

Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013 in the Appleshaw Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present : Cllr Mr B Parker - Chairman  
Cllr Mrs J Hopkins - Vice Chairman  
Cllr Mrs J Weeks  
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Cllr Mr D Bloom-Davis  
Cllr Mr D Green  
Cllr Mrs A Cowlin  
Cllr Mr J Clements  
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk  
County Councillor Mrs P West  
Andrew Pilley - Community Engagement Manager TVBC  
Members of the Public - 9

Apologies : Mrs P Wood and Borough Councillors Mr P Lashbrook and Mrs E Charnley.

### **WELCOME.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins declared an interest in the Village Hall and ARC.

Cllr Mrs A Cowlin declared an interest in the Flower Show and ARC.

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Cllrs Mrs J Hopkins and Mrs L Black had asked for amendments to be made to the minutes. These had been made and the minutes were signed as a true record. Matters arising from those minutes :-

ALLOTMENTS - The Chairman reported that a financial donation had been offered by Mr Patrick Middleton-Smith to compensate for any disruption during the recent building work on his property adjacent to the allotments. This will be put towards hiring a skip for the allotments.

HIGHWAYS - The Chairman reported that he had met with Steve Spender the Hampshire County Highways Manager for Test Talley and Eastleigh and the following points have been confirmed :-

1.Home Farm Lane – Paul will arrange for this section of road to be cleansed and inspected to ensure that no safety defects are present. We will also assess the road for a possible inclusion in a future planned maintenance scheme.

2.Greensey – Paul currently has some remedial works arranged adjacent to the kerb line which will alleviate the current safety issues and we will look at the including this location on the list of schemes being considered for resurfacing under our planned maintenance programme.

3.Back Lane – A new grit bin will be organised for placement adjacent to the layby as agreed during our visit

4. Biddesden Bottom Road (1) – Paul will arrange for the vegetation against the wall adjacent to the stream to be removed and we will seek advice from our Structures Section on the overall condition of the wall.

5. Biddesden Bottom Road (2) – arrangements will be put in hand to repairs/replace the damaged kerbs opposite the junction with West Park.

6. Biddesden Bottom Road (3) – Arrangements will be made to have the section of fallen tree from the stream and our Arboriculture Section will be approached to assess the condition of the tree at this location.

7. Biddesden Bottom Road (4) – the drainage grips (sections of pipe) will be inspected to identify where remedial work is required follow damage by passing vehicles.

8. Privett Lane jtn Andover Road – An order is being placed for some urgent repairs to the junction which Paul will pursue and we will also undertake some works to deal with the flooding issue in Privett Lane close to the junction.

### **PLANNING**

13/02276/FULLN - Demolition of rear extension and erection of two storey rear extension and single storey side extension; new porch and extended cellar - Hillside House (Formally Younder Dene), Ragged Appleshaw. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this planning application.

13/02277/LBWN

### **VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT**

Mrs Pat Wood sent her apologies for not attending the meeting. The Chairman reported that Mrs Wood had obtained a quote of £10 per colour copy for printing the Village Design Statement. The Chairman wondered if there might be grants available towards the printing. Cllr Mrs P West suggested that a request to TVBC might be productive as the Borough has in the past helped Parish Councils with the cost of printing Village Design Statements.

### **PLAY AREA**

Cllr Mrs A Cowlin asked Cllr Mrs L Black if the grant of £250 from the Playing Field Association had been received? Cllr Mrs L Black said it would be paid once the repair work had been carried out.

PLAY AREA INSPECTION - A copy of the Play Area inspection report carried out by John Coney, the Hampshire Playing Fields Manager, had been circulated to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting.

Cllr Mrs L Black suggested that the majority of the necessary improvements/repairs are simple tasks that can be undertaken by the Parish Council, possibly by organising a working party.

Quotes to replace the damaged wooden laminate on the climbing frame with a plastic material will be emailed to Parish Councillors. The quotes for the same specification have come in at £880, £680 and £620 plus VAT. Mr Owen Mills has quoted £135 Materials and £130 labour to replace the ramps with decking (John Coney has agreed that this will be acceptable). It was noted that with the funds remaining from the old Play Area account and the grant from HPA of £250, this should be achievable without allocating extra funds. It was suggested that £150 is put into the Parish Council budget every year for Play Area maintenance.

Cllr Mrs L Black reported that regular weekly inspections need to be carried out on the Play Area and this is in hand with John Coney supplying a template form. The Clerk reported that he had spoken to the Parish Council's Insurance Company: the policy states that inspections need to be done every fortnight to comply with the policy conditions and a yearly inspection needed to be carried out by a registered Play Area inspection company. This was noted.

PIPPINS PLAY GROUP - The Chairman raised the issue of Pippins Play Group using the Play Area. The Play Area is advertised as one of the facilities the Play Group have to offer for children. It seemed reasonable that as they pay the Village Hall for the use of the facilities in Appleshaw, the Village Hall should make a small contribution towards the cost of maintaining the Play Area.

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins was asked how much rent Pippins paid each year to the Village Hall. Cllr Mrs J Hopkins thought it was around £10,000 but confirmed by subsequent email that the amount is £4,651.92. A lengthy discussion took place. It was proposed that the Chairman write to the Village Hall asking if they would consider giving an annual donation towards the maintenance of the Play Area. A vote was held with 6 for and 2 against.

INSURANCE VALUES - The Clerk confirmed that the Insurance value for the Play Equipment reported by Cllr Mrs L Black at the previous meeting was correct. The Clerk also stated that, had he been given the opportunity to explain, he could have confirmed that the insurance figures on the end of year statement also include fencing and safety flooring under different headings. Therefore the total Play Area insurance value is :-

Play Equipment	£9,629.71
Fencing	£3,340.85
Safety Flooring	£2,729.26
	<b><u>£14,699.82</u></b>

The Clerk agreed that this would not cover the cost of replacement but when the Play Area was insured with the previous insurance company (ie when it was installed) the option to insure for the installation costs were not available. Once an estimated replacement cost has been obtained, the insurance cover with Aviva can be increased.

### **VILLAGE HALL HEATING**

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins reported that the Village Hall Management Team are now exploring alternative forms of heating. Oil, Bio Mass - burning wooden pellets, electric storage heaters and gas-fired heating systems are being looked at.

Cllr Mrs J Weeks asked where an oil tank would be placed if oil was the chosen form of heating? Cllr Mrs J Hopkins stated that a suitable site has been identified and the tank would be in a secure cage.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

#### **EXPENDITURE October and November 2013**

Richard Waterman	Wages - October	£160.00
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Mr Brian Pearce	Grass Cut/notice board	£107.00
Mr C Wilkins	Grass Cutting	£463.00
HCC	Street Lighting	£237.02
Mrs L Black	Gate Latches	£10.03
Broker Network ltd	PC Insurance	£605.47
		<b><u>£1,742.52</u></b>

#### **BANK BALANCE**

After above movements have been deducted and added :-  
£4,295.71

\*Not included in above  
Allotment £668

## **'20 IS PLENTY'**

The scheme to introduce 20mph speed limits on village roads was discussed. Cllr Mrs P West spoke about the scheme in Floral Way, Andover, but stressed that there are schools in that area. The scheme might not be suitable for all areas of Appleshaw and is difficult to police. Mrs West suggested that the Parish Council explores the Community Speed Watch Scheme as she felt this may be more appropriate for the village. Ray Alborough at TVBC is the contact. A letter on the issues of speeding through Appleshaw had been received from Mr Colin Crowhurst to which the Chairman had replied.

## **COUNCILLOR MRS P WEST'S REPORT**

Cllr Mrs P West stated that she had no specific items to report that had not already been raised during the meeting. The Chairman wished to thank Cllr Mrs P West and Cllr Mr P Lashbrook for all the work they do for the parish and that it is greatly appreciated.

## **PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.**

CLLR MR J CLEMENTS - reported that he has spoken to the Farm Managers of both Redenham Park and Biddesden Estate and they have confirmed that they will be cutting their ditches during November.

Cllr Mr Clements reported that a letter had been sent to TVBC regarding the safety of joining the A342 at the White House Junction. An acknowledgement of the letter has been received and a verbal agreement for a site meeting but, as yet, no confirmation. The Clerk was asked to follow this up.

CLLR MRS J HOPKINS - reported that she has been monitoring the water levels at the Clanville Gate and they are high for this time of the year.

CLLR MR D GREEN - Reported that Greensey did not receive their copy of ARC until the day before the meeting: delivery of ARC is getting later and later each month. Representatives of ARC present apologised with a promise that the distribution problem is being addressed.

CLLR MRS L BLACK - stated that she will organise a Play Area working party.

CLLR MR B PARKER – reminded the Parish Council and members of the public that the planting of the Walnut Tree ceremony will take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November after the Remembrance Service. The Flower Show Committee was thanked for organising this event.

## **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Mrs J Marshall asked if the Chairman could explain the new gritting route. He explained that gritters would continue past Randall Parker. Down New House Lane and then through the village back up to the A342.

Mrs J Marshall asked if there was any planned road improvements to Dauntsey Drove now that the new houses are being built. The Parish Council was not aware of any but Amport Parish would be asked for further information.

The Parish Council were asked if there was any planned maintenance for Redenham Drove? The Chairman stated that this had not been discussed with Highways and that he would raise it with Steve Sender.

Mr J Brewer asked who was responsible for keeping the road gullies into the ditch clear? The Chairman reported that Highways have confirmed that it is their responsibility and it is on their list of jobs to do.

## **DATES FOR THE 2014 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

16<sup>th</sup> January

6<sup>th</sup> March

1<sup>st</sup> May - AGM

3<sup>rd</sup> July

4<sup>th</sup> September

6<sup>th</sup> November

## **CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.