

APPLESHAW PARISH COUNCIL

Due to the Current Covid-19 Pandemic, Appleshaw Parish Council has suspended Standing Orders and are not holding Public Meetings. Following Covid-19 rules on social distancing, a closed meeting to catch up was held on Wednesday 9th September 2020 outside Appleshaw Church at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mr J Molony – Chairman
Cllr Mr J Holder – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr B Hodgson
Cllr Mr M Watts
Cllr Mr T Seymour
Cllr Mr T Burden
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks

Apologies: Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE JULY CATCH-UP MEETING.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the July catch-up meeting as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

SPEED CAMERA/SIGN – The Clerk reported that he had looked into concerns raised about Data Protection on information produced by a speed camera/sign. The equipment will record the speed, time and vehicle registration number. This will be forwarded to the police and holds no personal information on the driver.

The Parish Council will now decide on the best equipment for the village (as it must be portable for multi sighting) and the funding for the speed sign/camera.

VILLAGE CLOCK – Several discussions have taken place with the owners of the Old Vicarage regarding the internal ladder/stairs to the clock. The Chairman reported that the owner of the Old Vicarage has confirmed he is not keen for new stairs to be installed in his property to enable easier access to the clock. He has suggested that the clock is electrified to remove problems of regular access.

It was agreed that the cost of electrifying the village clock will be considered. Cllr Mr T Seymour thought this might need Listed Building planning permission. The Clerk to consult the TVBC Planning Department.

REPAIRS TO THE CLOCK ROOF - Cllr Mr T Burden reported that work to repair the loose slates on the roof of the clock canopy is under way.

PLAY AREA – The play area was opened as planned on the 18th July, 2020. Chris Wilkins has carried out regular cleaning of the equipment in line with government regulations.

Cllr Mr B Hodgson reported that the play area signs have faded and need replacing. The Clerk asked that they be removed and he would arrange for new signs to be made.

DOG FOULING – It was noted that the dog fouling problem in the village has not improved.

PLANNING.

20/00712/LBWN – Notification of Committee – refurbishment of existing barn and former grooms' accommodation – Appleshaw House, Biddesden Bottom Road, Appleshaw.

20/01971/TREEN – Fell 11 Leylandii – Appleshaw House, Biddesden Bottom Road, Appleshaw – NO OBJECTION.

FINANCE.

1st April 2020 – 9th September 2020

Expenditure

Payee	Details	Amount
Richard Waterman	Admin Aug & Sept	£ 500.00
A Cowlin	Web Site Fees – Backdated	£ 950.00
Mr B Pearce	Grass Cutting	£ 80.00
C.A. Cook	Mower Repairs	£ 141.48
P Reynolds	Audit Fee	£ 250.00
R.N. Waterman	Hedgehog Signs	£ 95.91
T. Seymour	Tools for Tractor	£ 46.22
		<u>£2,063.61</u>

Summary of Accounts 2020/2021

Opening Balance 1 st April 2020	£10,976.47
Plus income (April - July)	£ 6,743.79
	<u>£17,720.26</u>

Less Expenditure

April – July	£ 8,791.20
Aug – Sept	£ 2,063.61
	<u>£10,854.81</u>

= £6,865.45

FUNDS AVAILABLE

Allotments	£1,084.09
Parish Council	£5,781.36
	= <u>£6,865.45</u>

Test Valley Borough Council are due to pay the second half of the Precept in September £6,500.00

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

GRASS CUTTING – The Chairman reported that the sale of Appleshaw Manor has not been completed and suggested that the Parish Council continue cutting the grass for the rest of this season. All agreed.

The untidy long grass belonging to Aster in front of the garages in Ragged Appleshaw was discussed. A resident has undertaken to cut this area so it should soon start to look tidy again.

LENGTHSMAN - The Clerk reported that the lengthsman can install the posts around the green and will liaise with Cllr Mr T Burden. It was noted that the Lengthsman Cluster has not yet received funding from HCC. Cllr Mrs Z Brooks is investigating the delay in payment. Cllr Mr T Burden is making a list of jobs that need undertaking.

At the request of a resident 'SLOW DOWN HEDGEHOG' signs have been put up in the village – two in Appleshaw and two in Ragged Appleshaw.

ALLOTMENTS.

The Clerk has written to Aster regarding the broken fence bordering the allotments and believes that a representative has inspected the fence. No further information as yet.

WEBSITE.

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council now have control of the Appleshaw website. There is an outstanding amount of £950 hosting fees, payable to Mrs A Cowlin. Cllr Mr J Holder offered to ask one of his company staff to design and produce a user-friendly website for the Parish Council. The Chairman thanked him for his offer and thought this a good idea. All agreed.

PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.

CLLR MR J HOLDER reported that Mr Simon Prior-Palmer has carried out work to the stiles and lowered the top rung. Cllr Mr M Watts stated that this was an improvement but the stiles were still difficult to get over and made suggestions as how they could be made more user-friendly. Cllr Mr J Holder will consult Mr S Prior-Palmer.

Cllr Mrs Z Brooks will speak to James Emmet at Hampshire Rights of Way to obtain the specifications for stiles and will forward them on to the Clerk and Chairman.

CLLR MR T SEYMOUR reported that the village hall committee is dealing with problems caused by rubbish being dumped near the entrance to the carpark. It was agreed to investigate the cost of having additional rubbish bins at the entrances to the playing field.

CLLR MR T BURDEN reported that he has not yet managed to talk to anyone about the speeding tractors through the village but would endeavour to do so before the end of the harvesting.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS Z BROOKS.

Cllr Mrs Z Brooks reported that Andover recycling centre is experiencing problems with people not turning up for pre-booked slots. Hampshire County Council wants residents to book responsibly.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 11th November 2020. Format will depend on Covid-19 rules on social distancing.