

**Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 in Appleshaw Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

**Covid-19 Rules on Social Distancing were followed.**

Present: Cllr Mr J Holder – Vice Chairman  
Cllr Mr B Hodgson  
Cllr Mr T Seymour  
Cllr Mr M Watts  
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk  
Members of the Public – Mr B Parker, Mrs J Hopkins and Mrs C Tomlinson.

Apologies for absence: Cllr Mr J Moloney – Chairman, Cllr Mr T Burden, County Councillor Mr C Donnelly and Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook.

**WELCOME**

Cllr Mr J Holder took the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None recorded.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Acting Chairman signed the minutes of the September meeting as a true record.  
Matters arising:

VILLAGE CLOCK – Mr P Cairns of the Old Vicarage has offered to pay for the gold leaf work on the village clock face.

SPEED SURVEY – The Clerk confirmed that the speed recording survey will happen in the first quarter of 2022.

Cllr Mr B Hodgson reported that he had contacted Cllr Lashbrook regarding the issue of speeding in the village. Mr Lashbrook confirmed there was no short cut to fix the problem and that the Clerk had taken the right course of action by putting Appleshaw on the list for the speed-monitoring equipment. The results of the survey will determine if Hampshire Highways need to take further action.

GRASS CUTTING – Securing the services of a grass cutter for the 2022/2023 season was discussed. It was suggested that an advert is placed in the ARC newsletter and on the village Facebook page. Cllr Watts reported that he knew someone who might be interested and would approach him to see if that was the case.

ALLOTMENTS – The Clerk reported that most tenants have paid their fees. Of the three tenants who were given notice, one wished to continue and has been given to the end of the year to get his allotment in good order, another also wished to continue but renting only half the original plot. A further tenant had also decided to halve his allotment. Cllr Watts and Cllr Hodgson will take over supervision of the allotments.

## PLANNING.

No new planning applications to discuss.

## FINANCE.

Financial Statement 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### Expenditure October and November 2021

R.N. Waterman	Stamps	£26.04
Mr B Pearce	Grass Cutting	£40.00
DA Cook	Mower Service	£42.00
R.N. Waterman	Administration A + S	£500.00
Mr C Wilkins	Grass Cutting	£1,561.16
Came and Company	Insurance	£809.67
		<b><u>£2,978.87</u></b>

### INCOME

Allotment Rents = £340.00

Opening Balance	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	=	£ 8,134.31
Plus Income – April and May			£ 6,500.00
Plus Income – September			£6,500.00
Plus Income – Oct and Nov			£340.00
		=	<b><u>£21,474.31</u></b>

Less Expenditure

April and May	£1,099.54
June and July	£5,172.43
August and September	£1,783.50
October and November	£2,978.87
	= <b><u>£11,034.34</u></b>

= **£10,439.97**

### FUNDS AVAILABLE

Allotments	=	£ 590.00
Parish Council	=	£9,849.97
	=	<b><u>£10,439.97</u></b>

## HEDGEHOGS

Mrs C Tomlinson spoke about the number of hedgehogs run over or injured on Appleshaw highways, mostly by speeding vehicles, and that drivers needed to be made aware of the likely presence of hedgehogs. The Parish Council discussed this at length but putting up more signs in the village was not a popular option; it was felt that after the initial impact, drivers would take no notice of permanent signs. One suggestion was that the toad signs are taken down once the spawning season has finished, replaced by hedgehog warning signs during the relevant months. This idea attracted support.

## PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.

CLLR HODGSON reported that he and Cllr Watts have now finished replacing the stiles. The Acting Chairman thanked them for their hard work.

CLLR WATTS also reported that the cricket square is infested with weeds and all the

surrounding posts are leaning. Cllr Seymour reported that he would be meeting Fin Hughes the following weekend to discuss work needed to keep the cricket pitch in a good state of repair.

Cllr Mr M Watts suggested that a road mirror be placed opposite the entrance to the cemetery in Redenham. The speed of cars travelling along this stretch of road was dangerous to cemetery visitors with difficult sight lines for pedestrians leaving it. The Parish Council was in favour of this if the necessary permissions for a mirror can be obtained.

### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Mr B Parker felt that the village was looking unusually untidy with The Green left unattended since September and the playing field grass unacceptably long. The Green was covered with fallen leaves and the weeds along the concrete wall through the village was a blot on the beauty of the village.

Although the 'lengthsman' had been in the village and had strimmed the ditch the length of The Green, the Acting Chairman suggested that Cllr Burden, whose portfolio is village maintenance, should meet Chris Wilkins to organise additional grass cutting immediately.

Mrs J Hopkins reported that the Environment Agency had been due to cut the winterbourne ditch in October and suggested that the 'lengthsman' hours be used elsewhere. This was noted.

Mrs J Hopkins thanked the Parish Council for getting the village clock working again.

### **CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The Acting Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

### **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

12<sup>th</sup> January 2022.