

APPLEFORD-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall,
Appleford on Monday 1st February 2010.

Present: Alan Sharp (Chair), Chris Martin,
Audrey Sharp
In attendance: Judy Beck (Clerk), County Councillor Stewart Lilly
Apologies: Gervase Duffield
Members of the Public: 1

10/16 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.

10/17 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

There were none.

10/18 Traffic Issues

Mr Peter Ronald, Area Traffic Engineer Oxfordshire County Council attended and explained options available to the council to address concerns from the village. This issue was the highest priority in the Parish Action Plan. The council resolved to request OCC to carry out its own traffic survey which captures

10/19 Public Participation

Mr Stewart Fisher attended as village transport representative.

10/20 District and County Councillor's Report

- a) District Councillor
The council expressed concern that no report has been received from Mr Duffield as District Councillor as he has not attended for the last five meetings
- b) County Councillor
Cllr Stewart Lilly reported on various matters including Appleford level crossing; community policing, upgrades to mobile library vehicles; changes to shift patterns at Abingdon and Didcot fire stations.

10/21 Matters of Urgency

The Pressings: Mr Fisher has taken on the role of editor on a temporary basis, but is only responsible for producing the electronic version and sending to WRG for printing. Distribution will be handled separately. Advertising revenue will be the responsibility of the Clerk to the council. A permanent editor is still needed.

10/22 Minutes of the meeting held on 1st January 2010

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

10/23 Matters Arising from the minutes

- a) Level Crossing – issue regarding authorised user is ongoing.
- b) Appleford Community Project – item postponed as committee members not present.
- c) Co-option to the vacancy of councillor – no election had been requested, and the position had been advertised. No interest has been received.
- d) Village Hall Management Committee – Cllr Martin continues as liaison, but no council representative appointed.
- e) Local Plan – Response has been received from South Oxon planning team. An invitation has been received from Oxfordshire County Council for 5 parish council representatives to attend the Didcot Area Summit on behalf of 17 local councils. The chairman will write to express concern about this small number of representatives.
- f) Bench and lighting along the path to the village hall. The clerk was still awaiting quotes for the bench. The council may be able to bid for funding from the Power Station. The chairman agreed to investigate options for lighting.
- g) Flagstones outside the village hall. The council agreed to pay for repairs.

10/24 Liaison Meetings

No meetings had been held. The chairman and Cllr Audrey Sharp will attend a workshop at the Oxfordshire Rural Communities Council (ORCC) on 6th March in relation to the Parish Action Plan and funding options.

10/25 Correspondence

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

10/26 Planning Applications

Application Ref.	Address	Proposal
09/02221/FUL	Pilgrims Church Street Appleford Abingdon Oxon OX14 4PA	Erection of a new dwelling.

The parish council had no objections.

10/27 Finance

a) Receipts	
APC account	
Appleford Parish Trust	£1500.00
Current account	
Interest	£2.79

b) Payments

The following cheque had been paid since the last meeting

<i>Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Detail</i>	<i>£ total</i>
922	Enterprise	Car Park – disabled bay marking	375.00	
		VAT	56.25	431.25

The following cheques were authorised for payment:

<i>Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Detail</i>	<i>£ total</i>
923	J Beck	Clerks salary	160.39	
		Office allowances	33.00	
		Feb 10		193.39
924	Falcon signs	Signs for recreation ground	110.00	
		VAT	19.26	129.26
925	Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association	Subscription 2010		32.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS				785.9

c) Car Park Surface

Recent bad weather has further damaged the car park at the recreation ground and repairs are needed. It was agreed that the Chairman would contact Hansons regarding any community grants or favourable pricing available to resurface the area.

10/28 Date of Next Meeting

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

10/29 Close of Meeting

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.49 pm.

Signed Date