

**Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14th
September 2022 in Appleshaw Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllr Mr J Moloney - Chairman
Cllr Mr B Hodgson
Cllr Mr T Burden
Cllr Mrs S Smith
Cllr Mr M Watts
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Members of the Public – 7

Apologies for absence: Cllr Mr J Holder – Vice Chairman, County Councillor Mr C Donnelly
and Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook.

WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None recorded.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

The Parish Council still have a vacancy.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

MATTERS ARISING.

ALLOTMENTS – After a lengthy discussion with input from the members of the public, the Parish Council agreed on the following:

- The allotment rent per plot will increase to £20 annually.
- The increase in the allotment rent will enable more money for maintenance.
- The Clerk will conduct a survey of the allotment holders on having water supplied to the allotments. This will be sent out with the allotment invoices in early November.
- If a majority are in favour of having a water supply, the Parish Council will fund for the installation. At the end of each year, the cost of the water supply will be divided between all the allotment holders on a per allotment basis.
- A review of the allotment rules will be conducted and revised if necessary.

Allotments shaded by sycamore trees – Cllr Mr T Burden reported that he has looked at the sycamore trees on his land, which border the allotments, and in his view the pruning undertaken in the past had not grown out much. There is an offending branch very high up, and not easily accessible, that may be causing some shade. Cllr Mr M Watts stated that he had also taken a look and the allotment in question is only in the shade for part of the day. The situation will be monitored.

DEFIBRILLATOR – The Clerk reported that the Walnut Tree defibrillator has not yet been returned from the manufacturer. The new defibrillator cabinet has been fitted to the village hall.

OUTSTANDING ITEMS – UP-DATE

- Speed Monitoring – The Chairman will be in touch with Cllr Donnelly to establish a date for the speed-measuring equipment.
- Refurbishment of the notice boards - the notice board in Ragged Appleshaw will be refurbished on site within the next few weeks.

PLANNING.

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

FINANCE.

Financial Statement 14th September 2022

Expenditure August and September 2022

R.N. Waterman	Administration A & S	£540.00
Mr B Pearce	Grass Cutting	£80.00
K Baynes	Grass Cutting	£1,000.00
SBPC	Storage	£20.00
		<u>£1,640.00</u>

INCOME

Allotment Rents £60.00

Summary of Accounts 2022/2023

Opening Balance	1 st April 2022	=	£ 8,032.62
Plus Income – April and May			£ 6,500.00
	June and July		£ 1,000.00
	August and Sept		£ 60.00
		=	<u>£15,592.62</u>

Less Expenditure

April and May	=	£ 4,488.70
June and July	=	£ 3,958.18
Aug and Sept	=	£ 1,640.00
	=	<u>£10,086.88</u>

= **£ 5,505.74**

FUNDS AVAILABLE

Allotments	=	£ 534.00
Parish Council	=	£4,971.74
	=	<u>£5,505.74</u>

THE QUEEN’S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

The Clerk has received accounts from Cllr Burden relating to the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebration. These include income, expenditure, receipts in the form of a spread sheet. This will be kept on file for the annual audit.

PARISH COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS.

The Chairman confirmed that the ditches through the village have been cut by the Environment Agency.

The Village Fete was a great success and he wished to thank all those involved.

Hedgehog Signs were discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk will purchase additional signs.

Cllr Moloney suggested that the village litter pick should be held on Sunday 9th October with a 10am start meeting at the Walnut Tree Inn.

CLLR MRS S SMITH reported that refurbishment of the telephone box has been very successful and has been used a lot over the summer. The refurbishment and rejuvenation of the telephone box has been well received by the village. Cllrs Watts and Hodgson have offered to paint the telephone box with the acquired original 'pillar box' paint. The new information signs have also been fitted to the telephone box.

Cllr Smith reported that following the successful Jubilee celebrations, the Jubilee Committee have further events they would like to hold in the village; a scarecrow competition in aid of Dementia UK and a Santa Dash. The Jubilee Committee would like to ask the Parish Council for a grant to help fund the setting up of these two events.

The Parish Council discussed the proposal and agreed a grant of £500. The Clerk asked if the Jubilee Committee could please put this request in writing.

Mr and Mrs Coward stated that they would give a grant towards the proposed events of £200. Cllr Smith thanked the Parish Council and Mrs and Mrs Coward, on behalf of the Jubilee Committee, for their generous support.

The Clerk suggested that the Parish Council might consider setting up an Appleshaw Community Fund when discussing the 2023/2024 Precept. This would provide a system for village organisations to apply for funding for community events within the village. The Parish Council thought this an idea worth considering and the Clerk would put this on the agenda for the November Meeting.

CLLR MR B HODGSON reported that the repair of the 'dog gates' on some of the footpaths is in hand.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

There were no additional issues raised by Members of the Public.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

9th November 2022.

OUTSTANDING ITEMS.

- Speed monitoring - HCC
- Refurbishment of the village notice boards.
- Walnut trees
- Allotment - provision of water.
- Defibrillator repair.
- Appleshaw Community Fund