

**Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 5th July 2018
in the Appleshaw Village Hall, Appleshaw at 7.30pm.**

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
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;
Cllr Mr S Bloyce declared an interest in the Appleshaw Signpost web site.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council have two vacancies that can be filled by co-option.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the May meetings as a true record.

FINANCE.

Expenditure June and July 2018

Richard Waterman	Wages – June	£180.00
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Mr B Pearce	Grass Cutting & Paint Telephone Box	£265.00
HCC	Street Lighting	£150.04
Premier Grounds Maintenance	Paint	£ 18.00
R.N. Waterman	Plaque Engraving	£ 40.00
D.A. Cook	Repairs to Mower and Tractor	£872.26
Flow Right	Repairs to the Play Area	£ 81.00
P Reynolds	Audit	£220.00
C Wilkins	Grass Cutting and Litter	£1,943.89
		<u>£3,950.19</u>

Summary of Accounts 2018/2019

Opening Balance 1st April 2018	= £ 8,236.50
Plus Income – April and May	£ 4,802.22
	= £13,038.72
Less Expenditure	
	April and May £719.68
	June and July £3,950.19
	= £4,669.87
	= £8,368.85

FUNDS AVAILABLE

Allotments	= £674.09
Parish Council	= £8,368.85
	= <u>£9,042.94</u>

It was agreed that the bank signatories would be updated. The Clerk took relevant information.

PLANNING

18/01575/FULLN and 18/01576/LBWN – Rose Hill – Demolish Conservatory and replace with a

Sun Room.

NO OBJECTION.

18/01239/FULLN – Erection of replacement dwelling (Amended Scheme) – Elm Bungalow, Biddesden

Bottom Road, Redenham – OBJECTION (details of objection can be viewed on the TVBC Web Site).

Cllr Dr G Legg reported that this planning application had been withdrawn on the 2nd July 2018

LENGTHSMAN

The Clerk gave the Parish Councillors a print-out of the jobs list submitted for the Lengthsman.

GRASS CUTTING.

The Chairman stated that the grass cutting cost is almost getting out of financial control. The mower is constantly breaking down and it is apparent that it will need replacing soon. The Chairman understood that the present mower was donated by 'Bennetts' which shows its age! Chris is not going to go on forever so perhaps it is time to consider contract cutting. This would mean no need to supply equipment. It is a complex situation and she believed it would be better for there to be a proposal document for the next meeting. The Chairman asked Cllr D Green in his role as Village Maintenance to prepare something for general discussion at the next meeting.

Mr R Caddy addressed the meeting from the floor and gave a history of the Grass Cutting of the Playing Field and Village Green. Mr Caddy spoke at length about the management of the field through the Playing Field Trustees and the tempestuous relationship with the Village Hall. The Chairman stopped the discussion at this stage as this was not the time or the place.

The Village Hall representative and a member of the Football Team that hire the pitch voiced their concerns about the cutting of the Playing Field, especially in the early part of the season.

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins reported that she has been in contact with Mat Cason the Street Scene Supervisor at Test Valley Borough Council and received a quote for the Village Grass Cutting:

- To mow and strim the Cricket Field and Play Area – £105 per cut
- To mow and strim grass areas Greensey and areas from the pub towards the cemetery – £140 per cut.
- To mow and strim first third of the cemetery – £140 per cut.
- To mow and strim other two thirds only 4 times a year – £280 per cut

The Parish Clerk produced a report on the costs for Grass Cutting and service/repair of the mower for the past 4 years and 3 months:

FINANCIAL YEAR	GRASS CUTING	SERVICE/REPAIR
2014/2015	A £2657.50	£581.39
	R £480.00	
	£3,137.50	
2015/2016	A £2464.55	£460.00
	R £570.00	
	£3,034.55	
2016/2017	A £2183.94	£530.00
	R £570.00	
	£2,753.94	
2017/2018	A £2324.58	£1,226.88
	R £570.00	
	£3,894.58	

FINANCIAL YEAR	GRASS CUTTING	SERVICE/REPAIR
2018/2019	A £1943.89	£726.89
3 Months	R £120.00	
	£2,063.89	
Total	£14,884.46	£3,525.16

The Clerk was asked to add grass cutting to the September Meeting Agenda.

DOG MESS

There have been reports of mess left on the Village Green and the Playing Field. Owners should be encouraged to pick up and bin.

BROADBAND .

Varying speeds of Superfast Fibre are now being offered to parishioners.

SOCIAL HOUSING.

The Chairman reported she had not yet received a response from Aster Group to her letter of 26th April 2018.

TELEPHONE BOX

The telephone box has been painted. The Parish Council discussed the mess inside the telephone box, a Parishioner has come forward who is willing to take charge of organising and sorting the books. Cllr S Caddy suggested that vinyl depicting books is used to cover the windows. This was thought a good idea. Cllr S Caddy will source the vinyl on the internet.

DATA PROTECTION

The Clerk sent all the Parish Councillors the Data Protection information.

ALLOTMENTS

Cllr S Bloyce reported that she has looked at the allotments and has found several issues that need to be addressed:

- The state of some of the plots – tenants need reminding of the tenancy agreement.
- The Tenancy Agreement – Terms and Conditions need revising
- Provision for A Notice to Quit needs to be added to the Tenancy Agreement.
- Providing Water to the Allotments.
- A large sycamore tree is causing shade on several of the Allotments. It was reported that the tree in question belongs to the Walnut Tree Inn.
- Provision of a Skip to take away rubbish.

The Clerk reported that he has sent out the bills for the allotments and the Data Protection information.

FOOTPATHS

Cllr J Hopkins reported that there had been an issue with an Electric Fence on Mr McCall's land, this has now been resolved. Additional cutting is required for the footpaths and it was suggested that a quote is obtained for next year.

Cllr Dr G Legg requested that a note of thanks was recorded to Andy Burgess of Sopersbottom Farm for maintaining the footpaths within his sway in contrast to others in the parish.

LITTER PICKING

Cllr J Hopkins suggested that another Litter Pick be held in the Autumn. It was agreed that the Litter Pick would be held on 28th October 2018.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS P MUTTON

Borough Councillor Mrs P Mutton reported that Mr Ray Alborough the Hampshire County/Test Valley

Borough Council Highways Engineer has retired, and his post will not be filled. The work Ray Alborough did has been added to Mayor Patel's work load.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

CHAIRMAN – Reported that on Sunday 10th June 2018, with Jean's family present from all over the place, including the US, at long last the bench was put in place. Thanks to Liz for organising suitable refreshments. It was good to see so many 'villagers' there. The Parish Council and the Flower Show were represented.

The Chairman reported that there was an incident with a drone being flown in an inconsiderate way in the village. This has been resolved and the 'flyer' has apologised unreservedly and has given assurance that it will not happen again.

The Chairman reported that she has a note on the job description of a Parish Clerk. This is purely a matter for Parish Council administration and will be handled appropriately.

The Chairman also has a note on the administration for the Parish Council email address for Councillors. In due course this will be the point of contact for all Parish Council Business.

CLLR DR G LEGG – Reported that Test Valley Planning Enforcement are dealing with the problem of the loose driveway surface at Harrow Farm.

CLLR MR S CADDY – Reported that the Climbing Frame Net in the Play Area has been removed as the uprights were rotten. The Clerk reported that there is some Section 106-money available, so a replacement is an option.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr R Caddy and Mr B Parker, as past Parish Council Chairman, wished to thank the Clerk for the sterling service he has given Appleshaw during his time as Clerk, there have been challenging/difficult times that he handled professionally, and they were sorry that he is leaving. The Chairman added her agreement to these comments.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

6th September 2018 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.