

## **Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 in Appleshaw Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllr Mr E Pertwee – Chairman  
Cllr Mrs S Smith – Vice Chairman  
Cllr Mr B Hodgson  
Cllr Mr T Burden  
Cllr Mr M Watts  
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk  
County Councillor Mr C Donnelly  
Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook.  
Test Valley Neighbourhood Policing Team – 3 Officers.  
Members of the Public – 20

### **WELCOME**

The Clerk welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None recorded.

### **RESIGNATION AND PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.**

Cllr Mr J Holder had resigned from the Parish Council owing to work and family commitments: the Parish Council thanked him for his time on the Parish Council.

### **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.**

There were two nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman, Cllr Mrs S Smith and Cllr Mr E Pertwee. Cllr Mr E Pertwee was elected Chairman, Cllr Mrs S Smith was elected Vice Chairman.

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

### **MATTERS ARISING.**

**ALLOTMENTS** The Clerk reported that the allotment bills and water supply survey had not yet been sent out as there have been several new tenants. Cllr Mr M Watts reported that the overgrown allotment has been cleared and re-let.

**DEFIBRILLATOR** – The Clerk reported that the Walnut Tree Inn defibrillator has been repaired and returned. The second defibrillator is now at the Village Hall. Both are now in working order and have been registered on the 'Circuit' National database.

### **OUTSTANDING ITEMS – UP-DATE**

- APPLESRAW COMMUNITY FUND – Will be discussed when the Budget for 2023/2024 is set.
- WALNUT TREES – Cllr Mr T Burden reported that advice on planting new Walnut Trees has been received, it has been suggested that a 2m X 2m hole is dug and fresh soil added. Cllr Burden will now speak to Mr Andy Burgess.
- NOTICE BOARD REFURBISHMENT – On going.

## PLANNING.

The only Planning Application in recent weeks was for tree works – NO OBJECTION.

## FINANCE.

### Expenditure December 2022 and January 2023

R.N. Waterman	Administration D & J	£540.00
Mr B Pearce	Grass Cutting	£40.00
SBPC	Storage	£20.00
R.N. Waterman	½ Year Expenses	£107.38
Keith Baynes	Grass and Village Maint	£2,660.96
Tree Technique	Tree Work	£540.00
M Watts	Materials	£10.17
		<b><u>£3,918.51</u></b>

### Summary of Accounts 2022/2023

Opening Balance	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022	=	£ 8,032.62
Plus Income – April and May			£ 6,500.00
	June and July		£ 1,000.00
	August and Sept		£ 60.00
	Oct and November		£ 6,500.00
		=	<b><u>£22,092.62</u></b>

### Less Expenditure

April and May	=	£ 4,488.70
June and July	=	£ 3,958.18
Aug and Sept	=	£ 1,640.00
Oct and Nov	=	£ 2,546.29
Dec and Jan	=	£ 3,918.51
	=	<b><u>£16,551.68</u></b>
	=	<b><u>£5,540.94</u></b>

### FUNDS AVAILABLE

Allotments	=	£ 334.00
Parish Council	=	£5,206.94
	=	<b><u>£5,540.94</u></b>

## 2023/2024 PRECEPT.

The Parish Council would hold an ‘in camera’ meeting following the public meeting to discuss the precept and contracts. The Parish Council do not intend to increase the precept and it will remain at its current level of £13,000.

## SPEEDING.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman spoke about the issue of speeding with the aim of reducing the speed of vehicles being driven through the village.

- A sub-committee of Parish Councillors and residents will report progress to the Parish Council.
- There is a village online petition as well as a hard copy version circulating within the village.
- Mrs C Tomlinson reiterated that the aim is to reduce the speed of vehicles driving through the village reduced, that the ‘20 is Plenty’ proposal is gathering pace within Hampshire County Council and there is also a National Campaign. Appleshaw School has been approached and

supports efforts to reduce vehicle speed. The Parish Council will fund wheely-bin and car windscreen stickers for those who would like to display them.

### **POLICE.**

The Chairman welcomed PC Glen Dawber and PCOs Spyridon Mouzakis and Peter Beare to the meeting. The following issues were discussed:

- Reporting incidents on the 101 Telephone Number and also reporting online to Hampshire Police.
- When reporting speed-related incidents it is important to note the vehicle registration, the time and date, and a brief account of what was observed.
- The police do have a speed gun that can be loaned to a Community Speed Watch Group but training will be needed for users and suitable sites for the operation need to be agreed.
- The speed enforcement team will be asked to come to Appleshaw and carry out speed checks.
- The officers present are based in Stockbridge and cover a fifty-five square mile beat.
- The police are keen to work with the Parish Council on the speeding issue in Appleshaw.

The Chairman thanked the police for attending and looked forward to working with them.

### **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR P LASHBROOK.**

Cllr Mr P Lashbrook reported that Hampshire Police have been working closely with the Metropolitan Police and a crackdown on Drink/Drug driving has seen 700 offences being logged.

Scott Chilton is Hampshire's new Chief Constable. Hampshire Constabulary are aware of the pitfalls with the 101 telephone reporting and looking at ways to improve the service.

Cllr Lashbrook thanked the police for the excellent work they do on the Stockbridge beat.

### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR C DONNELLY.**

Cllr Mr C Donnelly congratulated Appleshaw on the excellent 'Santa Dash', a very good community event. His fellow HCCC councillor, Nick Adam-King, is to put Appleshaw forward for the trial of the '20 mph' scheme. Mr Adam-King is hoping to arrange a meeting with the Chairman and Vice Chairman to discuss this.

Hampshire CC's Andover recycling centre has changed the conditions for recycling sofas and beds. There is now a charge – details are on the HCC Website.

### **PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.**

CLLR MRS SMITH reported that after the refurbishing of the Redenham telephone box it will be used primarily as an information hub with local information relating to Test Valley Borough Council as well as village issues.

Cllr Smith proposed that the Events Committee become a sub-committee of the Parish Council to provide a clear and transparent audit trail. The recent Santa Dash and the Jubilee Celebrations have raised £7,400 that has been donated to Dementia UK.

Amalgamating the Village Fete with the other Village Events under one umbrella is being investigated.

CLLR MR T BURDEN reported that the repairs to the play area are in hand. The ditch at the end of the Village Green, opposite the road to Chute forest, is full of silt. The Clerk will add this to the list for the Lengthsman.

The Chairman reported that there are several blocked drains and culverts that need attention in the village. He suggested a walk around the village to compile a list for the 'lengthsman' to tackle the work. This was agreed and a date would be set.

The installation of a third defibrillator in the village was briefly discussed and will require further attention.

**TOADS.**

It was noted that toads are on the move!

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

- Dr G Legg informed the Parish Council that Pippins Play Group would not be using the village hall after the end of February 2023. This would mean that the Village Hall will now be available to hire during the day.
- Dr Legg reported there is a leaning tree in the Play Area that needs inspection. This was noted.
- Mrs J Hopkins reported that the ground water levels are rising fast and some properties are already seeing water in their cellars.

**CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

8<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

**OUTSTANDING ITEMS.**

- Speed monitoring - HCC
- Refurbishment of the village notice boards.
- Walnut trees
- Allotments - provision of water.