

Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 8th November 2012 in the Appleshaw Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present : Cllr Mr B Parker - Chairman
Cllr Mrs J Hopkins - Vice Chairman
Cllr Mrs J Weeks
Cllr Mr D Green
Cllr Mr J Clements
Cllr Mr D Bloom Davis
Cllr Mrs L Black
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook
Members of the Public - 8

Apologies : Cllr Mrs A Cowlin and County Councillor Mrs P West.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Cllr Mrs J Weeks declared an interest in the Playing Field as she is a Trustee.

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

Cllr Mr D Green declared an interest in Randall Parker Foods.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Matters arising from those minutes :-

HIGHWAYS - The Chairman reported that the majority of the work in Appleshaw has now been completed. Biddesden Bottom road requires some work, there are pot holes at Ramridge Park and the problem of standing water on the road up to the White House still needs to be addressed.

ALLOTMENTS - Cllr Mrs L Black reported that a skip will be delivered to the allotments for all the unwanted items on the 16th November. The skip will be there for two weekends.

DITCHES - Cllr Mr J Clements was pleased to report that the ditches bordering the Redenham Park Estate were now being cleared. The Farm Manager hopes that this will now be done once a year to keep them clear. Mr C Wilkins will now tackle the remaining ditches in Redenham and is liaising with Cllr Mr J Clements. The Biddesden estate will be contacted about the stretch from Lane End House to the county border.

SPEEDING The cost of equipment and training to check the speed of motorists would be approx £1000. Cllr P Lashbrook advised that Appleshaw was, perhaps, too small a village for a project of this kind. The PC voted against proceeding with the idea.

VILLAGE GRASS CUTTING - The Clerk reported that the grass cutting for the year was nearly at an end with possibly one more cut needed. The Clerk asked the Parish Council for their views on the grass cutting this year and whether they wished contracts to be renewed.

The Council confirmed that, in a particularly difficult year, the work had been more than satisfactory. Contracts, costing in the region of £2,000, should be renewed for next year with a note of thanks to both Jamie and Chris for what they had achieved. All were agreed that the appearance of the village was superb.

Cllr Mr D Green reminded the meeting that the cemetery working party would be held on the 10th November.

WEB SITE - The minutes are now up to date on the Appleshaw website. There was no further news to report on combining all the village websites into one. The Chairman thought this was a matter that needed some urgent attention.

PLAY AREA - The Clerk apologised for a misunderstanding on ordering the replacement part for the climbing frame. The order has now been placed and the insurance claim is being processed.

FRUIT TREE - REDENHAM VILLAGE GREEN - The Parish Council again discussed the fruit tree on Redenham Village Green. The tree needs some pruning but a recent estimate of £260 to carry out the work seemed excessive. The Chairman and Cllr Green would make a further inspection and consider any appropriate action.

PLANNING

12/01866/FULLN - 18 Greensey - extension including 'therapy pool' - Parish Council had OBJECTED unanimously but permission has been granted.

12/02079/FULLN - South View - extensions including 2 conservatories - Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS.

12/02135/FULLN - Greenacres, Barncroft - trim silver birch - Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS.

12/02138/FULLN - 12/02144/LBWN - Yonder Dene - alterations and extensions. Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS but the Conservation Officer raised objections. The application will now be considered by the Northern Area Planning Committee.

12/02370/TREEN - Plum Tree - Bridge Cottage - The PC have not yet made comment.

VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT UPDATE

Mrs P Wood reported that there was a good turnout to the open meeting on October 8th, 30 residents giving their views. Mrs P Wood wished to thank Cllr Mr P Lashbrook and Mr Graham Smith from TVBC planning for their help. Mrs P Wood reported that by the end of November they should be half way through the draft document.

The Chairman thanked Pat Wood and Janice Bowes for all their hard work.

FINANCIAL REPORT

EXPENDITURE

October and November

Mr B Pearce	Grass Cutting – Redenham	£ 40.00
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	£ 31.75
Mr C Wilkins	Grass and Ditch Cutting + fuel	£854.24
Mr D Green	Expenses + Fuel	£ 50.00
District Audit	Audit of Accounts	£ 162.00
R. N Waterman	Wages (October)	£139.00
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Broker Network Ltd	PC Insurance	£618.77

BANK BALANCE

After above payments have been deducted :- £3,970.65

ALLOTMENTS - (not included in above figures)

Allotment Money £215

Water Butts £500

The Parish Council will discuss the 2013/2014 precept at the January meeting.

CLLR MR P LASHBROOK'S REPORT

Cllr Mr P Lashbrook had called in the planning application for Yonder Dene for committee decision as he was not happy with the Conservation Officer's objections. Cllr Mr P Lashbrook reported that Mr Paul Jackson, Head of Test Valley Planning, is very ill in hospital. The Parish Council asked for their best wishes to be sent to Mr Jackson.

Cllr Mr P Lashbrook reported that a meeting is to be held at TVBC, Beech Hurst, on the 26th November, 2012, to address complaints relating to the Walnut Tree Inn. Only interested parties will be present. Parishioners wishing to attend must put their case in writing to Cllr Mr P Lashbrook prior to the meeting. (Test Valley BC, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover, SP10 3AJ).

Cllr Mr P Lashbrook agreed that details of the meeting should be placed on the Parish Council notice boards.

Cllr Mr P Lashbrook reported that he had recently hosted a successful Youth Road Safety Seminar which will now be rolled out to all the secondary schools.

Cllr Mr P Lashbrook commended Appleshaw for its excellent Flood Warden and thanked Cllr Mrs J Hopkins for all her hard work on these matters. It was noted that there were some properties in the parish which currently have water in their basements.

PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

CLLR MRS L BLACK - Spoke about the play area and reported that the bearings on the play area swings are seizing up. A quote of £437 had been received to replace them, the parts costing £70. The grass at the entrance gates to the play area has worn away and become very muddy. Some additional mesh matting needs to be put down to allow the grass to grow through. The weeds also need spraying.

Cllr Mrs L Black suggested that a maintenance programme is put in place. The Parish Council briefly discussed this and investigations would be made with a view to formalising the administration of the play area.

Cllr Mrs J Hopkins reported that Mr John Coney from Hampshire Playing Fields is willing to train the leader of Pippins Pre-School, Trudi Tobutt, to carry out inspections of the play area and its equipment on a regular basis.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no issues raised by the members of the public.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

10th January 2013 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

DATES FOR THE 2013 MEETINGS

10th January

7th March

2nd May

4th July

5th September

7th November