

**Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th
September 2021 in Appleshaw Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

Covid-19 Rules on Social Distancing were followed.

Present: Cllr Mr J Malony – Chairman
Cllr Mr J Holder – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr B Hodgson
Cllr Mr T Burden
Cllr Mr T Seymour
Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Members of the Public – Mrs and Mrs B Parker, Mrs J Hopkins and Dr G Legg

Apologies: Cllr Mr M Watts and County Councillor Mr C Donnelly.

WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest recorded.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chairman signed the minutes of the July 2021 meeting as a true record. Matters arising:

VILLAGE CLOCK – The new earth wire to the outbuildings at the Old Vicarage has been completed and the contractor electrifying the clock has installed the apparatus. The clock is now working once again. Cllr Mr B Hodgson reported that while giving the clock a coat of paint, it became clear that the hands and numbers on the clock face were painted with gold leaf. A quote to replace the gold leaf is between £200 and £250.

Note: No decision was made on the issue of refurbishing the gold leaf. This will be put on the November agenda.

WEBSITE – Dr G Legg reported that the July Minutes were not on the website. The Clerk will investigate but thought that a character in the webmaster's email address might have been missing when the minutes were sent out. Cllr Mr J Holder confirmed that the July Minutes had not been received, the Clerk apologised.

HEMLOCK – The Chairman thanked the Parish Councillors who cleared the hemlock from the winterbourne ditch. The Clerk has asked the Lengthsman to strim it.

NOTICE BOARDS – The Clerk reported that David, the carpenter at the Fairground Craft Centre, is finding that the cost of 'marine ply' that he uses to make notice boards, has recently become more expensive. He suggests that the Parish Council wait until the price comes down before proceeding.

The Clerk reported that he has seen an advert for metal traditional notice boards from Hurstbourne Forge on the Portway Industrial Estate and will investigate.

The Parish Council discussed refurbishing the existing notice boards, hopefully to prolong their life for another three to four years. Quotes will be obtained.

SPEED SURVEY – The Clerk confirmed that it is unlikely that the speed recording survey will happen before the spring of 2022.

ALLOTMENTS – The Clerk has sent out letters to the allotment holders and given termination notices to three plot-holders who have not worked their allotments for over two years.

PLANNING.

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

FINANCE.

Financial Statement 8th September 2021

Expenditure August and September 2021

R.N. Waterman	½ Year Expenses	£147.50
Mr B Pearce	Grass Cutting	£ 80.00
David Pawley	Work on Clock	£1,056.00
R.N. Waterman	Administration A + S	£500.00
		<u>£1,783.50</u>

INCOME

TVBC ½ Precept £6,500.00

Summary of Accounts 2021/2022

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

Less Expenditure

April and May	£1,099.54
June and July	£5,172.43
August and September	£1,783.50
	= <u>£8,055.47</u>

FUNDS AVAILABLE

Allotments	=	£ 250.09
Parish Council	=	£12,828.75
	=	<u>£13,078.84</u>

GRASS CUTTING

The Clerk reported that Mr C Wilkins will not be continuing with the grass cutting in Appleshaw after this financial year. The Parish Council were sorry to hear this news but understood the reasons for his decision. The Parish Council will begin the search for a new contractor to take over the work.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR P LASHBROOK

Cllr Mr P Lashbrook reported that he has received 46 complaints about the recent resurfacing of the Andover to Ludgershall Road and this has been taken up with Hampshire Highways.

PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

CLLR MR T BURDEN – reported on problems with surface water flooding around the Green in Redenham. Silt is blocking the drainage pipe into the ditch and needs clearing and regular maintenance. Cars parking on top of the start of the gully have not helped and he suggested that wooden posts are put in position to stop this.

Mr Burden reported that there is a green light flashing in the Defibrillator Box. The Clerk will ask the electrician to check the apparatus.

Mr Burden reported that he had been informed that one of the allotments is being sub-let against the rules. The Clerk will investigate and asked Mr Burden to provide more information.

Mr Burden reported that there are a number of sections of the Playing Field fence that need replacing. Cllr Mr T Seymour will take a look.

CLLR MR B HODGSON – reported that work on stiles on the Redenham Estate has been completed. Work on stiles on Mr H McCall's land are ongoing.

CLLR MR T SEYMOUR – reported that bollards at the entrance to the Village Hall car park have been reappraised and it has been decided to reinstate the gates as a better option.

CLLR MR J MALONY - reminded everyone that Redenham Park have an Open Garden Day on the 25th of September 2021. A 'Village Litter Pick' is pencilled in for the 17th of October – 10am start at the Walnut Tree.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Dr G Legg stated that he would not be happy for a further £250 to be spent on gold-leafing the village clock.

Mrs J Hopkins reported that the Environment Agency are due to cut the winterbourne ditch in October and suggested that the Lengthsman hours are used elsewhere. This was noted.

Mr B Parker asked why the winterbourne was now being classed as a river. Information supplied to the Environment Agency appeared to be incorrect, suggesting flooding when there wasn't any. This error was likely to have a detrimental influence on insurance premiums for villagers.

Mr Parker asked why there was no Parish Councillor with responsibility for the allotments. The Clerk stated that he has been temporarily looking after the allotments and that the query would be addressed at the next meeting.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

10th November 2021.