

**Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th
January 2022 in Appleshaw Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

Covid Rules on Social Distancing were followed, and masks were worn.

Present: Cllr Mr J Moloney - Chairman
Cllr Mr J Holder – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr B Hodgson
Cllr Mr T Burden
Cllr Mr T Seymour
Cllr Mr M Watts
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Members of the Public – 6

Apologies for absence: County Councillor Mr C Donnelly and Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook.

WELCOME

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None recorded.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the November meeting were signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

SPEED SURVEY – No new news to report.

GRASS CUTTING – Cllr Mr M Watts introduced Mr Bob Scheier who has expressed interest in taking over grass-cutting services for the 2022/2023 season. Mr Watts and Mr Scheier will meet with Mr C Wilkins to go through the cutting schedule before discussing remuneration and equipment.

The grass-cutting equipment was briefly discussed - it was thought that additional equipment may need to be bought. Cllr Mr T Seymour will investigate what equipment may be required and will report back at the March meeting.

HEDGEHOGS - The sign issue was briefly discussed. It was still felt that the suggestion that the toad signs are taken down once the spawning season has finished, replaced by hedgehog warning signs during the relevant months was the best way forward.

PLANNING.

21/03505/FULLN – Erection of extension to provide dispatch chill with store above – Randall Parker Foods, Back Lane, Appleshaw.

Following a discussion with Mr J Gaffney, the Managing Director at Randall Parker Foods, the Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS but commented that there have been concerns raised about possible additional lorry movements.

21/03078/FULLN – Demolish Conservatory and erect rear single storey flat roof extension
– Firebeck, Biddesden Bottom Road, Appleshaw – NO OBJECTION.

FINANCE.

Financial Statement 12th January 2022

Expenditure December 2021 and January 2022

R.N. Waterman	Administration D + J	£500.00
Mr C Wilkins	Grass Cutting Etc	£381.84
Mr Futcher	Grass Cutting R	£250.00
HCC	Street Lighting	£153.54
Mr M Watts	Materials	£50.34
		<u>£1,335.72</u>

INCOME

Allotment Rents = £20.00

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
Plus Income – Oct and Nov			£340.00
Plus Income – Dec and Jan			£20.00
		=	<u>£21,494.31</u>

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
December and January	£1,335.72
	= <u>£12,370.06</u>

FUNDS AVAILABLE

Allotments	=	£ 610.00
Parish Council	=	£ 8,514.25
	=	<u>£9,124.25</u>

PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.

CLLR WATTS offered to repair the broken bench on the Village Green with replacement of the wood and the metal treated. Cllr Watts suggested that a plaque be added to commemorate Mr Des Green. The Parish Council supported this suggestion.

Cllr Watts said he and many other in the village were not sure how to access the defibrillator if it was needed. The Clerk explained the procedure (listed below), the Defibrillator access code is given when 999 is called.

Cllr Watts added that there is now a defibrillator at The Lion in Clanville and suggested that one is placed on the Village Hall in Appleshaw. This was discussed and agreed. The Clerk will approach Cllr Mr C Donnelly to see if he can authorise a grant towards the cost from his Councillor's Devolved Budget.

Gaining access to the Defibrillator –

- In the case of a suspected heart attack 999 should be dialled.*
- The Ambulance Service will talk the caller through procedure and will ask for an address and postcode.*
- The Ambulance Service have the defibrillator location and access code on their system and will give instructions on where the nearest unit is sited and the access code.*
- The Defibrillator is fully automatic and will instruct the user step by step how to proceed, the ambulance service will also be on the telephone to assist, whilst waiting for the ambulance to arrive.*

CLLR MR B HODGSON reported that repairs have been completed on the two broken stiles.

CLLR MR T SEYMOUR reported that the gates at the entrance to the Village Hall car park have been reinstated and are locked at night.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Dr G Legg asked for an up-date on the state of the village notice boards. The Clerk reported that they are to be refurbished and that he is waiting for a date for the work to begin.

Dr G Legg asked if a list of outstanding issues could be recorded in the minutes to keep parishioners informed. The Clerk agreed to do this.

Mrs J Hopkins asked when the next village litter pick might be. The Chairman will confirm a date in March in due course.

Mrs Hopkins reported that the gullies at the bottom of School Lane need digging out. The Clerk will get the Lengthsman to carry out this task.

Mrs J Hopkins reported that the ground water levels are lower than average at the moment.

Mrs J Hopkins wished to thank the Parish Council for doing a great job.

Mr J Brewer thanked the Parish Council for getting the village clock working again and an excellent job of refurbishing it.

Mr J Brewer reported that one of the Walnut Trees on the Village Green is leaning. This was discussed - Cllr Seymour would speak to Mr Andy Burgess, the relevant owner of that section of The Green.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

9th March 2022.

OUTSTANDING ITEMS.

- Speed Monitoring - HCC
- Refurbishment of the Village Notice Boards.
- Toad and Hedgehog Signs.
- Blocked Gullies.
- Walnut Tree.
- Grass Cutting Equipment.