

APPLEFORD-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall,
Appleford on Monday 5th October 2009.

Present: Alan Sharp (Chairman), Chris Martin,
Audrey Sharp
In attendance: Judy Beck (Clerk),
Apologies: Donald Alcorn, Stewart Lilly
Members of the Public: 2

09/81 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Alcorn and County Cllr Stewart Lilly had sent apologies.

09/82 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

There were none.

09/83 Public Participation

Mrs Gibbs gave an update on the Carpenter's Arms. The council agreed to put the matter on the agenda at the next meeting.

There was dust falling over Appleford on the previous Saturday. The council was requested to ask WRG or Hanson to take action to damp down all dust. Cllr Martin agreed to raise the matter at the next liaison meeting. It was suggested that the Emergency Hotline with the Environment Agency could also be used to report dust.

09/84 Minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2009

The minutes were amended and approved as a correct record of the meeting, and the Chairman signed accordingly.

09/85 Matters Arising and Matters of Urgency

- a) Pitch around the goal mouths at the football field. There has been no further response from St Edmunds, and it is apparent that the surface cannot be repaired at this time of year. The Clerk to write to the club to inform them that repairs will be made at the end of the season.
- b) Broken flagstones: It was agreed that Jim McCarthy would replace the broken stones. A cost of up to £50 was agreed.
- c) Rabbit holes: The Chairman has written to GWR about the number of rabbits that appear to be coming over from their land, but no response has been received yet.
- d) The council has been notified that a child had caught fingers in the gate now that spring-shut fasteners are installed. The Vale had suggested rubber doorstops be attached to the gate to prevent this happening. The Chairman agreed to action this.
- e) Village Hall Access: The clerk will obtain further quotes for marking out disabled bays at the car park. The matter of allowing vehicular access across the field was discussed under item 9/90 below.

09/86 Parish Action Plan

Traffic calming: the Clerk still to invite Peter Ronald of OCC Highways to a parish council meeting to advise on options available. The Chairman has written to OCC regarding review of speed limits in Oxfordshire, but has received no reply as yet. The police have have been on Main Road checking speeds.

The Chairman will write to GWR to thank them for reinstating trains following village consultation.

9/87 County and District Councillor's Report

There was none.

9/88 Incinerator

The Chairman reported that there had been a meeting with the Environment Agency. It was resolved that the Chairman will write to Oxfordshire County Council on behalf of the Parish Council to object to the planning application by 9th October.

9/89 Response to Local Plans

Cllr Keith Hutchence, North Moreton Parish Council, has inquired about Appleford council's thoughts on the Willington Down development plans from South Oxfordshire Distict Council. The Chairman and Cllr Audrey Sharp will attend the next 13 Parishes meeting, but thought that a residents' group might be best placed to take this matter forward.

9/90 Recreation Ground

a) Byelaws

The Chairman had sought guidance from the solicitors to Fields in Trust, Wright Hassall, regarding adding restrictions to use of the Recreation Ground under bye-law. Wright Hassall confirmed there was no requirement to consult with Fields in Trust and that the Parish Council could apply restrictions as long as the Recreation Ground remained in public use. The Clerk to check on the process for updating the byelaw for the Recreation Ground, to include the prohibiting of golf, driving onto the field, and for dogs to be kept under control at all times.

b) Insurance

Cllr Audrey Sharp had spoken with Allianz about the insurance policy and had been informed that the insurance clause for public liability would not stand if the Parish Council had been negligent. The Council has a duty of care to anyone using the recreation ground, and any car driven across the field to the village hall could endanger children using the play area. The insurance company has recommended placing a sign at the entrance to the field, saying No Cars – Emergency Vehicles Only.

c) Village Fireworks 7 November

The insurers had confirmed that the council's insurance policy is only applicable if the parish council is organising and running any event. Other

organisations must have their own insurance. The Clerk to confirm whether the Village Hall Management Committee Insurance policy will adequately cover this event.

9/91 Affordable Housing

This item was postponed to the next meeting.

09/92 Liaison Meetings

None held since last meeting.

9/93 Correspondence

Cllr Martin has had a reply from Network Rail about the 'Authorised Users Only' sign erected at the railway crossing, and will liaise further with them. Other correspondence has been circulated since the last meeting and a record of items kept on file.

09/94 Planning Applications

a) Existing

Planning Application APF/380/1 has been withdrawn.

b) New

09/01576/FUL	07/09/2009	08/09/2009	5 Chambrai Close Appleford Abingdon Oxon OX14 4NT	Erection of a single storey rear extension.
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09/95 Finance

a) Payments

At 30 September 2009, the balance at bank was £6,407.85.

1.4.09	C.fwd	8980.77
	Payments	6779.69
	Receipts	4206.77
30.09.09	Balance	6407.85

The following payments were authorised for payment:

<i>Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>£ detail</i>	<i>£ total</i>
909	Enterprise	Invoices 38, 39, 41, 42 Grass cutting August and September 09 VAT	257.14 38.58	
		TOTAL PAYABLE		295.72
910	J Beck	Clerks salary and allowances - October		202.93

911	J Beck	Website hosting and administration – October 09	29.99
TOTAL PAYMENTS			528.64

b) Parish Action Plan

As the parish action plan was now completed and published, an account of grant expenditure is requested by Oxfordshire Rural Communities Council.

i) Receipts

01/05/07	ORCC		2150.00
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ii) Payments

25/07/2007	M Hancock	Parish Action Plan Rounders Match	100.00
24/09/07	L Dalby	Hours worked on preparation for Parish Action Plan	300.00
08/11/07	Village Hall Mt Cttee	Hire of Hall for meetings	24.00
12/06/2008	A Greenwell	Parish Action Plan Expenses – stationery and photocopying	114.01
18/06/2008	D Alcorn	Expenses Parish Action Plan Mtg	205.00
07/09/09	Ultimate Finance Ltd	Printing and binding of Parish Action Plan	481.00
iii) Balance carried forward at 30/09/09 The Clerk to contact ORCC.			£925.99

c) Village Hall Refurbishment

The Village Hall Management Committee requested that the parish council pay for repairing cracks as the plaster dries out, estimated at £100. The council resolved that this repair was business as usual, and that the Village Hall Management Committee should fund this.

d) Recreational Allotments

The rent for the recreational allotments fell due on 30 September 2009. The council agreed to write to the tenant to request the £70 rent for the next 12

months. It was resolved to give notice that the lease of the land will be open to tender at the end of the 12 months.

09/96 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the parish council meeting on Monday 2nd November, starting at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

09/97 Close of Meeting

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.07 pm.

Signed Date