

## **APPLEFORD-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall,  
Appleford on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011

**Present:** Alan Sharp (Chair), Audrey Sharp, Chris Martin,  
Mark Richards  
**In attendance:** Judy Beck (Clerk), Stewart Lilly (County  
Councillor)  
**Apologies:** 0  
**Members of the Public:** 19

### **11/1 Apologies for Absence**

None.

### **11/2 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.**

None.

### **11/3 Public Participation**

Members of the public raised concerns following the suspension of the village newsletter at the beginning of the month. It was noted that a regular newsletter is a popular way of communicating information to the residents.

### **11/4 Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2010**

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

### **11/5 District Councillor's Report**

None.

### **11/6 Matters Arising from the Minutes and Matters of Urgency**

- a) Landscaping at the recreation ground. Clearance work has started.
- b) Recreational allotments – grant funding may be available from Oxfordshire County Council. Applications from £3,000 to £20,000 can be made by the end of May. The council agreed to a public meeting to gain villagers' views on each of the three uses for the land so far proposed;  
1) allotments 2) community orchard and meadow, and 3) private rent.
- c) The pavements in Chambrai Close have been repaired but those along the main road are in very poor state.
- d) Co-option. As there is less than six months until elections to the parish council, the current vacancy will not be filled by election. The council may co-opt but office may only be held until the elections.
- e) Outdoor gym equipment: installation will proceed once the clearance work is done.
- f) Car park resurfacing is postponed until better weather in the spring.

- g) Hire Agreement for the football field – no progress. The chairman agreed to contact football club and cricket club.

### 11/7 Pressings

It was agreed that publication of the Pressings should continue, and the next edition will be published in March. The Clerk will act as editor. Cllr Audrey Sharp agreed to manage the advertising and revenue. It was agreed to upgrade the website so information could be more easily published there. If a group of villagers agree to take on ownership, the Pressings could continue simply as a village newsletter rather than a parish council publication.

### 11/8 County Councillor's Report

Cllr Stewart Lilly reported on various matters, including:

The level crossing; public bus service is not profitable from Appleford; the WRG MBT application goes to committee on 8<sup>th</sup> March; the council's budget is still subject to final settlement from central government.

### 11/9 Finance

#### a) Receipts

The following cheques had been received since the last meeting:

	£
Refund from 13 Parishes dissolution	21.97
Appleford Parish Trust – grant for equipment	21,793.00

#### b) Payments

The following payments were authorised:

<i>Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>£ detail</i>	<i>£ total</i>
968	J Beck	Clerks salary and allowances Jan 2011	218.48	
		TOTAL PAYABLE		218.48
969	Appleford Parochial Church Council	Contribution for 50% of cost of grass-cutting at the churchyard		
		TOTAL PAYBLE		186.00

- c) The clerk requested authorisation to purchase an all-in-one printer (copier, scanner, printer) for normal office printing purposes, and to produce the Pressings newsletter. Cllr Richards may have a spare printer available for use.

#### d) Precept

The council resolved to set the precept for the year 2011-12 at £6,801.

**11/10 Planning Applications**

10/02394/CM Waste Recycling Group Appleford Sidings Appleford Didcot  
Oxfordshire OX14 4PW Proposal: Regularise the layout of the existing landfill  
gas compound and install one additional engine. No observations.

**11/11 Liaison Meetings**

a) Cllrs Alan and Audrey Sharp had attended the recent meeting about  
the proposed housing development north of Didcot. The Chairman has  
written to SODC to object, and villagers should write to respond to the  
proposal by 21<sup>st</sup> January.

b) Power Station: Paul Horton has attended and reported that the Didcot  
A station will close by 2015. Another power station is unlikely to be built,  
which will mean job losses.

**11/12 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be the parish council meeting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February,  
starting at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

**11/13 Close of Meeting**

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

Signed ..... Date .....