

APPLEFORD-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall,
Appleford on Monday 7th September 2009.

Present: Alan Sharp (Chairman), Chris Martin,
Audrey Sharp, Gervase Duffield
In attendance: Judy Beck (Clerk), Stuart Lilley (County Councillor)
Apologies: Donald Alcorn
Members of the Public: 2

09/67 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Alcorn had sent apologies.

09/68 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

There were none.

09/69 Public Participation

Representatives from St. Edmunds Football Club attended. The council was requested to make repairs to the football pitch around the goalmouths. A question about hire of the village hall will be referred to the Village Hall Management Committee.

09/70 County Councillor Update

Councillor Lilley updated the meeting on various matters including:

- a) Congratulations on the quality of the Appleford Parish Plan.
- b) The Incinerator at Sutton Courtenay: the County Council has decided to select Viridor as its preferred supplier for Oxfordshire's waste. The Planning committee meets on 19 October to consider both planning applications.
- c) Appleford Railway station; nothing new from GWR about the service. The GWR sign at Appleford Halt, 'authorised users only' means 'network rail workers only'. Councillor Martin will write to Network rail to note that the crossing is a confirmed public right of way.
- d) Councillor Lilley has responsibility at OCC for Buses, and asked to be informed about any failures or issues with the current service.
- e) Councillor Lilley also sits on the OCC Safe and Strong Communities Scrutiny Committee; additional community police officers are being appointed.
- f) The Fire service will not suffer any cuts at OCC.
- g) South Oxfordshire traffic study - documentation to be sent round.

09/71 District Councillor's update

Councillor Duffield updated the meeting on various issues including Grenoble Road: the proposed development is supported by Oxford City council, but OCC and SODC are opposing. It was agreed that the Chairman would draft a letter to Oxford City Council to express the parish council's support for the development.

09/72 Minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2009

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

09/73 Matters Arising and Matters of Urgency

- a) Broken flagstones outside village hall: It was agreed that Mr McCarthy would replace the broken stones.
- b) Rabbit holes: The annual inspection by RoSPA/Playsafety has been received and any recommendations will be reviewed at the next meeting. The Chairman will write to GWR about the number of rabbits that appear to be coming over from their land.
- c) Spring-shut fastenings for gates to play area have been installed.
- d) Village Hall Access: A quote has been received for £450+vat to put in markings for disabled bays at the carpark. Councillor Duffield had talked to the Vale about access requirements and reported that it is illegal for a public building to restrict access for disabled, and that, in his opinion, the council should not restrict vehicles from driving over the recreation ground to the village hall. The council is not fully in agreement about this matter. The Chairman agreed to seek guidance from Fields in Trust.
- e) The footpath from Appleford to Sutton Courtenay: WRG has now attended to the matter.
- f) Bunds on the gravel fields out of Appleford are looking very overgrown: Cllr Martin will bring this matter up at the next WRG liaison meeting.

09/74 Liaison meetings

- a) Power Station

Cllr Martin gave an update on the membership of the committee. Mr Lamont and Mr Joslin remain on the committee, and it was agreed that the matter does not need further consideration.

- b) WRG

Cllr Martin reported that WRG are trialling ecopods for 4-5 months. Ecopods will do away with the need for turning the compost (which is usually weekly) as the composting green waste is contained within plastic tubes with forced aeration and biofilters aimed at reducing odours.

09/75 Parish Action Plan

The Council agreed to formally adopt the Parish Action Plan and progress with action items one at a time. Traffic calming is the number one priority. The Clerk will forward a copy of this bullet point from the Plan and invite Peter Ronald of OCC Highways to a parish council meeting to advise on options available.

9/76 Correspondence

Correspondence has been distributed since the previous meeting and a list of items kept on file.

09/77 Planning Applications

Planning Application APF/380/1 has been withdrawn.

09/78 Finance

a) Receipts

Cleansing Grant VOWHDC	£75.00
Allianz insurance refund (indemnity)	£21.33.

b) Payments

The following payments were made since the last meeting on 6 July 2009:

<i>Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>£ detail</i>	<i>£ total</i>
899	Enterprise	Grass cutting		147.86
900	T Finch	Litter cleansing		208.00
901	J Beck	Clerks salary and website - August		221.79

The following payments were authorised for payment:

<i>Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>£ detail</i>	<i>£ total</i>
902	J Beck	Clerks salary & allowances 1-30 Sep	191.80	
		Website hosting and maintenance 1-30 June and 1-31 July	29.99	
		TOTAL PAYABLE		221.79
903	BDO Stoy Hayward LLP	Auditing services for y/e 31 March 2009	314.87	
		VAT	47.24	
		TOTAL PAYABLE		362.11
904	Playsafety Ltd	RosPA check 09	158.00	
		VAT	23.70	
		TOTAL PAYABLE		181.70
905	Variable Image Production Ltd	Parish Action Plan reproduction	481.00	
		VAT	72.15	
		TOTAL PAYABLE		553.15
906	Appleford Parochial Church Council	Contribution to grass cutting at church	225.00	
		TOTAL PAYABLE		225.00
907	CPRE	Annual subscription	29.00	

		TOTAL PAYABLE	29.00
908	Appleford Village Hall Management Committee	Transfer of grant paid to parish council from VOWHDC for curtains at village hall	1000.00

c) Annual Return

The clerk presented the Auditor's report for the year ended 31 March 2009 and the council agreed and approved the accounts. The Clerk to post the Notice of Conclusion of Audit to the village noticeboard and website.

09/79 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the parish council meeting on Monday 5th October, starting at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

09/80 Close of Meeting

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.46 pm.

Signed Date