

APPLEFORD-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall,
Appleford on Monday 2nd November 2009.

Present: Alan Sharp (Chairman), Chris Martin,
Audrey Sharp
In attendance: Judy Beck (Clerk),
Apologies: Donald Alcorn, Gervase Duffield
Members of the Public: None

09/98 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Alcorn and Duffield had sent apologies.

09/99 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

There were none.

09/100 Public Participation

None.

09/101 Minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2009

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

09/102 Matters Arising and Matters of Urgency

- a) Broken flagstones outside the Village Hall have been repaired.
- b) Rabbit holes at the Recreation Ground: No reply from GWR as yet.
- c) Rubber stops to the gates of the playground: The Chairman to action.
- d) Car parking for disabled drivers: The clerk had approached two further suppliers for quotes for marking out disabled bays at the car park. It was agreed that Enterprise should be contracted to mark out the bays.
- e) Byelaw for the Recreation Ground: The clerk is waiting for advice from the District Council.
- f) Village Events: the Clerk confirmed that the Village Hall Management Committee insurance policy included public liability indemnity.
- g) The item on Hill Farm was postponed to the next meeting.
- h) Trees along the road to Sutton Courtenay. The clerk will liaise with Oxfordshire County Council to determine ownership of dead trees along the road.
- i) Village website: it was agreed to keep the advertising banner on the new website as this allows free hosting with the new provider.
- j) The Chairman had written to Oxfordshire County Council on behalf of the Parish Council to object to the planning application by 9th October.
- k) Traffic calming: the Clerk has contacted Oxfordshire County Council to invite a representative from Highways to a parish council meeting to advise on options available. The date is to be confirmed.
- l) Byelaw amendments for the Recreation Ground. The clerk has requested advice from the District Council and is awaiting a response.
- m) The Chairman has had no reply as yet from Oxfordshire County Council to his letter regarding the review of speed limits in Oxfordshire.

09/103 District and County Councillor's Report

Cllr Stewart Lilley updated the meeting on a number of issues, including:

The application for an incinerator at Sutton Courtenay; the reinstatement of trains stopping at Appleford; the building of new housing north west of Bicester; changes to shifts at the Fire Service in Abingdon and Didcot.

The Chairman queried the proposed review by Oxfordshire County Council of the bus service to Appleford. Cllr Lilly had not seen the communication from Oxfordshire County Council, and the Clerk will forward this to him.

Cllr Martin raised the move by Network Rail to limit use of the Appleford level crossing.

09/104 13 Parishes Group - Response to Local Plans

The Chairman and Cllr Audrey Sharp attended the last 13 Parishes meeting regarding the Local Plan for both South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils. It was agreed that the views of the village should be sought by means of a public forum before the next meeting on 7th December. The Chairman is attending the Didcot Forum and will summarise the issues for the council meeting.

09/105 Parish Action Plan

The proposed item on affordable housing was dropped. The traffic issues are being addressed. It was agreed to return the balance to Oxfordshire Rural Communities Council.

09/106 Liaison Meetings

Cllr Martin gave an update on the dust falling on the village recently, and advised that the Power Station will always analyse a sample to determine where the dust had come from. Unless a sample is collected, it is not possible to take the matter further.

09/107 Correspondence

Correspondence has been circulated since the last meeting and a record of items is kept on file.

9/108 Planning Applications

SUT/APF/616/60-CM

Application for an Energy from Waste incinerator.

The application for the Incinerator at Sutton Courtenay has been refused by Oxfordshire County Council on 19th October.

APF/616/56-CM Condition 40

Saturday Afternoon Catch Up Operations Sutton Courtenay Landfill

Oxfordshire County Council has approved catch-up days to September 2010.

09/109 Finance

a) Receipts

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| Pressings advertising | £40.00 |
| 2 nd Precept instalment | £3,100.00 |

It was noted that no funding for the football field had been received as yet from St Edmunds Football Club. The Clerk will contact the club.

b) Balance at bank

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| 1.4.09 | C.fwd | 8,980.77 |
| | Payments | 7,308.33 |
| | Receipts | 7,350.83 |
| 29.10.09 | Balance | 9,023.27 |

c) Payments

The following payments were authorised:

| <i>Chq</i> | <i>Payee</i> | <i>For</i> | <i>£ detail</i> | <i>£ total</i> |
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| 912 | J Beck | Clerks salary and allowances – November 09 | | 193.39 |
| 913 | J Beck | Website hosting and administration – domain registration November 09 | | 38.17 |
| 914 | Society of Local Council Clerks | Annual Membership | | 61.00 |
| 915 | J McCarthy | Repairs to slabs at village hall | | 66.75 |
| 916 | ORCC | Balance from Parish Action Plan Grant | | 925.99 |
| | | TOTAL PAYMENTS | | £1,285.30 |

09/110 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the parish council meeting on Monday 7th December, starting at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. A public forum to debate the Didcot Housing Proposals will be held from 7 pm.

09/111 Close of Meeting

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.57 pm.

Signed Date