

**Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 3rd May 2018
in the Appleshaw Village Hall, Appleshaw at 7.15pm.**

Present: Cllr Mrs A Cowlin – Chairman
Cllr Mr S Caddy – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mrs J Hopkins
Cllr Mr D Green
Cllr Dr G Legg
Cllr Mr S Bloyce
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks
Borough Councillor Mrs P Mutton
Members of the Public – 5

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 reported that unfortunately Mr Clive Buckenham has decided not to join the Parish Council. Therefore the Parish Council has two vacancies.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the January and March meetings as true records.

Matters arising from the March meeting:

LENGTHSMAN – The Clerk reported that Hampshire County Council have transferred the funds for the Lengthsman Scheme into the Lead Parish's bank and work will soon resume. The Clerk has submitted the work request to continue clearing the gullies through Redenham. The outstanding work will be completed soon, this includes repairing the bridges through Appleshaw, over the ditch.

Cllr Mr D Green reported that there is still a large amount of water puddling after rainfall on the righthand side of the road to the white house opposite the track to Ramridge. This will be added to the list of jobs for the Lengthsman.

The Clerk reported that the soil left on the bank when the pipes were cleared will be removed by Mr C Wilkins and used to fill in some of the old sunken graves in the Cemetery.

MOWER SHED – The Clerk reported that the security of the mowers has been up-graded. The replacement of the garage will need to be looked at. Penton Grafton Cottage Charity have confirmed that they are removing the two garages at Weyhill Bottom and have offered either of the garages to Appleshaw Parish Council free of charge. Dismantling and erection would be down to APC. It was noted that the roofs are asbestos, Penton Grafton Cottage Charity have already organised for the roofs to be professionally removed and disposed of.

Cllr Dr G Legg stated that he did not think that this was a good idea and the garage may not be needed. The Clerk reported that the offer is on the table, if APC do not wish to take it up it is not a problem.

PLANNING.

18/00610/FULLN – Lavender Cottage, Biddesden Bottom Road, Appleshaw. Upgrade and extension of existing roof to include re-cladding with tiles and loft conversion, enlarge and re-clad existing dormer windows. PERMISSION.

18/00794/FULLN – Mulberry Cottage Redenham Drove Redenham. Single storey side extension to provide utility/boot room. NO OBJECTION

Cllr Dr G Legg reported that there is a problem with gravel being washed on to the road from the Harrow Farm Development. The drive way does not comply with the Planning Permission which stated that a non-migratory material must be used. TVBC Planning will be contacted on this issue.

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The Clerk reported that the proposal to move properties and gardens from Penton Grafton to Appleshaw Parish has formally been approved by the Review Panel.

PLAY AREA

The Clerk reported that as far as he knew the Play Equipment Company have not yet visited the site to look at the roundabout.

LITTER

The recent Village Litter Pick-up was a great success. The Chairman wished to thank everyone who assisted. Cllr Mrs J Hopkins reported that there were several incidents of Fly-Tipping and these have been reported to the TVBC Environmental Health Officer.

FINANCE – Financial Statement 3rd May 2018

Expenditure March 2018 and included in the accounts ending 31/3/2018.

Addis Locksmiths	Securing Mowers	£406.00
Mr C Wilkins	Grass Cutting	£44.28
		<u>£450.28</u>

Expenditure April and May 2018

Richard Waterman	Wages – April	£180.00
Richard Waterman	Wages – May	£180.00
Mr B Pearce	Grass Cutting	£40.00
TVBC	Dog Bin Emptying	£319.68
		<u>£719.68</u>

INCOME

Allotments	£10.00
SEB Consent	£42.22
½ Precept	£4,750.00
	<u>£4,802.22</u>

Summary of Accounts 2018/2019

Opening Balance 1st April 2018	= £ 8,236.50
Plus Income – April and May	£ 4,802.22
	= <u>£13,038.72</u>

Less Expenditure. April and May	£719.68
	= <u>£719.68</u>
	= <u>£12,319.04</u>

FUNDS AVAILABLE

Allotments	= £674.09
Parish Council	= £11,644.95
	= <u>£12,319.04</u>

NOTE:

VAT Reclaim submitted on 1/3/2018 for £538.82 has not yet been received.

ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that the recent expenditure of £540 on the allotments was for the clearing of two of the Allotments and re-shaping and cutting the pathway. The two allotments were cleared of the weeds and brambles, weed killed, rotavated and covered in black plastic. The cost included the hiring of a rotavator.

BENCHES

The Chairman reported that the benches to commemorate Jean Weeks and Ian Tomlinson will be delivered on the 11th May. The wording for the plaques need to be agreed and the where the benches are to be sited confirmed.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS Z BROOKS

County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks reported that the work has begun to sort out the flooding under the bridge at Fyfield. The planned work will cost £10,000 and involves major engineering work to clear the silt from the pipes and gullies. The Goodman Planning Application for plot 5, Andover Airfield has gone to appeal against TVBC's decision to refuse.

Hampshire Highways have repaired 350 potholes on the Hampshire Roads since the 1st March 2018. The Government are to tackle drivers that park on pavements. Cllr Mrs Z Brooks is pushing for contractors to remove road signs once work has been completed. Cllr Mrs Z Brooks thanked the Parish Council for their support over the year.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS P MUTTON

Cllr Mrs P Mutton reported that the Egg Plant at Redenham has got permission. Cllr Mrs P Mutton stated that she has not put forward to be a Borough Councillor in the next elections for personal reasons not because she is ill.

FOOTPATHS

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins had nothing to report on the Appleshaw Footpaths. The problem with the footpath on Mr North's land has not been resolved and Appleshaw will have to live with the issue.

PLAY AREA

It was noted that Mr Eric Car has retired and that he has been emptying the bins in the Play Area. The Clerk suggested that he asked Mr C Wilkins if he would take on the job when he cuts the grass in the Play Area.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr Bruce Parker stated that he was sorry to hear that the Clerk has decided to resign. The Parish of Appleshaw owes Richard a dept of gratitude for the 18 years he has been Clerk. His loyalty, willingness to help and his contacts have been invaluable to the running of the Parish Council over the years. Mr Bruce Parker wished to personally thank Richard and hoped this would be recorded in the minutes.

Mr Bruce Parker asked why there are three separate meetings this evening? He felt it was unnecessary and that the Parish Assembly is not needed, it is not a legal requirement and, in the past, has been incorporated into the Parish Council AGM.

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins stated that it states in the Councillors' book that a separate Parish Assembly must be held and it must not be part of the Parish Council meeting. The Chairman confirmed this.

Mr Bruce Parker asked why the Parish Council concentrate on getting the playing field cut before other parts of the village. The Village Green grass is very long and looks very untidy. The Chairman noted this and stated that the Parish Council will review their rota and will speak to Chris, the Grass Cutter.

The Clerk reported that unfortunately the small mower is with Mr Cook being repaired as the drive belt has broken. The Clerk reported that spare parts for the mower are now hard to come by, the parts being used do not fit exactly and tend not to last as long, the Clerk suggested that the Parish Council should start to think about replacing the mower.

Speeding through the village was raised, especially through Ragged Appleshaw. This was discussed and the Police will be asked to carry out another speed check.

The 30 MPH sign that has recently been reinstated near Barncroft is not visible due to overgrown vegetation. The Clerk will add this to the Lengthsman list. It was also noted that the give way markings at the triangle need re-painting.

ANY OTHER BUSSINESS

DATA PROTECTION – The Clerk reported that he is putting together a Data Protection Policy for the Parish Council.

SOCIAL HOUSING – The Chairman gave each councillor a copy of the letter she sent to Mr Bjorn Howard, the Chief Executive Office of Aster Housing, regarding the sale of the Social Housing property in Appleshaw.

GROUP EMAIL – The Chairman will set up a group email for the Parish Councillors.

BANKING – The Clerk was asked to organise for new signatories to be added to the Bank Account.

Cllr Mr S Caddy wished to reiterate that he was very disappointed that the Clerk has decided to resign.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

5th July 2018 the Village Hall at 7.30pm.