

**Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7th July 2016
in the Appleshaw Village Hall, Appleshaw at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllr Mrs A Cowlin – Chairman
Cllr Mrs J Hopkins
Cllr Mrs R Bass
Cllr Mr D Green
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks
Borough Councillors Mrs P Mutton and Mr P Lashbrook
Mr A Pilley – TVBC
Parishioners – none

Apologies: Cllr Mr J Clement – Vice Chairman

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.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Chairman proposed that Mr Des Green be co-opted onto the Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr Mrs J Hopkins. All agreed. Mr D Green signed the Declaration of Office. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Mr D Green back on the Parish Council.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

The Parish Councillors all filled in the Declaration of Interest form, a copy will be made and sent to TVBC for their records.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Seconded by Cllr Mrs R Bass.

Matters arising:

DEFIBRILLATOR – The Clerk reported that he was unable to get someone to give a demonstration at this meeting, however it has been suggested that St John's Ambulance are attending the Fête and may be able to carry out demonstrations. The Parish Council thought this a good idea. The Chairman and the Clerk will liaise with the various organisations.

HIGHWAYS – There has been no communication from Highways following the request at the April Highways meeting to look at the site lines at the White House junction with the A342. Cllr Mrs Z Brooks stated that she will chase this with Tim Laughton and Ray Alborough.

QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS – The Parish Council wished to thank Mr Michael Marshall for organising such an excellent event. Everyone who attended had a great time.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES – There are still three vacancies on the Parish Council.

PLANNING

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

CERT UP-DATE.

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins reported that she had met with the CERT representative from Kimpton with the view to sharing information. It was interesting to see what they have been doing. Kimpton are about to send out a letter to their parishioners with two questionnaires. One questionnaire is to establish the vulnerable in the parish and the other is to ascertain what equipment, skills would be available in the parish.

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins stated that at this moment in time she was not sure if Appleshaw needed to send out a letter and felt that the information could be collated by word of mouth.

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins hoped to have a draft Appleshaw Emergency plan ready for discussion at the September meeting. The Chairman thanked Cllr Mrs J Hopkins and Cllr Mrs R Bass for all their hard work.

GRASS CUTTING

The Parish Council discussed the grass cutting and the hick up caused by Mr C Wilkins having to take two weeks off due to being unwell. It was agreed that while Mr Wilkins is doing a good job it was imperative to have back up to cover for illness and holidays.

- The Clerk suggested that Mr Matt Townesend, a contractor that some of the other Parish Councils use, be approached to quote to do the Graveyard and to be sounded out for relief cover.
- A copy of the fixturers list for the Cricket and Football Clubs will be asked for. This will help to organise the grass cutting on the Playing Field to coincide with matches.
- The Clerk and Cllr Mr D Green will investigate the purchase of gang mowers that can be towed behind the tractor. The tractor has an attached 'Topper' which does not do the job; this can be detached and possibly sold on.

FOOTPATHS

It was reported that the footpath leading from Harrow Farm at Ragged Appleshaw across to Penton Grafton was impassable. Working with Penton Grafton Parish Council the footpath has now been cut for most of its length by landowners. HCC have been contacted and will be coming to cut the remaining length of the footpath at the Ragged Appleshaw end.

VILLAGE HALL REPORT

Cllr Mrs R Bass reported that the Village Hall had their AGM and now has an up-to date business plan. Eric Carr is still taking the bookings. The interior decoration has now been completed and the pin boards seem to be a great success. The exterior of the Village Hall now needs to be tackled.

The Village Hall has discussed having a sign, possibly with the inclusion of Pippins Play Group. The Air Ambulance is not continuing with clothing bins. The clothing bin will be taken over by Hampshire First Responders. The Village Hall now has a new Web Site:

www.Appleshawhall.co.uk

An incident involving the grass cutting contractor and Pippins was mentioned and it was felt that the issue has now been dealt with.

BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORTS

Cllr Mr P Lashbrook spoke about Devolution. HCC have been told by Government that they will have to go unitary if they choose to go down this route; this would likely mean that TVBC would likely go. There is also a Boundary Revision; the Penton Bellinger Ward is likely to be moved to Southampton North and Romsey. Cllr Mr P Lashbrook will keep the Parish Council informed of any progress on both issues.

Cllr Mrs P Mutton had nothing to report.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR Z BROOKS

Cllr Mrs Z Brooks had no news to report but was concerned that nothing had been done in Appleshaw following the Highways meeting in April. It was stated that Appleshaw had not received the minutes from the April Highways meeting. Cllr Mrs Z Brooks asked Mr A Pilley if he could please resend them. Mr A Pilley said he would.

MR A PILLEY

Mr A Pilley reported that TVSC have flooding packs to distribute to the vulnerable of the Parish, these should be available late September/October. Details will be made available.

FINANCE

EXPENDITURE - June and July 2016

Richard Waterman	Wages - June	£180.00
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P Reynolds	Audit	£205.00
Mr B Pearce	Grass Cutting	£ 80.00
Mr C Wilkins	Grass Cutting and Petrol	£1,380.36
		£2,025.36

BANK BALANCE

After above movements have been deducted and added :-
£8,244.18

BANK ACCOUNTS

Allotments Account = £ 714.09
Current Account = £8,244.18
= £8,958.27

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Parish Council discussed a contribution to the PCC for the use of the Church for the Parish Council meetings. It was agreed to give a £50 donation.

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins reported that there is a loose man hole cover by Barncroft. This will be reported to Highways.

Cllr Mrs R Bass reported that the School have taken part in the Civic Awards and carried out a litter pick in the village. Cllr Mrs A Cowlin, Cllr Mrs R Bass and Cllr Mrs J Hopkins met with the children during their litter picking event and were very impressed with those taking part.

Cllr Mr D Green reported that Highways have repaired the road in Appleshaw, the repair is not ideal and he felt that it would soon deteriorate. Cllr Mr D Green noted that they did not repair the two adjoining potholes.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

7.30pm on the 1st September 2016 in the Village Hall.