

APPLEFORD-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Appleford on Monday 10th May 2010.

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

10/42 Election of Chairman

Cllr Alan Sharp was re-elected as Chairman, nominated by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Andrews. Cllr Sharp completed and signed the acceptance of office.

10/43 Apologies for Absence

County Councillor Stewart Lilly had sent apologies.

10/44 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

There were none. Cllr Andrews returned his Register of Interests.

10/45 Vacancy for office of Councillor

Mr Mark Richards had written to apply to the vacancy but was unable to attend this meeting. The council resolved that Mr Richards would be officially co-opted to the council at the next meeting.

10/46 Public Participation

Mrs Gibbs wished to mention that the Carpenters Arms is now running well and was grateful that the council had written in support to the brewery last year.

10/46 Minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2010

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

10/47 Matters Arising from the minutes and Matters of Urgency

The council agreed the content and the chairman signed the formal response to the Vale of White Horse District Council regarding access to the village hall for the disabled.

Only one contractor has been willing to quote for installation of lighting to the path. The council agreed to apply for funding from COMMA through the Oxfordshire Rural Communities Council. As the minimum grant possible under this scheme is £3,000, the council agreed to include the cost of resurfacing the car park in the application. Cllr Audrey Sharp will submit the grant application.

10/48 District and County Councillor's Report

There were none.

10/49 Council and Village Liaison

Parish council representatives on local organisations and liaison groups were confirmed as follows:

Power Station/WRG	Cllr C Martin, P Horton
Composter	P Horton, C Martin, I Cook
Millennium Common	R Lewington, C Owen
13 Parishes	P Horton, A Helby
Didcot Forum	Cllr Alan Sharp
Parish Transport Representative	Cllr David Andrews
Village Hall Management Committee	Cllr Martin, J Beck
Appleford Parish Trust	Cllr Alan Sharp, Cllr C Martin, Cllr Audrey Sharp
Appleford United Charities	Cllr Audrey Sharp, Cllr C Martin
Neighbourhood Action Group	P Horton, Cllr D Andrews

It was agreed that as the Parish Action Plan now required the council to direct the transport initiatives more strongly on behalf of the village, and undertake consultation with all villagers, Cllr Andrews would take over as Transport Representative from Mr Stuart Fisher, who has acted as Road Safety Officer. The Clerk to write to Mr Fisher with thanks for his valuable work to date.

10/50 The Pressings newsletter

The council noted that the April edition of the Pressings had included a note that Mr Duffield had been suspended from the council, but that in fact he had been disqualified. It was agreed that the clerk should correct this in the next clerk's report for the Pressings.

It was agreed that the article concerning the new bus service should have acknowledged the work of the parish council, and that Cllr Audrey Sharp will clarify this for the next edition.

It was agreed that there was no requirement for a formal response to the article from Mrs Jones concerning planning.

10/51 Correspondence

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

- The new bus service was noted
- Cllr Andrews will review the OCC consultation documents for the Local Transport Plan.

10/52 Planning Applications

- a) [MW.005/08](#) Planning Application for the deposit of non-hazardous waste including surcharging Sutton Courtenay Landfill, Appleford Sidings, Abingdon

Application date: 15-May-2008
 Decision date: 19-Mar-2010
 Application type: PLANNING APPLICATION
 Ward\division: Sutton Courtenay & Harwell
 Main location: Sutton Courtenay Landfill, Appleford Sidings, Abingdon

Description of development: Planning Application for the deposit of non-hazardous waste including surcharging the existing landfill, extending the duration of landfill and clay extraction operations, temporary storage of PFA and ancillary activities to restoration

Applicant name: Waste Recycling Group Ltd
 Status: Application Decided. Planning permission has now been granted.

- b) 19.04.2010 Mechanical Biological treatment (MBT) facility Sutton Courtenay Resource Recovery Park
[MW.0066/10](#)

Application type: SCOPING OPINION
 Applicant name: Waste Recycling Group
 Status: This application has now been registered

The chairman will comment on the application on behalf of the council.

10/53 Finance

- a) Receipts 1 March to 10 May 2010
 £500 Rental of football field 2nd instalment
- b) Payments 1 March to 10 May 2010
 ACP account
 £1500 return of parish trust grant

The following cheques had been authorised at the April Annual Parish Meeting.

<i>Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Detail</i>	<i>£ total</i>
930	J Boyland	Hedge at Recreation ground – annual cut	225.00	
		VAT	39.38	
		TOTAL PAYABLE		264.38
931	J Beck	Clerk's salary and	185.48	

		allowances April 2010	33.00	
		Expenses: set of keys for contractor at recreation ground	6.00	
		TOTAL PAYABLE		224.48
932	J Beck	Untaken annual leave entitlement 2009 -10		223.46
933	OALC (Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils)	Subscription 10/11	110.89	
		VAT	19.41	
		TOTAL PAYABLE		130.30

The following cheques were authorised for payment at this meeting:

<i>Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Detail</i>	<i>£ total</i>
934	J Boyland	Recreation Ground Maintenance	260.00	
		VAT	45.50	
		TOTAL PAYABLE		305.50
935	J Beck	Clerk's salary and allowances May 2010	185.48 33.00	
		TOTAL PAYABLE		218.48
936	A Sharp	Expenses: purchase of trolley for village hall	68.08	
		VAT	11.91	
		TOTAL PAYABLE		79.99

c) Insurance Schedule 2010/11
The clerk to obtain further quotes.

d) Annual Accounts
The council reviewed and agreed the year end summary of accounts.

e) Annual Review of Risk Register and Asset Register.
The council reviewed and agreed the Risk Register and Asset Register.

10/54 Recreation Ground

Complaints had been received about the number of rabbits on the recreation ground, and damage caused to the field by burrowing. The Chairman had previously written to First Great Western, and agreed to contact Network Rail about the problem.

The council has been asked to clear up the patch of shrubs on the field bordering Chambrai Close. It was suggested that the Parish Trust may consider paying for the clearance work and this may be made into a landscaped area. The clerk to ask the grounds maintenance contractor to quote.

The council agreed to require a written contract for the hire of the football field. The clerk to ask St Edmunds F.C. to detail their requirements.

Dog fouling – The Chairman to contact the District Council.

10/55 Village Hall

The council noted the Village Hall Management Committee accounts for 2009/10. Cllr Martin to arrange for a sign listing organisations involved in setting up the new hall.

10/56 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the parish council meeting on Monday 7th June, starting at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

10/57 Close of Meeting

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.59 pm.

Signed Date