

APPLEFORD-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

09/112 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Duffield felt unable to attend since the council's decision to prohibit driving a vehicle across the recreation ground to the hall.

09/113 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

There were none.

09/114 Public Participation

None.

09/115 Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November 2009

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

09/116 Matters Arising and Matters of Urgency

- a) Car parking at the Recreation Ground. The council agreed to proceed with marking the disabled bay at a cost of £350 plus VAT.
- b) Proposed amendments to byelaw. It was resolved not to proceed with changes to the byelaw as the restrictions already in place were sufficient. The Chairman agreed to obtain quotes for posting notice signs regarding key restrictions.
- c) Hill Farm – item not discussed.
- d) Vacancy to the office of Councillor. The vacancy has been advertised and notified to the District Council. The council will proceed to co-opt a new member if no election is requested.
- e) Flagstones outside the village hall. The slabs have been broken again. It was agreed to obtain quote for further repairs and pass to the Village Hall Management Committee to obtain payment from the organisation responsible for the damage. It was confirmed that the council could not give permission for any vehicle to drive across the field to the Hall. The Clerk to inform the Village Hall Management Committee.

09/117 District and County Councillor's Report

District Councillor: Not present.

County Councillor:

Cllr Lilley updated the meeting on various matters, including:

a recent Meeting with Environment Agency, from which he provided the council with a copy of the latest flood map;
full minutes of the Planning Meeting from 19 October regarding the incinerator;
OCC Public Transport Representatives meeting, in particular working towards increasing the bus service to Appleford;
OCC financial review in light of reduction in funding from central government will aim to maintain frontline services;
the OCC mobile road safety unit is available on request.

09/118 13 Parishes Group - Response to Local Plans

A Public Forum was held before this meeting and views noted. It was agreed that the Chairman will talk to the 13 Parishes group and write to SODC with copy to the Vale to confirm the parish council's opposition in principle to plans for new housing north of Didcot.

09/119 Parish Action Plan

- a) The balance of the Parish Action Plan Grant has been returned to Oxfordshire Rural Communities Council.
- b) A Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) meeting has been held and the parish council has been requested to take part in a joint traffic survey with Drayton and Sutton Courtenay parish councils. The council agreed the £105 costs.
- c) It was noted that the OCC Local Transport Plan has paid regard to the Parish Action Plan and recognises that traffic is an issue for Appleford. The Clerk to write to OCC to endorse the inclusion of these items for Appleford and recommend that OCC should support them as well.

09/120 Liaison Meetings

- a) Incinerator – Environment Agency/Sutton Courtenay Working Group. The group is now waiting for the Environment Agency to provide further information.
- b) Didcot Forum. The Chairman attended the latest meeting, at which there was no mention of housing plans. However, most plans are currently on hold due to lack of funding.
- c) 13 Parishes. It was agreed that Mr Paul Horton will attend future meetings on behalf of Appleford.

09/121 Village Hall Management Committee

The council was unable to nominate a councillor to the committee, and agreed to advertise for a representative from the village.

09/122 Correspondence

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

9/123 Planning Applications

New Application to Oxfordshire County Council: MW.0221/09 Sutton Courtenay Mineral Site, Sutton Courtenay, Abingdon

Temporary retention of an existing concrete batching plant at Hanson ...
Permission is also sought to allow the importation of sand and limestone.
The council had no observations to make.

09/124 Finance

a) Receipts

None. The Clerk has written to St Edmunds Football Club to request the first instalment of rental for pitch.

b) Summary of accounts as at 30.11.09

C.fwd		PAP c/f	
1.4.09	8980.77	1.4.09	1406.99
Payments	8603.17	Payments	1406.99
Receipts	7356.51	Receipts	0.00
Balance	7734.11	Balance	0.00

Expected receipts to 31.03.09

Football pitch	1,000
Rental	70
VAT refund	400
Total	1470

Expected payments to 31.03.09

Clerks salary	580
Litterpick	150
Disabled markings	350
Repair slabs	100
Grass cutting	150
Total	1330

c) Payments

The following cheques were authorised for payment:

<i>Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>£ detail</i>	<i>£ total</i>
917	J Beck	Clerks salary and allowances – December 09		193.39
918	Village Hall Management Committee	Rental Village Hall Sep 08 – Sep 09		60.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS				£253.39

d) Village Hall Management Committee

The council resolved to refuse a request for funding of £500 from the Village Hall Management Committee.

e) Budget 2010/11

The council reviewed the accounts for the current year and proposed the budget provisions for the financial year 2010/11.

09/125 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the parish council meeting on Monday 4th January, starting at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

09/126 Close of Meeting

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.26 pm.

Signed Date