

**Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16th
March 2022 in Appleshaw Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

Present: 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 – Mrs J Hopkins

Apologies for absence: Cllr J Moloney – Chairman, County Councillor Mr C Donnelly, Mr and Mrs B Parker 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 January meeting were signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

SPEED SURVEY – The Clerk believed that the survey would take place in early April.

GRASS CUTTING – Mr Bob Scheier met with Chris Wilkins to go through the cutting schedule and felt that, as it was more involved than he first thought, he was longer interested in the appointment.

The Clerk reported that a local grounds maintenance company have also met with Chris. The company has quoted £300 'a cut' using the current specifications that have been used during Chris Wilkins' tenure of the role.

The Parish Council discussed the grass cutting at length. Cllr Mr T Burden thought that it might be a good idea to split the workload between several contractors. Cllr Mr T Burden suggested that he talk again to Mr Bob Scheier and meet with the garden maintenance company to try and get this sorted before the start of the cutting season. The Parish Council agreed.

DEFIBRILLATOR – The Clerk reported that the Parish Council have received a grant of £1000 through County Councillor Mr C Donnelly towards the purchase of an additional defibrillator and cabinet . The Clerk has submitted a grant application for £500 to Test Valley Borough Council from the Borough Councillors'Community Grant scheme.

The Clerk reported that the defibrillator has been delivered but there is a 12-week delivery delay on the cabinet.

PLANNING.

22/00560/FULLN – Change of use of land from agricultural and the construction of a menage for equestrian use – Land Southeast of Jasmine Cottage, Back Lane, Appleshaw.
NO OBJECTION.

FINANCE.

Expenditure February and March 2022

R.N. Waterman Administration F & M £500.00
£500.00

INCOME

HCC Grant = £1,000.00

Summary of Accounts 2021/2022

Opening Balance 1st 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
Plus Income – Feb and March £1,000.00
= **£22,494.31**

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
February and March £ 500.00
= **£12,870.06**

FUNDS AVAILABLE

Allotments = £ 610.00
Parish Council = £ 9,014.25
= **£9,624.25**

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

Cllr Mr T Burden and Mrs J Hopkins reported on the planned celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee:

- 50 memorial coins (50 pence legal tender coins) will be given to the first 50 Children who arrive on the day.
- The Village Green will be used for children's activities – A full programme of traditional games is to be organised.
- Several other attractions are planned and will be confirmed at the May Parish Council Meeting.
- Village Green - A proposal was tabled to replace the two Walnut Trees that have come down in recent storms. Cllr Mr T Burden will liaise with Mr A Burgess. The Parish Council agreed to fund the purchase of the replacement trees and a suitable plaque.
- A parishioner had suggested that a wraparound wrought iron seat be placed by the Chestnut Tree on the Green. This was briefly discussed, and it was thought that

the cost may be too prohibitive. However, it was thought a good idea and the cost of iron and wooden benches will be investigated.

- The Parish Council agreed to contribute £500 towards the Jubilee Celebrations if there is a short fall in funding.
- A grant application to Test Valley Borough Council is to be submitted to help with the celebrations.

PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

CLLR MR T BURDEN – Reported that dog fouling is becoming an issue on the Playing Field and action needed to be taken to stop this antisocial behaviour. This was discussed at length. The Parish Council will explore the provision of a new bylaw requiring dogs to be kept on a lead while they are being exercised on the Playing Field.

Cllr Mr T Burden reported that a large number of the fencing posts around the Playing Field need replacing. Many have rotted away, and the constant damage caused by the strimmer over the years has not helped. It is proposed to allow the grass to grow around the playing field perimeter to allow a 'Hedgehog Highway'.

CLLR MR J HOLDER reported that Hampshire Playing Field Association now have all the correct documentation to move forward with the change of governance for the Playing Field. Cllr Holder was certain that there are funds in the current Playing Field Charity to meet the costs of the replacement fencing.

CLLR MR M WATTS reported that the telephone box 'library' is a mess, full of old damp books and used as a dumping ground for bags of old books. This was discussed. It was agreed that the telephone box will be emptied of the books, re-shelved and screwed shut until someone comes forward to look after the library. It was also agreed that once up and running again the library would be emptied at the end of each September, screwed shut and re-opened in the spring.

Cllr Mr M Watts suggested that TVBC need to get involved with the issue of litter in the village. The annual litter pick is a good idea, but it is too much for the few volunteers that help, many in their later years. This was noted.

Cllr Mr M Watts reported that one of the allotments has not been worked for so long that it will take an enormous amount of work to get rid of the weeds. The Parish Council could not expect a new tenant to undertake this task. Cllr Mr T Seymour offered to see if he could get his mini digger to the plot to do the job.

Cllr Mr M Watts reported that the fence belonging to Aster needs attention and will be a major job to remove and replace. It was noted that the Parish Council have previously tried to get Aster to repair this fence. It was agreed that Aster will be contacted to see if they will agree to a site meeting.

CLLR MR B HODGSON reported that a section of the play area fence is broken. Cllr Mr T Burden will look at the fence and organise a repair.

CLLR MR T SEYMOUR reported that the road name signs on entering Ragged Appleshaw are no longer legible and need replacing; there also many potholes that need repairing.

Both issues will be reported to County Councillor Mr C Donnelly and Highways.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR C DONNELLY:

County Councillor Mr C Donnelly sent his apologies and the following Hampshire County Council report:

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATES March 2022 Andover West Cllr Chris Donnelly Please find below an outline of current programmes of work and public information from Hampshire County Council. I hope that this is useful. If you have any further questions, then please don't hesitate to contact me at cllrc.donnelly@hants.gov.uk Kind regards Chris

County Council Updates Support for Ukraine The Government webpages about the new 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme are now live on the County Council's own Ukraine site: www.hants.gov.uk/ukraine This also includes information on how to register an interest, as well as a helpful FAQ document on the scheme, as announced earlier by Michael Gove. The County Council continues to await precise details from Government as to the full nature of the support that we may be required to provide to underpin this important initiative, and as ever, stand ready to aid the humanitarian campaign as necessary – which we anticipate will include providing those fleeing the conflict with help to access public services, schools, public health and other support, including access to trauma counselling. I will continue to keep you updated as further information becomes available from central Government. Secondary School choice statistics for 2022 Of those who applied for a Year 7 place (for September 2022) by the application deadline, more than 92 per cent have been offered a place at their first-choice school. The County Council received 14,982 on-time applications this year – an increase of 499 applications compared to the number received for places in September 2021 (14,483). Platinum Jubilee If you think you might have cherished royal memorabilia in the attic, at the back of your wardrobe or in a box under the stairs, now's the time to start hunting to help make Jubilee history. As part of our celebrations for this historic Platinum Jubilee year celebrating 70 years of Her Majesty, The Queen's reign, Hampshire Archives is inviting people to contribute their memorabilia from during The Queen's reign to the Hampshire Jubilee Archive. Perhaps you have a photograph from one of The Queen's visits during the years, or a recording of a past Jubilee party in Hampshire – whatever it might be, we would love to see it - please get in touch and be part of our #HantsJubilee history! Find out how: www.hants.gov.uk/jubilee-archives Along with preserving physical materials, Hampshire Archives also offers a digitisation service to convert your memories into a digital format. Local Updates for Andover West County Councillor Grants Thank you to everyone who applied for a County Councillor Grant in 2021/22. The list of projects which I am delighted to support is Andover SAP £480.00 Work in local schools to set up social action projects where young people get a voice on topics important to them. They will get involved with campaigning, fundraising and volunteering. HEAD2HEAD Sensory Theatre Multi-sensory pantomime for Icknield £500.00 School children Kimpton PC £1,500.00 Footpath Training & Garden materials Appleshaw PC £1,000.00 Defibrillator Grateley WM Hall £1,000.00 Village Hall toilet refurbishment Shipton Bellinger PC £1,500.00 Jubilee Youth Shelter Charlton PC £1,000.00 Jubilee Celebrations Thrupton PC £500.00 Jubilee Celebrations MHA Test Valley £500.00 Trips for elderly residents to local attractions. There was £20.00 left over which was donated to the Red Cross to help people in Ukraine. Andover Mark Way School HCC are funding a £2.2m expansion of Mark Way School in Andover. Designed by Hampshire County Council Property Services, the scheme will deliver two new classrooms, some internal refurbishments and external upgrades and will enable the school to provide a further 20 places. This will take its existing 82 places up to 102 with effect from September 2023. The Mark Way School provides education for 11- to 16-year-olds with Moderate Learning Difficulties, Autistic Spectrum Conditions and moderate hearing and or visual impairments. A single storey extension comprising two new classrooms, a small group room, two storerooms and a room for the school's Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) is planned. Additionally, landscaping works will create a new small sensory courtyard garden and other features such as raised planters, seating and an area for drama activities. Outside, the existing drop off and pick up arrangements will be

reconfigured to improve access and pedestrian safety. Improvements are set to include reorganised parking bays, a cycle shelter and new school entrance barriers. King Arthur's Way An access test by the fire brigade is taking place at King Arthur's Way in the week commencing 14th March. This is part of our investigations into parking arrangements there, and what improvements can be made. Shipton Bellinger The railings over The Bourne are being assessed by HCC engineers and are now in the programme for possible replacement. Charlton Penton Mewsey The potholes in Charlton and Penton Mewsey have been filled in as a temporary measure, but I am aware that there is further resurfacing required in Foxcotte Road and in Penton Mewsey.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

Cllr Mr J Holder thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

11th May 2022.

OUTSTANDING ITEMS.

- Speed Monitoring - HCC
- Refurbishment of the Village Notice Boards.
- Toad and Hedgehog Signs.
- Walnut Trees
- Grass Cutting
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.