed. Hampshire Highways are writing to relevant landowners regarding their responsibilities. The Parish Council agreed to continue with its one-off project to clear the ditch and Chris Wilkins will be asked to continue through Redenham.

**ALLOTMENTS** - Cllr Mrs L Black reported that there are now 3 people on the waiting list (2 New). The Water Butts are on order.

**THE QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS** - Cllr Mr J Clements reported that The Walnut Tree Inn had been approached to provide a bar at the event but had declined. The event has been advertised in ARC and flyers distributed to every house in the parish. Cllr Mrs J Weeks suggested that the Jubilee Committee consider parking arrangements on the day. Cllr Mr Clements will pass this on to the committee.

The Clerk reported that he has put in an application for £250 to Cllr Mrs P West from her devolved budget for the event. One intention is to provide a commemorative object for parish children.

## **PLANNING**

### VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

Mrs Pat Wood reported that the Village Design Team have nearly completed a draft questionnaire. This will be delivered to every house; will be printed in ARC and available on the village web sites. The questionnaire will be published in May with a five- week return. It would be considered during the summer with a public meeting proposed for September.

### RECENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS UP-DATE.

1 Appleshaw Dene - Approved

Solar Panels Village Hall - Approved

Lavender Cottage - Approved

Dauntsey Drove - Amended application for 21 Houses - PC keeping an eye on access.

Andover Lane Farm, Kimpton - PC asked to comment - No Objections

### NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

12/00730/FULLN - Erection of replacement dwelling, detached double garage and septic Tank - Elm Bungalow, Biddesden Bottom Road, Redenham.

The Parish Council has NO OBJECTIONS to this planning application.

12/00749/FULLN - Infill section of boundary wall (retrospective) - Vine Cottage, Appleshaw

A lengthy discussion included submissions from Mr M Saunders (the Applicant) and Mr Saunders' Architect and from Mr L Britton and Cllr Mrs J Hopkins. The Parish Council voted, *nem con*, to OBJECT to the application.

NOTE. The Parish Council's detailed objection to this planning application can be viewed on the Test Valley Borough Council Web Site.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Parish Clerk had distributed a copy of the Parish Council Accounts for the Year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012. The end-of-year accounts have been checked by Cllr Mrs A Cowlin and the Internal Auditor Mr Paul Reynolds. Mr Reynolds has signed off the accounts ready to go to District Audit.

The Clerk then reported on the current financial position and the cheques for signature:-

Queen's Diamond Jubilee	£2
50.00	
TVBC – Dog Bin Emptying	£7
2.29	
TVBC – Election Expenses	£1
200.94	

Mr D Cook – Repair of Tractor	£5
55.48	
R.N. Waterman – Expenses	£6
3.70	
Mr B Downey – Clock Winding	£4
0.00	
Mr B Pearce – Grass Cutting Redenham Green	£4
0.00	

#### INCOME.

½ 2012/2013 Precept £4,500.00

SEB Wayleave £32.69

#### BANK BALANCE

After above expenditure, £5368.82

#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Mr R Caddy sent his apologies as he had intended to attend the meeting. The Chairman wished to thank Mr R Caddy for his regular NHW Reports. A member of the Public stated that he had offered his services to Neighbourhood Watch but after the initial contact had not heard anything. The Chairman would alert Mr Caddy.

#### **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

CLLR MRS L BLACK - Reported that there has been some damage caused to the Climbing Frame in the Play Area. The repairs will cost £680. The Clerk has reported the damage to the Police and has a crime number for the insurance claim. Cllr Mrs L Black stated that a temporary repair is being looked into so the equipment can still be used.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Mr T Burden reported that when Southern Electricity carried out work on the pole opposite Vine Cottage, they dumped their rubbish on the triangle. When it was eventually removed and reseeded, he had nurtured the triangle back to a good condition. Thanks to inappropriate parking, he reported that the triangle is now being churned up by delivery lorries trying to avoid the parked vehicles.

Residents living in this area are also concerned that emergency services might also be unable to get past these parked vehicles. Mr T Burden suggested that either the vehicles are moved, dragon's teeth put around the triangle or the trees cut back. This was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would consider an appropriate solution to the problem.

Cars speeding through Greensey on their way to the Village Hall was raised together with speeding through Ragged Appleshaw. The Chairman suggested that a meeting be organised with PC Roger Kitson to look at the speeding black-spots in the village.

The Clerk was asked when the speed-reminder sign was due in the parish after a seemingly lengthy absence. The Clerk reported that the sign should be installed in the village every nine weeks and then remain in place for three weeks. The Clerk will check the rota with TVBC.

The Rev Canon Ian Tomlinson reminded all present that there was an Official Jubilee Service on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, at which all were very welcome.

**CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

5<sup>th</sup> July 2012 - AGM in the Appleshaw Village Hall at 7.30pm