

Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 6th November 2014 in Appleshaw Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present : Cllr Mr B Parker - Chairman
Cllr Mrs A Cowlin - Vice Chairman
Cllr Mrs J Hopkins
Cllr Mrs J Weeks
Cllr Mr D Green
Cllr Mr J Clements
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
Members of the Public - 4

Apologies : Cllr Mr D Bloom-Davis, Mrs P Wood, Mrs R Smith - ARC, County Councillor Mrs P West, Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook and PCSO D Trowbridge.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Cllr Mrs J Weeks, Trustee, in the Playing Field, Cllr Mrs J Hopkins, Trustee, in the Village Hall, Cllr Mrs A Cowlin in ARC, the Flower Show and the WI.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins said the WI and School reports should have been included in the September minutes. These will be added before they are signed.

Matters arising from the September minutes :-

HIGHWAYS - The Chairman said the Environment Agency have cleared the ditch through the village through to the Parish Boundary with Penton Grafton. Cllr Mr J Clement said Hampshire CC have cut some verges in Redenham and that major property owners have agreed to clear their own ditches. Mr Clements will contact Mr M Cherrington about the ditch outside his client's property - Elm Cottage.

The Chairman reported that HCC are jetting blocked drainage pipes. Cllr Mrs J Hopkins said a number of road gullies also needed attention.

Mr Simon Bloyce asked if repair work was due to be done to the wall adjacent to the ditch by Laburnums. The Chairman said Highways were aware of the state of the wall but funding was an issue.

PLAY AREA - The Clerk has asked Mr Brian Pearce to quote for repairs. Pippins Play Group will be asked if they are able to carry out the weekly safety inspection during term time with the Clerk covering during school holidays.

VILLAGE HALL HEATING - Cllr Mrs J Hopkins said the Village Hall Trustees had finally abandoned solar heating and reverted to oil.

PLANNING

14/02409/TREEN - Fell 2 x Scots Pine - Laburnums, Biddesden Bottom Road, Appleshaw. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS.

14/02331/TREEN - Crown reduce by 2-3m Beech. Fell Lime - 5 West Park, Appleshaw. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS.

Application withdrawn for Elm Cottage, Redenham.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

EXPENDITURE October and November 2014

Richard Waterman	Wages – October	£160.00
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Appleshaw Village Hall	Hire of Hall for Meetings	£140.00
Mr N Futcher	Verge Cutting Redenham	£200.00
Mr B Pearce	Grass Cutting Redenham Green	£ 40.00
		<u>£740.00</u>

MONEY RECEIVED

HPFA Grant £250
TVBC ½ Precept £4,500

BANK BALANCE

After above movements have been deducted and added :-
£6,281.23

BANK ACCOUNTS

Allotments Account	= £ 587.09
Current Account	= £5,694.14
	= <u>£ 6,281.23</u>

SOUTHERN WATER

The Parish Council had a meeting with Southern Water to hear about plans for work on the sewers. Mr Mike James had outlined the improvements to be made which, together with last year's repairs, would cost in excess of £1million. Mr James had apologised for the failure last winter of parts of the sewage system which had been beyond SW's control. The Chairman noted that a full report of the meeting had been promised by ARC.

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

CLLR MRS J WEEKS asked for an up-date on the Flashing Speed Sign, not seen in the village for some time. The Clerk reported said TVBC had failed to move the sign. It had languished in Fyfield for months but after a complaint it had been resited and the rota restarted.

CLLR MRS J HOPKINS offered copies to anyone interested of 'Living on the Edge', an Environment Agency booklet about the legalities of riverside land ownership.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman read out a letter from Mr John Brewer about the danger from overhanging tree branches, ditch clearance, grass-cutting (and sharing its cost with the Village Hall Trustees and the Playing Field Trustees), the state of the grass-cutting machinery and the Code of Conduct for Parish Councils. The Chairman said he would gladly write to Mr Brewer about all of the points he had raised.

DATES FOR THE 2015 MEETINGS

8TH January
5th march
7th May
2nd July
3rd September
5th November