

DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7th March 2019 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
Cllr Mr A Honnor
Cllr Mr D Green
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Borough Councillor Mrs P Mutton
County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks
Mrs Joan Jackson
Members of the Public – 3

Apologies: Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook and Mr Richard Jukes.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs A Cowlin, ARC, Flower Show, Appleshaw Web Site and WI;
Cllr Mrs J Hopkins, Village Hall;

RESIGNATION

The Chairman reported that Cllr Mr Simon Bloyce has resigned from the Parish Council due to pressure from work. The Chairman wished to thank Simon for all that he has done during his time as a Parish Councillor.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

Mr Andrew Honnor signed the Declaration of Office and was co-opted onto the Parish Council. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Mr Andrew Honnor onto the Parish Council. The Chairman reported that Mr Richard Jukes was unable to attend the meeting owing to ill health.

PARISH CLERK VACANCY

The Chairman was pleased to report that Mrs Joan Jackson has been appointed the new Parish Clerk and will start work on the 18th March 2019.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

LENGTHSMAN – The Clerk suggested that the Parish Council start thinking about jobs for the Lengthsman for the next financial year. Repairs to the triangle at Redenham have been done but without bollards there are concerns that the repairs will not last. An alternative solution should be found.

GRASS CUTTING – The Chairman reported that she has not yet met with the contractor next to get a quote for the grass cutting.

ALLOTMENTS – Mr S Bloyce and Tony Burden still plan to carry out the work on the overhanging tree, when the weather permits. The Clerk reported that one allotment had become available, this has been allocated to a new tenant and there is one person on the waiting list.

DOG BIN – Cllr Dr G Legg reported that the new Dog Bin on Back Lane has been installed and is being used.

CLOCK – The Chairman reported that she has been in contact with the owners of the Old Vicarage about electrifying the village clock.

PLAY EQUIPMENT – Cllr Mr S Caddy reported that he has spoken to the Playing Field Trustees about installing Outdoor Gym Equipment around the Playing Field. The Playing Field Trustees are open to the suggestion subject to seeing the proposal and layout. Cllr Mr S Caddy is also looking at the Basketball post and would like to hold a consultation on what the village would like to see on the Playing Field.

BRIDGES – The Chairman reported that she is looking into the ownership of the bridges.

WEeping BEECH TREE – Cllr Mrs J Hopkins reported that the Weeping Beech Tree by the Church belongs to the Parish Council and she has submitted the last planning application for work on the tree on behalf of the Parish Council. This was noted.

FINANCE.

Expenditure February and March 2019

Richard Waterman	Wages – February	£180.00
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Richard Waterman	½ Year Expenses	£127.00
D.A Cook	Mower Service	£137.98
Premier Grounds Maintenance	Soil for Repair of Verge	£114.00
		<u>£738.98</u>

INCOME

Allotment Rent £10.00

VAT Claim £954.84 Submitted but not yet received.

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
Income –	October and Nov	£4,750.00
Income –	February and March	£10.00
		= <u>£17,978.72</u>

Less Expenditure

April and May	£719.68
June and July	£3,950.19
Aug and Sept	£ 812.00
Oct and Nov	£2,924.12
Dec and Jan	£1,141.93
Feb and March	£738.98
	= <u>£10,286.90</u>

= £7,691.82

FUNDS AVAILABLE

Allotments	= £ 874.09
Parish Council	= £6,817.73
	= <u>£7,691.82</u>

VAT Refund = £954.84

Total Carry forward at end of Year = Allotments £874.09
£8,646.66

2019/2020 PRECEPT.

The Clerk reported that there was no cap on the Precept for 2019/2020.

PLANNING

19/00477/FULLN – Replacement single storey front extension – 2 Millers Cottages, Ragged Appleshaw. – NO OBJECTION.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS Z BROOKS

Cllr Mrs Z Brooks reported that Hampshire County Council part of the Council Tax Bill is to be increased by 2.99%. This is to cover increased costs in Social Care for young children and the elderly. 'Alexa' is to be installed to help the elderly cope with the day to day chores that they find difficult this will cost 70p a week.

Cllr Mrs Z Brooks reported that she has driven around the village looking at the signage and roads and has taken photographs to pass on to Highways. Re-instating the white lines at the Back Lane junction is being processed. Hampshire County Council are keeping an eye on Highway Trees when a new development is being planned to ensure that they are not felled when or before work begins.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS P MUTTON

Cllr Mrs P Mutton reported that this was her last meeting and that she wished to thank the past and present Chairman and the Clerk for the warm welcome she has always received from Appleshaw Parish Council. The Chairman thanked Borough Councillor Mutton for her support and help.

Cllr Mrs P Mutton reported that although it did not affect the rural areas, the town 'on road' resident parking permits currently run by TVBC are to be taken over by HCC. The yearly charge will rise from £20 to £90.

Cllr Mrs P Mutton spoke about changes to the rural bus service. Cllr Mr S Caddy stated that he had heard that changes to the rural bus service are to be made, the early bus will be replaced by a booked taxi service. Cllr Mrs Z Brooks stated that she was not aware of this and would investigate and report back to the Parish Council.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

CLLR DR G LEGG – reported that he has been doing a lot of investigation into the route of the surface rain water through Ragged Appleshaw. Mr Owen Mills has been a great help with gathering local information providing a comprehensive history. After compiling a detailed report and sending many emails Hampshire Highways have finally agreed to carry out a camera survey to identify any collapsed drains and blockages. They report that they have made their inspection of the site and raised a 28 day order to survey the line.

Cllr Dr G Legg spoke about the SHLAA (Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment) and provide maps for the Parish Councillors. This is a list of sites put forward by landowners for future development. Four sites have been put forward in Appleshaw Parish. To develop one of the sites in particular would require a change in Planning Policy as it is in the countryside.

CLLR MRS J HOPKINS – Reported that Mr Andy Burgess has installed three staggered posts to replace a stile in one of his fields, this works very well although it does restrict the use of pushchairs. Cllr Mrs J Hopkins suggested that this method may be suitable to replace stiles on other footpaths in the parish when the time comes.

CLLR MRS A COWLIN – Reported that she had written to Aster again regarding the sale of Aster Houses in the village. Aster have replied and are willing to come to a future Parish Council meeting to discuss policy with the Parish Council. The Parish Council welcomed this but stated that there must be a strict Agenda with pre-planned questions and that it should not be a forum for Aster tenants to air their grievances.

MAY BOROUGH AND PARISH ELECTIONS.

The Chairman stated the Parish Council must stand down at the end of April 2019. There are Borough and Parish Council elections on the 2nd May 2019. Cllr Mr D Green reiterated that he will not be standing again. Cllr Mr S Caddy thought this a great shame and thanked him for all that he has done for the parish during his many years on the Parish Council.

PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Chairman reported that the Parish Assembly will take place on the 9th May 2019. Village organisations will be invited to attend to give a report.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The following items were raised by the Members of the Public and answered to the best of the Parish Council's Knowledge:

1. Mr Brewer thanked the parish Council for getting the dog bin installed in Back Lane.
2. Mr Brewer thanked Cllr Mrs Z Brooks for all the hard work she has done on the village signs.
3. Mr Brewer asked why the Parish Council dates reported in ARC had usually passed by the time ARC was delivered? The Chairman stated that this was not a Parish Council matter. There are vacancies on the ARC Team if Mr Brewer would like to put forward and contribute. Mr Brewer declined.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman reported that the recent planning application for Sunnyside has been withdrawn. The applicant had contacted the Parish Council asking if he could meet to discuss his plans. Cllr Mrs A Cowlin and Cllr Dr G Legg have agreed to meet with the Applicant.

LITTER PICK

This has been arranged for Sunday 24th March, starting from 10.30am at The Walnut Tree. As previously, sacks, hi-viz waistcoats and pickers will be available.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

Before the Chairman closed the meeting, Cllr Mr S Caddy wished to thank Cllr Mr D Green and the Parish Clerk for all they have done during their time on the Parish Council. Both are long standing members and have contributed a great deal. The Chairman added her thanks also, particularly to the Parish Clerk for his advice and assistance. The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

9th May 2019 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

DATES OF THE REMAINDER OF 2019 MEETINGS

4th July, 5th September, 7th November