

APPLEFORD-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall,
Appleford on Monday 1st March 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: 0

10/30 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.

10/31 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

There were none.

10/32 Public Participation

None.

10/33 District and County Councillor's Report

- a) District Councillor
None.
- b) County Councillor
Cllr Stewart Lilly reported on various matters including Appleford level crossing, bus services and aggregate extraction plans for Oxfordshire.

10/34 Minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2010

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

10/35 Matters Arising from the minutes and Matters of Urgency

- a) Level Crossing – issue regarding authorised user is ongoing.
- b) Appleford Community Project – the council resolved that the ACP should no longer serve as a sub-committee of the council as its purpose is now only for the organisation of village events. The council will request the ACP set up a separate bank account for funding events, and that the council will then return the £1500 grant from the Appleford Parish Trust.
- c) Co-option to the vacancy of councillor – no interest has been received.
- d) Village Hall Management Committee – no change.
- e) Resurfacing the Car Park. The chairman has approached Hansons for a verbal quote for aggregate, and agreed to request a formal written quote in order to approach local agencies for funding.
- f) Bench and lighting along the path to the village hall. The council resolved to purchase a bench from Oxford Wood Recycling. Cllr Martin agreed to contact the Oxfordshire Rural Communities Council with regard to options for lighting.

- g) Local Plan – The chairman had written to Oxfordshire County Council to express concern about this small number of parish council representatives invited to attend the Didcot Area Summit on behalf of 17 local councils and a response was received. The chairman will attend on behalf of the council.
- h) Flagstones outside the village hall have been repaired. One more flagstone is now broken, probably damaged when the hall was hired and a vehicle had been driven across the field without authorisation. Damage to the field up to the hall was also noted. The council agreed to pay £25 for further repairs.
- i) Cllr Duffield has now failed to attend parish council meetings since 7 September 2009 and the Clerk informed the meeting that he is now subject to automatic disqualification from office. The Clerk will inform Mr Duffield, and inform the District Council of the vacancy.

10/36 Liaison Meetings

Cllr Martin had attended a meeting at WRG immediately before this council meeting.

Cllr Martin attended a Power Station meeting in the previous week, and informed the council about criteria for grant funding.

No-one is now available to attend the workshop at the Oxfordshire Rural Communities Council (ORCC) on 6th March in relation to the Parish Action Plan and funding options.

10/37 Correspondence

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

The chairman reported that he has received a letter from the Vale of White Horse District Council legal department regarding District Councillor Duffield's request to drive across the field to the Village Hall door. The chairman has written to acknowledge receipt of the letter. The council agreed to consider its formal response and any further action at the next meeting.

10/38 Planning Applications

Received from Oxfordshire County Council : Applicant - Hanson Aggregates Bridge Farm Sutton Courtenay, Description – Details pursuant to condition 35 of planning permission APF/SUT/1821/5-CM, Location – Bridge Farm Sutton Courtenay. No comment.

10/39 Finance

a) Receipts
None.

b) Payments
Cheque 923 signed at the last meeting was subsequently marked Void as wording was incorrect.

Cheque 926 was signed by Cllrs Alan and Audrey Sharp during the month to replace it.

The following cheques were authorised.

<i>Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Detail</i>	<i>£ total</i>
927	J McCarthy	Repair to slabs outside village hall	75.00	75.00
928	J Beck	Clerk's salary and allowances March 2010	193.39	
		Expenses: printer cartridge	20.97	
		TOTAL PAYABLE		214.36
929	J McCarthy	Further repairs to slab at village hall		25.00
		TOTAL EXPENDITURE		£314.36

10/40 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting, followed by urgent council business only, on Monday 12th April, starting at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

10/41 Close of Meeting

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.53 pm.

Signed Date