

APPLEFORD-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall,
Appleford on Tuesday 15th July 2008.

Present: Cllrs G Manning (Chair), A Sharp, G Duffield, D Alcorn,
P Horton
In attendance: J Beck (Clerk), and 3 members of the public.
Apologies: C Lamont (County Councillor)

08/84 Apologies for Absence

Mr Lamont (County Councillor) had sent apologies. Cllr Manning had sent apologies for being unable to attend the start of the meeting, and Cllr sharp agreed to chair the meeting until Cllr Manning arrived.

08/85 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

There were none.

08/86 Public Participation

- Mr Gotch requested funds from the parish council to finish off the village hall and noted that it was already being used with a good number of bookings. The building work will need completion first.
- People using the village hall should take their own rubbish away from the site. It was noted that the tyres had been removed from the recreation ground by the Appleford Ford garage, and the clerk is to write to thank the proprietor.
- The grass will need replacing in the Autumn, but the tarmac path will need finishing first. Cllr Horton reported that the builder is chasing contractors to complete the pavement.
- Mr Flinders asked the council a number of questions regarding the Appleford Community Project (ACP):
Why did the council decide not to endorse the project for a new village hall despite the wishes of the village given at the village meeting in 2006?
How much did the refurbishment of this village hall cost?
Could the council clarify what is the role of the ACP and whether the council supports it?
Mr Flinders requested that if the parish council does withdraw support from the ACP, it should publish an apology and an explanation to the village.

08/87 Minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 2008

It was resolved to approve the minutes as amended as a correct record of the meeting, and Cllr Sharp signed accordingly.

08/88 Matters Arising

- a) Cllr Manning joined the meeting, and returned a signed Register of Interests to the Clerk.
- b) Village Meeting 8th July 2008
It was agreed that this meeting had been very positive and well attended.
- Reservoir
The Vale of White Horse District Council is against the proposal, and the need for the reservoir is not established. The meeting agreed to write to the Vale to oppose the reservoir. Cllr Duffield will draft the letter.
A meeting is scheduled for the 21st July, and Cllr Duffield will attend on behalf of VOWHDC. Cllr Alcorn will attend for the parish council.
 - Incinerator
The village was against the proposal. The council will put forward objections together with Sutton Courtenay parish council to the Planning Committee at OCC. Cllrs Alcorn and Duffield will progress.
- b) Fields in Trust
The solicitors were awaiting a decision from Fields in Trust as to whether to proceed with the documentation available.
- c) Green Lane
Cllr Manning asked that the action to draft an agreement be carried over to the next meeting.
- d) Bus Shelter
This has been ordered. It was resolved that the colour would be Holly Green.
- e) Standing Orders
The Clerk had distributed copies of the current Standing Orders, and model standing orders from the National Association of Local Councils. It was agreed to review at the next meeting.
- f) Hill Farm
The Clerk had spoken with Legal Services at the Vale and had been advised that action was now imminent. Cllr Manning agreed to write to the Vale to complain about the lack of action so far, and request to know exactly when action will be taken.

08/89 County and District Councillors Reports

Cllr Duffield reported on the incinerator and the creation of a shared management team for the Vale and South Oxfordshire District Councils.

08/90 Appleford Community Project (ACP)

Cllr Manning confirmed that the last parish council meeting resolved not to go ahead with the new village hall. It was proposed that the ACP could play a vital role in the management of the refurbished hall and would like the ACP to continue to work for the benefit of the village. Cllr Manning agreed to compose an article for the Pressings.

08/91 Liaison Meetings

None had taken place since the last parish council meeting. The next Power Station Liaison Meeting is scheduled for the 21st July.

08/92 Correspondence

The council had received a letter from Mrs Klyne. The chairman to reply. Cllr Alcorn had received a cheque for £720.00 from St Edmunds Football Club for hire of the football ground for the previous season.

08/93 Planning

The following application had been received.

Application Ref.	Date Received	Address	Proposal	Status
08/01601/TELEC2	07/07/2008	Hill Farm Main Road Appleford Abingdon Oxon OX14 4PJ	Installation of electronic communications apparatus onto national grid pylon No: 4YG003.	Pending Consideration

08/94 Finance

a) The following payments were authorised.

Chq	Payee	For	£ detail	£ total
846	RJS (IA) Ltd	Internal Audit	178.75	
		TOTAL PAYABLE		178.75
847	D Alcorn	Parish Action Plan Mtg	25.00	
		24.02.07 Stationery		
		Buffet 75/80 persons	180.00	
		TOTAL PAYABLE		205.00
848	J Beck	Clerk's salary and expenses 11/6/08 – 15/07/08 (5 weeks)	171.90	
		Phone allowance	3.88	
		Mileage	6.92	
		Clearance Recreation Ground 2 hrs	20.00	
		TOTAL PAYABLE		202.70
849	A Sharp	Expenses for Fields in Trust – O.S. Map	19.99	
		TOTAL PAYABLE		19.99
850	Manderville Partnership	Fees for village hall refurbishment	900.00	
		TOTAL PAYABLE		900.00
		TOTAL PAYMENTS		1506.44

b) Receipts.
None.

c) Clerk's Contract

The Clerk's contract was agreed and signed, with salary set at scp 18 with additional allowances in accordance with National Association of Local Councils model contract and guidelines:

4 hrs/week at scp 18 (£8.595)

Home working Allowance £156.00 per annum

Telephone/Internet £120.00 per annum

Computing Equipment £120.00 per annum.

08/95 Any other Business

Appleford website

Cllr Manning is still to review the website and content.

Signage and Gates

The clerk has contacted Oxfordshire Highways and is waiting for their reply.

Cleansing at the Recreation Ground and Handyman

The clerk to post an advert on the noticeboard and Pressings.

Village Hall Management Committee

It was agreed to hold over to the next parish council meeting.

08/96 PAP

The group has a copy of Harwell Parish Action Plan. Two residents have expressed an interest in analysing and typing up the results of the Appleford survey.

08/97 Date and Venue of next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Tuesday 23rd September 2008 in the Village Hall commencing at 7.00 pm.

08/98 Close of Meeting

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signed Date