

APPLEFORD-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall,
Appleford on Monday 4th January 2010.

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

10/01 Apologies for Absence

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

10/02 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

There were none.

10/03 Public Participation

Mr Flinders and Mrs Hancock attended regarding the Appleford Community Project (ACP), and proposed it should continue as a sub-committee of the Parish Council. In light of recent changes in representation on the Village Hall Management Committee, the terms of reference of the ACP should be confirmed. The council agreed to discuss this as a matter of urgency.

10/04 Minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2009

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

10/05 Matters of Urgency

Appleford Community Project (ACP): The council noted that the Village Hall Management Committee will no longer organise future village events, and that the ACP committee was willing to take on this role if authorised. The balance in the ACP current account of £5,844.27 has been ringfenced for the maintenance of the children's playground equipment at the Recreation Ground. It was agreed that Mr Flinders and Mrs Hancock would attend the next council meeting to propose and agree terms of reference for the ACP.

10/06 District and County Councillor's Report

District Councillor: there was none.

County Councillor: Cllr Lilly reported on various matters including Road gritting; a scheduled meeting with the Community Police Officer; meetings of the 'Your Vale Your Future'. Cllr Martin had received a letter from Network Rail regarding the level crossing at Appleford, and the signpost at the crossing has been uprooted and thrown down. Cllr Lilly offered to investigate.

10/07 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a) Regarding access to the village hall, the council resolved to consider the cost of a bench and lighting along the path up to the hall. The clerk to get quotes.
- b) The cost for the new signs for the recreation ground was agreed.
- c) The clerk had not yet been notified by the District Council whether an election to the vacancy to the office of Councillor has been requested.
- d) Flagstones outside the village hall. Still awaiting quotes for repair.

10/08 13 Parishes Group - Response to Local Plans

The Chairman has written to South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse District Councils to confirm the parish council's opposition in principle to plans for new housing north of Didcot.

10/09 Liaison Meetings

No meetings had been held. Mr Andrew Helby has agreed to attend meetings of the 13 Parishes together with Mr Paul Horton.

10/10 Village Hall Management Committee

No response had been received yet regarding the advertisement for a representative from the village to join the committee. Cllr Martin agreed to act as contact between the council and the committee until a representative is formally appointed. Cllr Martin will contact the committee about arrangements for the clearance of rubbish from outside the village hall.

10/11 Correspondence

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

The Pressings newsletter: two people had expressed an interest in taking on the role of Editor, but no firm commitment as yet.

10/12 Planning Applications

The council has been invited to participate in the Local Transport Plan 3 2011 - 2030. Consultation 4: Policies consultation by the consultation manager, Local Transport Plan. Consultation 4 on the draft policies is now under way and will close on Sunday 21 February 2010. A list of the draft policies is available to download as a consultation documents.

10/13 Finance

- a) Receipts
St Edmunds F.C. £500.00
 - b) Balance at bank: current and reserve accounts
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| 1.4.09 | C.fwd | 8980.77 |
| | Payments | 8847.02 |
| | Receipts | 7356.51 |

30.12.09 Balance £7,490.26

Balance at bank: ACP account

£5,844.27

Savings Bonds £2,000.00

Total £15,334.53

c) Payments

The following payments were authorised:

<i>Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Vat</i>	<i>£ total</i>
919	J Beck	Clerks salary and allowances – Jan 10		193.39
920	T Finch	Litterpick at Recreation Ground		264.00
921	Thames Valley Police	Village Speed Survey		105.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS				£562.39

d) Budgeted receipts and payments

Expected payments to 31.03.10

Clerks salary	388
Litterpick	100
Disabled markings	350
Repair slabs	100
Grass cutting	150
Signs for Rec Ground	95
Total	£1,183

Expected receipts to 31.03.10

Football pitch	500
Land Rental	70
VAT refund	400
Total	£970

e) Budget 2010/11

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

f) Precept 2010/11

The council resolved to set the precept for 2010/11 at £6,324.

10/14 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the parish council meeting on Monday 1st February, starting at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

10/15 Close of Meeting

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.19 pm.

Signed Date