

Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7th January 2016 in Appleshaw Church at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mr B Parker – Chairman
Cllr Mrs A Cowlin – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mrs R Bass
Cllr Mrs J Hopkins
Cllr Mr J Clement
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks
Members of the Public – 4

Apologies: Borough Councillor Mrs P Mutton.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs A Cowlin, ARC, Flower Show and WI; Cllr Mrs R Bass, Flower Show and Appleshaw School, Cllr Mrs J Hopkins, Village Hall.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chairman proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record, seconded by Cllr Mrs A Cowlin. Matters arising from those minutes:

DEFIBRILLATOR – Planning permission is required to site the Defibrillator at the Walnut Tree Inn, a listed building. Planning application submitted.

DROVE SIGN – Request for Drove Street name sign submitted to TVBC. The Clerk suggested the PC commission a temporary sign to be attached under the notice board. This was agreed.

PLANNING

Recent discussions with TVBC planning personnel had raised several issues including a suggestion that the PC have a sub committee to deal with planning. The committee will consist of the chairman, vice-chairman and Cllr Clement.

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins asked if there were any standing orders for Parish Councils re planning. County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks did not think there was but was sure that there were guidance publications available from TVBC. The Clerk to enquire.

15/03028/LBWN – Internal alterations to the Kitchen/breakfast room – The Old Vicarage – NO OBJECTION

15/03166/LBWN – Defibrillator Box – Walnut Tree Inn – NO OBJECTION

C.E.R.T.

Cllr Mrs R Bass reported that with Cllr Mrs J Hopkins and the Clerk she had attended the first Penton Bellinger CERT (Community Emergency Resilience Team) meeting. The plan is to draw on the skills, equipment and resources of the neighbouring parishes in case of emergencies. Each parish is being asked to carry out a risk assessment which will identify the vulnerable in the parish. Cllr P Lashbrook is producing a template.

Cllr Mrs R Bass stated that she was very impressed with the team from Shipton Bellinger PC and the knowledge they are passing on from their experiences with flooding in their village.

VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Mrs R Bass reported that new heating had been installed, the hall interior decorated and it was planned to decorate the exterior in the spring. A Charity Whist Drive and a Theatre Production of 'Becoming Hattie' are forthcoming events. The Village Hall's charging policy is to be discussed at their next committee meeting on the 20th January 2016.

FINANCE

EXPENDITURE - December 2015 and January 2016

Richard Waterman	Wages - December	£160.00
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Richard Waterman	Wages adjustment	£ 40.00
Wel Medical	Defibrillator	£1,658.10
Mr B Parker	Clock Winding and Planning Application	£ 38.00
HCC	Street Lighting 2 Years	£850.12
Mr C Wilkins	Grass Cutting	£578.10
		£3,484.32

BANK BALANCE

After above movements have been deducted and added: - £5,757.68

BANK ACCOUNTS

Allotments Account	= £ 714.09
Current Account	= £5,757.68
	= <u>£6,471.77</u>

PRECEPT

Estimated figures for the year ending 31/3/2016 and the budget for 2016/2017 were presented by the Clerk. Noted that when considering the 2017/18 precept, funds will be put aside to replace the defibrillator battery in 4/5 years at a cost of approximately £220. The Parish Council agreed to reduce the overall budget by £1,000. The Appleshaw PC precept for the year 2016/2017 was set at £9,500.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS Z BROOKS

Cllr Z Brooks is organising a Highways meeting for the Chairman and Vice Chairman of PCs in her Ward at the Weyhill Fairground Hall. Officers from HCC and TVBC would be present for a working lunch.

PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

CLLR MR J CLEMENTS – Reported that there have been several non-dwelling burglaries in Redenham over the last few months.

CLLR MRS R BASS – Reported that Mr Hickman, Head Teacher, would be happy to organize a visit to the School for PC members. The School is looking for Governors.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mrs P Wood reported that several of the road drains in Ragged Appleshaw are blocked and it is taking a long time for surface water to drain away after rain. The Chairman will report this to Highways.

A.O.B.

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins reported that TVBC are still not showing that the Appleshaw Village Design Statement has been adopted as a supplementary planning document. This was noted.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 10th March 2016