

**Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 6th September 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 Dr G Legg
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Borough Councillor Mrs P Mutton
County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks
Members of the Public – 4

Apologies: Cllr Mr D Green, Cllr Mr S Bloyce and Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook.

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

PARISH CLERK VACANCY.

The Chairman reported that the Clerk has agreed to stay until March 2019, the end of the financial year. The Chairman will advertise the Clerks vacancy in ARC and on the Appleshaw Web Site. It was suggested that the vacancy also goes into the Andover Advertiser.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the July meeting as a true record.

FINANCE.

Expenditure August and September 2018

Richard Waterman	Wages – August	£180.00
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Mr B Pearce	Grass/Bus Shelter/Paint Tel Box (R)	£325.00
R.N. Waterman	½ Year Expenses and OA	£127.00
		£812.00

INCOME

Allotment Fees	<u>£180.00</u>
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Summary of Accounts 2018/2019

Opening Balance 1st April 2018	= £ 8,236.50
Plus Income – April and May	£ 4,802.22
Income – August and Sept	£ 180.00
	= £13,218.72
Less Expenditure	
	<u>£719.68</u>
	£3,950.19
	£ 812.00
	= £5,481.87
	<u>= £7,736.85</u>

FUNDS AVAILABLE

Allotments	=	£854.09
Parish Council	=	£6,882.76

= £7,736.85

PLANNING

18/01858/FULLN – Cllr Dr G Legg reported that this amended planning application for Erection of replacement dwelling (Amended Scheme) – Elm Bungalow, Biddesden Bottom Road, Redenham – has been withdrawn.

18/01711/FULLN – 4 Copse View – OBJECTION

Amended drawings were submitted for the Garden Room at Rosehill to correct an error. – NO OBJECTION.

LENGTHSMAN

The Lengthsman has been in the Villages of Appleshaw and Redenham doing jobs on the list. The Lengthsman will dig out the Gullies later in September. An up-date on the hours used will be forwarded by the Lengthsman Co-ordinator in due course.

The telephone box in Redenham has now been painted by Mr Brian Pearce. It has been commented that the colour used on the Appleshaw telephone box is a lighter shade than the original.

The bridges have been 'patched up'. It was suggested that the Parish Council obtain a quote for proper bridge repairs.

GRASS CUTTING.

The Chairman stated that Chris Wilkins did a great job of cutting the Playing Field before the Fete and asked the Clerk to pass on thanks.

Discussing the Village Grass cutting will be postponed until the November meeting as Cllr Mr D Green could not attend.

Mr John Brewer stated that Test Valley Borough Council sell off their old equipment once a year and suggested that the Parish Council enquire what equipment is available.

Cllr Mrs P Mutton stated that she was not aware of this practice and would make enquiries and report back to the Chairman.

TELEPHONE BOX

It was agreed to hold off sourcing vinyl depicting books to cover the windows of the telephone box. Cllr J Hopkins thought that planning permission may be required as the telephone box is in the Conservation Area.

ALLOTMENTS

Cllr S Bloyce has reported to the Chairman that there have been break ins and vandalism at the allotments, it has been suggested that the lack of fencing at the top right-hand corner of the land to West Park may be a contributory factor and we should consider plugging the gap to prevent easy access. It was thought that this fence belongs to Aster Housing.

Mr Bruce Parker asked if the issue with the tree causing two allotments to be in the shade has been resolved? The Chairman stated that she was not sure at what stage discussions were at as Cllr Mr S Bloyce had not mentioned it in his report and that she will speak to Cllr Bloyce for an update.

FOOTPATHS

Cllr J Hopkins reported that Andy Aitken the Senior Countryside Access Ranger has informed her that:

HCC reported a certain farmer to the Rural Payments Agency about the inaction concerning their rights of way. In August they received a full 5-day inspection of their entire

estate, and their rights of way looked at in detail. Consequently, all their footpaths were very quickly marked out. With follow ups and unannounced visits guaranteed for 2019, the problem of unmarked footpaths across arable crops hopefully may be over.

The Chairman reported that she has received a complaint regarding two stiles in line with Barncroft. The stiles are too high as the earth below has eroded. The owner will be contacted.

LITTER PICKING

The Chairman confirmed that the Litter Pick is to be held on 28th October 2018. A check of the equipment needed will be done prior to the event.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS Z BROOKS

Cllr Mrs Z Brooks spoke about Schools Admissions, 98% of applications got places in one of their 3 choices. Cllr Mrs Z Brooks reported that Andover Library is to be up-graded including a new entrance. Cllr Mrs Z Brooks reported that when the mobile Library service ceased a 'Home Library' service was put in place for those who found it difficult to get to a main Library – only 50 people in Hampshire registered for the scheme.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS P MUTTON

Cllr Mrs P Mutton had nothing to report.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

CLLR MRS J HOPKINS – Reported that she has temporarily taken on the role of Neighbourhood Watch and has started sending out emails to residents on the mailing list. Mr Bruce Parker stated that he thought he was on the list but has not received anything. Cllr Mrs Hopkins stated that she will add Mr Parker to the mailing list. An article will be placed in ARC encouraging residents to sign up for Neighbourhood Watch up-dates. There is a Fraud Show at Tesco Andover on the 26th October 2018.

CLLR MRS A COWLIN – Reported that she has received complaints regarding the parking outside Long Cottage in Appleshaw. Vehicles obstructing visibility when driving from Appleshaw to Redenham. The vehicles are parked well away from the fence, thus making matters worse. It was agreed that the homeowner would be contacted.

CLLR MR S CADDY – Reported that Wheelers are to take over the Cango Bus from Stagecoach.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Sue Ellen Elliott spoke about the Play Area and asked if there was any possibility of adding something for the older children of the village and suggested a Basketball Net. As the space in the Play Area is limited it was wondered if there was another area on the Playing Field that could be used for the older children. The Parish Council, Village Hall and Playing Field Trustees would need to discuss this. Cllr Mr S Caddy will liaise with Sue Ellen on what type of equipment might be required.

Dog Fouling on the Playing Field was discussed, it was suggested that dogs should be kept on leads. This suggestion will be forwarded to the Playing Field Trustees.

Mr John Brewer raised the following issues: -

- Various signs that need cleaning, repair or vegetation removing in the village.
 - On entering village from A342 30mph sign
 - On entering village from Clanville – 30mph sign no red circle
 - At bottom of Tilley Down – dirty or may need repainting (HCC)
 - On bank at Greenside – partly obscured and illegal numbers
- Parking at the School on Sports Day.
- The state of the Play Area fence.
- Cemetery grass cutting (responsibility of Appleshaw PCC but cut by the Parish Council as an act of goodwill)

- An additional dog bin to be placed near the School
- Fencing around the Playing Field in poor condition (Playing field Trustees to be advised)
- Village Clock
- Cricket Club dumping their grass cuttings by the yellow re-cycling bin (Village Hall)
- Pot Holes in Old School Lane (Cllr Mrs Z Brooks will look and report)

The Chairman addressed the points raised to the best of her knowledge and would follow up outstanding points.

The Chairman said she had received a request for a dog bin in Redenham but was advised that this had been discussed by the Parish Council some years previously and that Redenham residents did not want one as it would be unsightly.

CORRESPONDENCE

Independent Remuneration Panel – Allowances for Parish Council Members. This was discussed and it was agreed that Appleshaw Parish Council would not sign up for the Allowance Scheme.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

1st November 2018 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.