

Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2012 in the Appleshaw Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present :            Cllr Mr B Parker - Chairman  
                 Cllr Mrs J Hopkins - Vice Chairman  
                 Cllr Mrs L Black  
                 Cllr Mrs A Cowlin  
                 Cllr Mrs J Weeks  
                 Cllr Mr D Bloom-Davis  
                 Cllr Mr D Green  
                 Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk  
                 Members of the Public - 6

Apologies : Cllr Mr J Clements, County Councillor Mrs P West and Borough Councillors Mr P Lashbrook and Mrs E Charnley.

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

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

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

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

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

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

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

HIGHWAYS - Work has started on repairing areas of the road up to the White House junction but it was noted that there is a large hole in the road close to the area they are working on. The Chairman will contact Highways to ask that this is attended to as a matter of urgency while they are in the area. A notice for the road closure has been posted and although it is not known exactly when re-surfacing work will begin a date before March has been promised.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman attended an open day held by Hampshire Highways at Micheldever. A presentation was given by Amey who were bombarded with questions from those present about the state of the roads and the repairs needed: a tour of the gritting facility followed. The Chairman stated that the event was very productive and useful contact details were exchanged. One of the issues that came from the meeting was the lack of information on when repairs are to be done once they have been reported. This will be addressed and information passed to the Parish Clerks.

It was noted that part of Biddesden Bottom Road in Redenham does not come up as being under Hampshire County Council control on the Highways Repairs Reporting Web Site.

ALLOTMENTS - Cllr Mrs L Black reported that the allotment agreements have been up-dated in line with Allotment Society guidelines. Cllr Mr D Bloom-Davis suggested that "Allotment Holders use reasonable skill and care" be added to agreement. The Parish Council agreed.

Agreements and invoices for the 2012 rents are to be issued and a receipt book will be held for the allotment rents. There are two people on the waiting list.

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS - Cllr Mrs L Black reported that the date for the Appleshaw Jubilee celebrations has been switched to the holiday weekend. A village picnic has been proposed, residents will bring their own food and drink and Barbecue cooking facilities will be provided. The next committee meeting is on the 18<sup>th</sup> January. More detail will be reported at the March meeting and an article will be submitted to ARC.

DITCH CLEARING - The Clerk reported that the planned ditch clearing has been put on hold as Mr Chris Wilkins damaged the Brush Cutter on a large piece of metal which had been thrown in the ditch and is waiting for a replacement part. Work will resume once the part has been replaced. Cllr Mrs J Hopkins reported that the Environment Agency have cleared the ditch from the White House Road down to Rambridge Lane.

CHILDREN PLAYING SIGNS - The Clerk has had two Children Playing Signs made for the entrance to the Playing Field to warn drivers. This was discussed and they will be erected on a post inside the Playing Field once permission has been granted from the Playing Field Trustees.

RED TELEPHONE BOX - The Clerk reported that he has posted the minutes in both telephone boxes. Shelves have now been installed in the Appleshaw Telephone Box and some books have been placed inside. The Clerk will contact Mrs A Burden about the village map she said she would supply for the telephone box.

#### **PLANNING.**

11/02779/TREEN - Fell I Cherry - Ivy Cottage, Biddesden Bottom Road, Redenham. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this Planning Application.

11/02793/FULLN - Installation of Solar panels on south facing roof - Village Hall, Greensey, Ragged Appleshaw.

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins declared an interest in this Planning Application. The Parish Clerk had only received this Planning Application on the day of the meeting. The Parish Council will pass the plans around before making comment.

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins reported on past Planning Applications.

Bridge Cottage - Passed

James the 1<sup>st</sup> Cottage - Passed

Vine Cottage - Outstanding

1 Appleshaw Deane - Outstanding

Mulberry Cottage - Redenham - Outstanding

Ecosse Hospital Products Site, Dauntsey Drove. The Planners have questioned the change of use for the site - No further news.

#### **BOROUGH STRATEGIC PLAN.**

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins reported that the Parish Council have received a copy of the Borough Strategic Plan and after reading it she has noted down her comments. The Borough Plan will be passed round the Parish Councillors for them to add their comments.

#### **VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT.**

The Parish Council discussed forming a Village Design Committee. Mrs P Wood had expressed an interest in being involved and will be approached to see if she is still willing. Cllr Mrs A Cowlin, Cllr Mr D Bloom-Davis and Cllr Mrs J Hopkins offered to sit on the committee.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Payments and Cheques issued in December 2011 and January 2012

R.N. Waterman	Wages – December	£139.00
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Utopia Designs	Play Area Signs	£48.00
H.C.C.	Street Lighting	£254.98
TVBC	Flashing Speed Sign Posts	£532.30
Chris Wilkins	Grass Cutting	£267.96

## **2012/2013 PRECEPT**

Cllr Mrs A Cowlin reported that she had met with the Clerk to go over the financial position prior to the meeting. The Clerk produced a balance sheet showing the estimated results for the year ending 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 and the Budget for the year ending 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013. Each item was explained. The Clerk estimated that the Parish Council should finish this financial year with reserves of £2100.

Cllr Mrs A Cowlin stated that she was happy with the budget presented but was concerned that the outstanding Election Bill (reported to be in the region of £1700 - £2000) would leave the Parish Council in a vulnerable financial position. Cllr Mrs Cowlin proposed that £1000 be added to the precept to help meet this outstanding bill. The Parish Council discussed this at great length. The Chairman asked the Councillors to vote on increasing the Precept by £1000. The vote was 1 against and 6 for. The Appleshaw Parish Council Precept for the year 2012/2013 will be increased by £1000 to £9000.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Mr Robert Caddy is sending regular bulletins on Neighbourhood Watch matters around the village. It was noted that there has been a recent theft of a diesel pump - of concern as there has been an increase of heating oil thefts. The Chairman reported that PC Kitson has stated that the Appleshaw Neighbourhood Watch is well run. The Parish Council thought this good news.

A member of the Public asked how she could get these Neighbourhood Watch up-dates? Cllr Mrs J Weeks said she would email her with the details.

## **COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

CLLR MRS J HOPKINS - Stated that although not a Parish Council matter, elsewhere there had been some discussion about the maintenance of the football pitches after the Footballers contacted the Village Hall Committee.

Cllr Mrs J Weeks stated that the matter is being dealt with by the Playing Field Trustees and contact has been made with the Footballers. A representative from the Hampshire Playing Fields Association has visited the site to advise the Trustees and did not feel that anything needed to be done.

The Chairman said this was a matter for the Trustees unless they decided to invite the Council to join in any discussions. Any request for extra financial help would need to be made in the usual way.

CLLR MR D GREEN - Reported that a recent article in ARC stated that a donation of £500 had been given by the Fete towards the maintenance of the cemetery. He wanted to know what the grant was used for as the Parish Council maintain the cemetery for the church. (It was later made clear that this was a grant to make safe headstones which were out of place.)

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no issues raised.

**CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

8<sup>th</sup> March 2012 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm